Son of Man

BIBLE

Edited by: Gene Benjamin II

GB

Son Of Man Bible

This work is released under a Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike 4.0 International License.

ISBN 9798987408315 PDF
ISBN 9798987408308 EPUB
ISBN 9798987408322 MOBI
ISBN 9798987408339 AZW3
ISBN 9798987408391 FLIPBOOK
ISBN 9798987408384 HARDBACK

A summary of the license can be viewed at: https://door43.org/en/copyright-and-licensing/
and the full license can be viewed at: http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/4.0

Original work available at: https://door43.org/u/Door43-Catalog/en_ulb/18cf03a806/. The original work is titled: Unlocked Literal Bible. The original work has been modified. The original work is released under a Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike 4.0 International License.

Son Of Man Bible e-Sword modules (SOMB.bblx and SOMB.bbli), theWord module (SOMB.ont), MySword modules (SOMB.bblx and SOMB.bbli), Bible Analyzer module (SOMB.bib), and LOGOS Bible import file (SOMB.docx), created and edited by Gene Benjamin II. Most of these Bible modules are available for download for PC, Apple, Android, and other Linux devices from www.biblesupport.com or www.wordmodules.com. On biblesupport.com do a search for "Unlocked Literal Bible 9" then scroll down, and on wordmodules.com do a search for "Unlocked Literal Bible 9" then scroll down.

All of the Son Of Man Bible modules contained in zip folders, including e-book editions, and my Bible Chronology spreadsheet, are also available from my website at www.fmcmi.org/downloads. Check out our digital business card: https://bit.ly/fmcmi-card. You are free and legally freed to:
• Share — copy and redistribute the material in any medium or format
• Adapt — remix, transform, and build upon the material for any purpose, even commercially. Under the following conditions:

• Attribution — You must attribute the work as follows: “Original work available at door43.org.” Attribution statements in derivative works should not in any way suggest that we endorse you or your use of this work.
• ShareAlike — If you remix, transform, or build upon the material, you must distribute your contributions under the same license as the original.
• Derivative Work — If you want to make your own Bible derivative work, please change the title to a new title of your choice.

Many e-Sword Bible study resources are available to you from right inside e-Sword’s download menu. Even more e-Sword Bible study resources are available for sale on www.estudysource.com.

Sample verses from the Son Of Man Bible: Acts 11:26c, “The disciples were called Messianics first in Antioch.” Isaiah 34:16a, “Search and read through the Book of Yehowah.”

This Bible is dedicated to Yehowah, and to His Son, our Lord and Savior, Yeshua HaMashiach.



FILL MY CUP

Ministries International

Publisher

BUSINESS CARD SHORT LINK:

https://bit.ly/fmcmi-card

(tap globe icon to load web page; tap 3-dot menu; tap Add to Home screen)

FMCMI Website:
https://www.fmcmi.org

Marner's YouTube Channel:
https://www.youtube.com/@MarnerB

Facebook Channel:
https://www.facebook.com/ourdailydrink/

Buy Marner's ebook He Did What!:
https://books2read.com/MarnerBenjamin-HeDidWhat

Rumble.com Search Channel: MarnerBenjamin
https://rumble.com/search/video?q=MarnerBenjamin&sort=date

BitChute.com Search Channels not videos: Fillmycup2020
https://www.bitchute.com/channel/KA99Ef83IjMm/

Download the FREE ePub SOMB from KOBO:
https://www.kobo.com/us/en/search?query=Gene+Benjamin+II

Read the Son Of Man Bible PDF for FREE: https://www.fmcmi.org/resources

Download FREE Bible app modules: https://www.fmcmi.org/downloads

Our #Hashtags

#Marner

#MarnerB

#GeneandMarner

#fmcmi

#OurDailyDrink

#fmcmibizcard

#SonOfManBible

#SOMB

#UnlockedBible

#MelchizedekBible

#MessianicBible

#NatsariBible

#ProperNameBible

Names and Titles of Yehowah

Hebrew Name	English Meaning	Scripture
El-Elyon	Most High Almighty	Gen. 14:18, 22
El-Kanna or Qanna	Jealous	Exo. 34:14
El-Olam	Eternal Almighty	Gen. 21:33
El-Shaddai	Most Powerful Sovereign	Gen. 17:1
Yehowah (YHWH)	His Name: Yehowah	Exo. 3:14-15; 6:2-3
Yehowah-Adon Kal Ha'arets	Lord of all the Earth	Josh. 3:13
Yehowah-Bara	Creator	Isa. 40:28
Yehowah-Chereb	Glorious Sword	Deut. 33:29
Yehowah-Eli	My Divine One	Psa. 18:2
Yehowah-Elohenu	Our Divine One	Exo. 8:10
Yehowah-Gibbor Milchamah	Mighty in Battle	Psa. 24:8
Yehowah-Go'el	Redeemer	Isa. 49:26; 60:16
Yehowah-Hamelech	The King	Psa. 98:6
Yehowah-Hashopet	The Judge	Judg. 11:27
Yehowah-Hoshe'ah	Yehowah Who Saves	Psa. 20:9
Yehowah-'Izuz 'Gibbor	Strong and Mighty	Psa. 24:8
Yehowah-Yireh	Yehowah will provide	Gen. 22:14
Yehowah-Kabodhi	My Glory	Psa. 3:3
Yehowah-Keren-Yish'i	Horn of My Salvation	Psa. 18:2
Yehowah-Machsi	My Refuge	Psa. 91:9
Yehowah-Magen	The Shield	Deut. 33:29
Yehowah-Makeh	Yehowah Who Strikes You	Eze. 7:9
Yehowah-Ma'ozi	My Fortress	Jer. 16:19
Yehowah-Mekoddishkem	Yah Who Makes You Holy	Exo.31:13
Yehowah-Melech 'Olam	King Forever	Psa. 10:16
Yehowah-Mephalti	My Deliverer	Psa. 18:2
Yehowah-Moshi'ech	Your Anointed/Messiah	Psa. 84:9; Dan. 9:25
Yehowah-Nissi	My Banner	Exo. 17:15
Yehowah-'Ori	My Light	Psa. 27:1
Yehowah-Rohi	My Shepherd	Psa. 23:1
Yehowah-Rophe	Yah Who Heals You	Exo. 15:26
Yehowah-Sabaoth	Yehowah of Hosts	1 Sam. 1:3
Yehowah-Sel'i	My Rock	Psa. 18:2
Yehowah-Tsidkenu	Our Righteousness	Jer. 23:6
Yehowah-Uzi	My Strength	Psa. 28:7
Yehowah-'Abiyr	Strong One	Isa. 60:16

Table of Contents

Front Cover

Title Page with Creative Commons Licensing

Publisher Page

Business Card Links Page

#Hashtags Page

Names of Yehowah Page

Author Page

Back Cover

Genesis	**2 Kings**	**Isaiah**
Exodus	**1 Chronicles**	**Jeremiah**
Leviticus	**2 Chronicles**	**Lamentations**
Numbers	**Ezra**	**Ezekiel**
Deuteronomy	**Nehemiah**	**Daniel**
Joshua	**Esther**	**Hosea**
Judges	**Job**	**Joel**
Ruth	**Psalms**	**Amos**
1 Samuel	**Proverbs**	**Obadiah**
2 Samuel	**Ecclesiastes**	**Jonah**
1 Kings	**Song of Solomon**	**Micah**

Nahum

Habakkuk

Zephaniah

Haggai

Zechariah

Malachi

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

1 Corinthians

2 Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

1 Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians

1 Timothy

2 Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

Jacob

1 Peter

2 Peter

1 John

2 John

3 John

Judah

Revelation

Book of Genesis

Genesis Chapter 1

Gen 1:1 (Son Of Man Bible is released under a CC BY-SA 4.0 License. Original work is at door43.org) In the beginning (c. 5654 BC), the Almighty created (Aleph Tav) the heavens and the earth.
Gen 1:2 The earth became without form and empty. Darkness was upon the surface of the deep. The Ruach of the Almighty was moving above the surface of the waters.
Gen 1:3 The Almighty said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.
Gen 1:4 The Almighty saw the light, that it was good. The Almighty divided the light from the darkness.
Gen 1:5 The Almighty called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” Dusk came and dawn came, day one.
Gen 1:6 The Almighty said, “Let there be an expanse between the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.”
Gen 1:7 The Almighty made the expanse and divided the waters which were under the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse. It was so.
Gen 1:8 The Almighty called the expanse “sky.” Dusk came and dawn came, day two.
Gen 1:9 The Almighty said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together to one place, and let the dry land appear.” It was so.
Gen 1:10 The Almighty called the dry land “earth,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” The Almighty saw that it was good.
Gen 1:11 The Almighty said, “Let the earth sprout tender vegetation: Plants yielding seed and fruit trees bearing fruit whose seed is in the fruit on the earth, each according to its own kind.” It was so.
Gen 1:12 The earth produced vegetation, plants producing seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit whose seed was in it, after their kind. The Almighty saw that it was good.
Gen 1:13 Dusk came and dawn came, day three.
Gen 1:14 The Almighty said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to divide the day from the night, and let them be for signs of the appointment calendar festivals, for days and years (Psa. 19:6).
Gen 1:15 Let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light upon the earth.” It was so.

Gen 1:16 The Almighty made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser lights, the stars, to rule the night (Psa. 136:8-9; Jer. 31:35; Acts 27:20).
Gen 1:17 The Almighty set them in the expanse of the sky to give light upon the earth,
Gen 1:18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. The Almighty saw that it was good.
Gen 1:19 Dusk came and dawn came, day four.
Gen 1:20 The Almighty said, “Let the waters be filled with great numbers of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the expanse of the sky.”
Gen 1:21 The Almighty created the great sea creatures, as well as every living creature after its kind, creatures that move and which fill the waters everywhere, and every winged bird after its kind. The Almighty saw that it was good.
Gen 1:22 The Almighty blessed them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas. Let birds multiply on the earth.”
Gen 1:23 Dusk came and dawn came, day five.
Gen 1:24 The Almighty said, “Let the earth produce living creatures, each according to its own kind, livestock, creeping things, and beasts of the earth, each according to its own kind.” It was so.
Gen 1:25 The Almighty made the beasts of the earth after their kind, the livestock after their kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground after its kind. The Almighty saw that it was good.
Gen 1:26 The Almighty said, “Let us make mankind in our image, after our likeness. Let them reign over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”
Gen 1:27 The Almighty created mankind in his own image. In the image of the Almighty he created them. Male and female he created them.
Gen 1:28 The Almighty blessed them, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and subdue it. Reign over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”
Gen 1:29 The Almighty said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed which is upon the surface of all the earth, and every tree with fruit which has seed in it. They will be food for you.
Gen 1:30 To every beast of the earth, to every bird of the heavens, and to everything that creeps upon the earth, and to every living soul, I have given every green plant for food.” It was so.
Gen 1:31 The Almighty saw everything that he had made. Behold, it was exceedingly good. Dusk came and dawn came, day six.

Genesis Chapter 2

Gen 2:1 Then the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the living things that filled them.
Gen 2:2 By the seventh day, the Almighty finished his work which he had done, so he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done (Exo. 16:23; 20:11; 31:17; Heb. 4:4).
Gen 2:3 The Almighty blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because on it he rested from all his work which the Almighty had done while creating.
Gen 2:4 These were the events concerning the heavens and the earth, when they were created, on the day that Yehowah Almighty made the earth and the heavens.
Gen 2:5 No bush of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for Yehowah Almighty had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no human to cultivate the ground.
Gen 2:6 But a spring gushed up from the earth and irrigated the whole surface of the ground.
Gen 2:7 Yehowah Almighty formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being (1 Cor. 15:45).
Gen 2:8 Yehowah Almighty planted a garden eastward, in Eden, and there he put the man whom he had formed.
Gen 2:9 Out of the ground Yehowah Almighty made every tree to grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. This included the Tree of Life that was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
Gen 2:10 A river flowed out of Eden to irrigate the garden. From there, it divided and became four headwaters.
Gen 2:11 The name of the first is Pishon. It is the one which flows throughout the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.
Gen 2:12 The gold of that land is good. There are also bdellium and the onyx stone.
Gen 2:13 The name of the second river is Gihon (Nile). This one flows throughout the whole land of Cush (in modern Sudan).
Gen 2:14 The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Asshur. The fourth river is the Euphrates.
Gen 2:15 Yehowah Almighty took the man and put him into the Garden of Eden to work it and to maintain it.
Gen 2:16 Yehowah Almighty commanded the man, “From every tree in the garden you may freely eat.

Gen 2:17 But from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you may not eat, for on the day that you eat from it, you will surely die.”
Gen 2:18 Then Yehowah Almighty said, “It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helper suitable for him.”
Gen 2:19 Out of the ground Yehowah Almighty formed every animal of the field and every bird of the sky. Then he brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. Whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.
Gen 2:20 Adam gave names to all the livestock, to all the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam himself there was found no helper suitable for him.
Gen 2:21 Yehowah Almighty caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, so the man slept. He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh where he took the rib.
Gen 2:22 With the rib that Yehowah Almighty had taken from the man, he made a woman and brought her to the man.
Gen 2:23 Adam said, “This time, this one is bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh. She will be called ‘woman,’ because she was taken out of man.”
Gen 2:24 Therefore, a man will leave his father and his mother; he will be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.
Gen 2:25 They were both naked, the man and his wife, but were not ashamed.

Genesis Chapter 3

Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more shrewd than any other beast of the field which Yehowah Almighty had made. He asked the woman, “Has the Almighty really said, ‘You must not eat from any tree of the garden?’”
Gen 3:2 The woman answered the serpent, “We may eat the fruit from the trees of the garden,
Gen 3:3 but concerning the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, the Almighty said, ‘You may not eat it, nor may you touch it, or you will die.’”
Gen 3:4 The serpent spoke to the woman, “You will surely not die.
Gen 3:5 For the Almighty knows that the day you eat it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like deities, knowing good and evil.”
Gen 3:6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate it. Then she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate it.
Gen 3:7 The eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.
Gen 3:8 They heard the sound of Yehowah Almighty walking in the garden in the cool of the day, so Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of Yehowah Almighty among the trees of the garden.
Gen 3:9 Yehowah Almighty called to Adam and asked him, “How are you?”
Gen 3:10 The man answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked. So I hid myself.”
Gen 3:11 He asked, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”
Gen 3:12 The man answered, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”
Gen 3:13 Yehowah Almighty asked the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman answered, “The serpent lied to me, and I ate.”
Gen 3:14 Yehowah Almighty said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you alone among all the animals and all the beasts of the field. It is on your stomach that you will go, and it is dust that you will eat all the days of your life.
Gen 3:15 I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will crush your head, and you will bruise his heel.”
Gen 3:16 To the woman he said, “I will greatly multiply your painful contractions while birthing children and increase the pain of your pregnancy; it is in pain that you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, but he will rule over you.”

Gen 3:17 To Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree, concerning which I commanded you, ‘You may not eat from it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; through painful work you will eat from it all the days of your life.
Gen 3:18 It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.
Gen 3:19 By the sweat of your face you will eat bread, until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken. For dust you are, and to dust you will return.”
Gen 3:20 Adam called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all the living.
Gen 3:21 Yehowah Almighty made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.
Gen 3:22 Yehowah Almighty said, “Now the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil. So now, he must not be allowed to reach out with his hand, take from the Tree of Life, eat it, and live forever.”
Gen 3:23 Therefore, Yehowah Almighty sent him out from the Garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he had been taken.
Gen 3:24 So he drove the man out of the garden, and he placed cherubim at the east of the Garden of Eden, and a flaming sword that turned every direction, in order to guard the way to the Tree of Life.

Genesis Chapter 4

Gen 4:1 Adam made love to Eve his wife. She conceived and gave birth to Cain. She said, “I have produced a man with the help of Yehowah.”
Gen 4:2 Then she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel became a shepherd, but Cain cultivated the soil.
Gen 4:3 It came about that in the course of time, Cain brought some of the fruit of the ground as an offering to Yehowah.
Gen 4:4 As for Abel, he brought some of the firstborn of his flock and some of the fat. Yehowah accepted Abel and his offering,
Gen 4:5 but Cain and his offering he did not accept. So Cain was extremely angry, and he scowled.
Gen 4:6 Yehowah said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why are you scowling?
Gen 4:7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin crouches at the door and desires to control you, but you must rule over it” (Rom. 6:14).
Gen 4:8 Cain spoke to Abel his brother, “Let us go out into the field.” It came about that while they were in the field, Cain rose up against Abel his brother and murdered him (c. 5427 BC).
Gen 4:9 Then Yehowah asked Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He answered, “I do not know. Am I my brother’s keeper?”
Gen 4:10 He said, “What have you done? Your brother’s blood is calling out to me from the ground.
Gen 4:11 Now cursed are you from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand.
Gen 4:12 When you cultivate the ground, from now on it will not yield to you its strength. A fugitive and a wanderer you will be in the earth.”
Gen 4:13 Cain said to Yehowah, “My punishment is greater than I can bear.
Gen 4:14 Indeed, you have driven me out this day from this ground, and I will be hidden from your face. I will be a fugitive and a wanderer in the earth, and whoever finds me will murder me.”
Gen 4:15 Yehowah said to him, “If anyone murders Cain, vengeance will be taken on him sevenfold.” Then Yehowah put a mark on Cain, so that if anyone found him, that person would not attack him.
Gen 4:16 So Cain went out from the presence of Yehowah and lived in the land of Nod on the east of Eden.
Gen 4:17 Cain made love to his wife, and she conceived. She gave birth to Enoch. He built a city and named it after his son Enoch.
Gen 4:18 To Enoch was born Irad. Irad became the father of Mehujael. Mehujael became the father of Methushael. Methushael became the father of Lamech.

Gen 4:19 Lamech took for himself two wives: The name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other was Zillah.
Gen 4:20 Adah gave birth to Jabal. He was the father of those who lived in tents, who have livestock.
Gen 4:21 His brother's name was Jubal. He was the father of those who play the harp and flute.
Gen 4:22 As for Zillah, she bore Tubal Cain, the forger of tools of bronze and iron. The sister of Tubal Cain was Naamah.
Gen 4:23 Lamech said to his wives, "Adah and Zillah, listen to my voice; you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say. For I have murdered a man for wounding me, a young man for bruising me.
Gen 4:24 If Cain is avenged seven times, then Lamech will be avenged seventy-seven times."
Gen 4:25 Adam made love to his wife again, and she bore another son. She called his name Seth and said, "The Almighty has given me another son in the place of Abel, for Cain murdered him."
Gen 4:26 A son was born to Seth, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to disregard and profane the name of Yehowah.

Genesis Chapter 5

Gen 5:1 This is the record of the descendants of Adam (per LXX). On the day that the Almighty created mankind, he made them in the likeness of the Almighty.
Gen 5:2 Male and female he created them. He blessed them and named them Adam when they were created.
Gen 5:3 When Adam had lived 230 years (c. 5424 BC), he became the father of a son in his own likeness, after his image, and he called his name Seth.
Gen 5:4 After Adam became the father of Seth, he lived seven hundred years. He became the father of more sons and daughters.
Gen 5:5 Adam lived 930 years, and then he died (c. 4724 BC).
Gen 5:6 When Seth had lived 205 years, he became the father of Enosh.
Gen 5:7 After he became the father of Enosh, he lived 707 years and became the father of more sons and daughters.
Gen 5:8 Seth lived 912 years, and then he died (c. 4512 BC).
Gen 5:9 When Enosh had lived one hundred ninety years, he became the father of Kenan.
Gen 5:10 After he became the father of Kenan, Enosh lived 715 years. He became the father of more sons and daughters.
Gen 5:11 Enosh lived 905 years, and then he died (c. 4314 BC).
Gen 5:12 When Kenan had lived one hundred seventy years, he became the father of Mahalalel.
Gen 5:13 After he became the father of Mahalalel, Kenan lived 740 years. He became the father of more sons and daughters.
Gen 5:14 Kenan lived 910 years, and then he died (c. 4119 BC).
Gen 5:15 When Mahalalel had lived one hundred sixty-five years, he became the father of Jared.
Gen 5:16 After he became the father of Jared, Mahalalel lived 730 years. He became the father of more sons and daughters.
Gen 5:17 Mahalalel lived 895 years, and then he died (c. 3964 BC).
Gen 5:18 When Jared had lived 162 years, he became the father of Enoch.
Gen 5:19 After he became the father of Enoch, Jared lived eight hundred years. He became the father of more sons and daughters.
Gen 5:20 Jared lived 962 years, and then he died (c. 3732 BC).
Gen 5:21 When Enoch had lived one hundred sixty-five years, he became the father of Methuselah.
Gen 5:22 Enoch walked with the Almighty two hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah. He became the father of more sons and daughters.
Gen 5:23 Enoch lived 365 years.

Gen 5:24 Enoch walked with the Almighty, and then he was gone, for the Almighty took him (c. 4167 BC).
Gen 5:25 When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he became the father of Lamech.
Gen 5:26 After he became the father of Lamech, Methuselah lived 782 years. He became the father of more sons and daughters.
Gen 5:27 Methuselah lived 969 years. Then he died (c. 3398 BC, year of the Flood).
Gen 5:28 When Lamech had lived 182 years, he became the father of a son.
Gen 5:29 He called his name Noah, “This one will give us rest from our work and from the painful labor of our hands, which we must do, because of the ground that Yehowah has cursed.”
Gen 5:30 Lamech lived 595 years after he became the father of Noah. He became the father of more sons and daughters.
Gen 5:31 Lamech lived 777 years. Then he died (c. 3403 BC).
Gen 5:32 After Noah had lived five hundred years (c. 3498 BC), he became the father of Shem (second born; c. 3495 BC), Ham (third born, Gen. 9:24b), and Japheth (first born, Gen. 10:21).

Genesis Chapter 6

Gen 6:1 It came about when mankind began to multiply on the earth and daughters were born to them,
Gen 6:2 that the sons of the Almighty saw that the daughters of mankind were attractive. They took for themselves wives, any of them that they chose.
Gen 6:3 Yehowah said, “My Ruach will not strive with mankind forever, for they are flesh. Their days will be 120 (49-year) periods of time” (Dan. 9:24; Lev. 25:8; Mat. 24:34).
Gen 6:4 Giants (Nephilim) were on the earth in those days and also afterward. This happened when the sons of the Almighty married daughters of mankind, and they had children with them. These were the mighty men of old, men of renown (Num. 13:33).
Gen 6:5 Yehowah saw that the wickedness of mankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts (minds) was only evil continually.
Gen 6:6 Yehowah regretted that he had made mankind on the earth, and it grieved him in his heart.
Gen 6:7 So Yehowah said, “I will wipe away mankind whom I have created from the surface of the earth; both mankind and the larger animals, and creeping things and birds of the sky, for I am sorry that I have made them.”
Gen 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of Yehowah.
Gen 6:9 These were the events concerning Noah. Noah was a righteous man and blameless among the people of his time. Noah walked with the Almighty.
Gen 6:10 Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth (Gen. 5:32).
Gen 6:11 The earth was corrupt before the Almighty, and it was filled with violence.
Gen 6:12 The Almighty saw the earth; behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth.
Gen 6:13 The Almighty said to Noah, “I can see that it is time to put an end to all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Indeed, I will destroy them with the earth.
Gen 6:14 Make for yourself an ark of laminated cypress wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it with tar within and without.
Gen 6:15 This is how you will make it: the length of the ark 515.075 feet (157 meters), the breadth of it 85.85 feet (26.17 meters), and the height of it 51.508 feet (15.7 meters).

Gen 6:16 Make a skylight for the ark, and finish it at 1.72 feet (.524 meter) from the top of the side. Place a door in the side of the ark and make a lower, a second, and a third deck.
Gen 6:17 Listen, I am about to bring the flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh that has in it the breath of life from under the heavens. Everything that is on the earth will die.
Gen 6:18 But I will establish my covenant with you. You will come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.
Gen 6:19 Of every living creature of all flesh, two of every kind you must bring into the ark, to keep them alive with you, both male and female.
Gen 6:20 Of the birds after their kind, and of the larger animals after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every sort will come to you, to keep them alive.
Gen 6:21 Gather for yourself every kind of food that is eaten and store it, so that it will be food for you and for them."
Gen 6:22 So Noah did this. According to all that the Almighty commanded him, so he did.

Genesis Chapter 7

Gen 7:1 Yehowah said to Noah, “Come, you and all your household, into the ark, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation.
Gen 7:2 Of every clean animal you will bring with you seven males and seven females. From the animals that are not clean, of them bring two, the male and his mate.
Gen 7:3 Also, of the birds of the sky, bring seven males and seven females, to preserve their offspring upon the surface of all the earth.
Gen 7:4 For in seven days, I will cause it to rain upon the earth for forty days and forty nights. I will destroy from off the surface of the ground every living thing that I have made.”
Gen 7:5 Noah did all that Yehowah commanded him.
Gen 7:6 Noah was six hundred years old when the flood came upon the earth (c. 3398 BC).
Gen 7:7 Noah, his sons, his wife, and his sons’ wives went into the ark together because of the waters of the flood.
Gen 7:8 Clean animals and unclean animals, birds, and everything that creeps upon the ground,
Gen 7:9 two by two, male and female, came to Noah and went into the ark, just as the Almighty had commanded Noah.
Gen 7:10 It came about that after the seven days, the waters of the flood came upon the earth.
Gen 7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, on the twenty-seventh day of the second month (LXX), on the same day (Day 1), all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened (c. 3398 BC; Isa. 24:18).
Gen 7:12 The rain began (Day 1) and fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights (through Day 40).
Gen 7:13 On that same day, Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah’s wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, entered into the ark.
Gen 7:14 They entered along with each wild animal according to its kind, and each sort of livestock according to its kind, and each creeping thing that creeps upon the earth according to its kind, and every sort of bird according to its kind, each kind of creature with wings.
Gen 7:15 Two of all flesh in which was the breath of life came to Noah and entered into the ark.
Gen 7:16 The animals that went in were male and female of all flesh; they entered in just as the Almighty had commanded him. Then Yehowah shut the door after them (Mat. 25:10).

Gen 7:17 Then the flood came upon the earth for forty days (through Day 40); the water deepened, lifted the ark, and raised it above the earth.
Gen 7:18 The waters prevailed and deepened rapidly on the earth, and the ark floated upon the surface of the water.
Gen 7:19 The waters rose quite rapidly on the earth, so that all the high mountains that were under the entire sky were covered.
Gen 7:20 The waters rose six meters above the tops of the mountains.
Gen 7:21 All living beings that moved upon the earth died: the birds, the livestock, the wild animals, all the living creatures that lived in great numbers upon the earth, and all mankind.
Gen 7:22 All living creatures who lived on the land, who breathed the breath of the spirit of life through their noses, died.
Gen 7:23 So every living thing that was on the surface of the earth was wiped out, from mankind to the larger animals, to creeping things, and to birds of the sky. They were all destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those with him in the ark were left.
Gen 7:24 The water did not go down to the earth for a hundred and fifty days (Day 150).

Genesis Chapter 8

Gen 8:1 The Almighty considered Noah, all the wild animals, and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. The Almighty made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters started going down.
Gen 8:2 The fountains of the deep and the floodgates of the heavens were closed, and it stopped raining.
Gen 8:3 The flood waters went down slowly from the earth, and after the end of a hundred and fifty days the waters had gone down (Day 150).
Gen 8:4 The ark came to rest on the twenty-seventh day of the seventh month (LXX), upon the mountains of Ararat (Day 151).
Gen 8:5 The waters continued to go down until the tenth month. On the first of the month, the tops of the mountains appeared (Day 215).
Gen 8:6 It came about after forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made (Day 255).
Gen 8:7 He sent out a raven and it flew back and forth, until the waters were dried up from the earth.
Gen 8:8 Then he sent out a dove (Day 255) to see if the waters had gone down from the surface of the earth,
Gen 8:9 but the dove found no place to rest her foot, and she returned to him in the ark, for the waters were still covering the whole earth. He reached out with his hand, took, and brought her into the ark with him.
Gen 8:10 He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark (Day 262).
Gen 8:11 The dove returned to him at dusk. Look! In her mouth was a freshly plucked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters had gone down from the earth.
Gen 8:12 He waited another seven days, and sent out the dove again (Day 269). She did not return again to him.
Gen 8:13 It came about in the six hundred and first year (c. 3397 BC), on the first of the first month (Day 305; Spring Equinox), that the waters were dried up from off the earth. Noah removed the covering of the ark, looked out and saw that, behold, the surface of the ground was dry.
Gen 8:14 On the twenty-seventh day of the second month (Day 361), the earth was dry.
Gen 8:15 The Almighty commanded Noah,
Gen 8:16 “Go out of the ark, you, your wife, your sons, and your sons’ wives with you.
Gen 8:17 Take out with you every living creature of all flesh that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth, so that

they may reproduce unto extremely large numbers of living creatures throughout the earth, be fruitful and multiply upon the earth."
Gen 8:18 So Noah went out with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives with him (after exactly 360 days and nights inside the Ark).
Gen 8:19 Every living creature, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, according to their families, left the ark.
Gen 8:20 Noah built an altar to Yehowah. He took some of the clean animals and some of the clean birds, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.
Gen 8:21 Yehowah smelled the pleasing aroma, and Yehowah said in his heart, "I will not again curse the ground because of mankind, even though the intentions of their hearts (minds) are evil from childhood. Nor will I again destroy everything living, as I have done.
Gen 8:22 While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night will not cease."

Genesis Chapter 9

Gen 9:1 Then the Almighty blessed Noah and his sons, “Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth.
Gen 9:2 The fear of you and the dread of you will be upon every living animal on the earth, upon every bird of the sky, upon everything that goes low on the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand.
Gen 9:3 Every moving thing that lives will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.
Gen 9:4 But you must not eat fresh meat with its lifeblood in it.
Gen 9:5 But for your blood, the life that is in your blood, I will require payment. From the hand of every animal I will require it. From the hand of any human, that is, from the hand of one who has murdered his brother, I will require an accounting for the life of that human.
Gen 9:6 Whoever sheds mankind’s blood (murder), by man will that person be executed, for it was in the image of the Almighty that he made mankind.
Gen 9:7 As for you, be fruitful and multiply, spread throughout the earth and multiply on it.”
Gen 9:8 Then the Almighty spoke to Noah and to his sons with him,
Gen 9:9 “As for me, listen! I am going to confirm my covenant with you and with your descendants after you,
Gen 9:10 and with every living creature that is with you, with the birds, the livestock, and every creature of the earth with you, from all that came out of the ark, to every living creature on the earth.
Gen 9:11 I hereby confirm my covenant with you, that never again will all flesh be destroyed by the waters of a flood. Never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”
Gen 9:12 The Almighty said, “This is the sign of the covenant which I am making between me, you, and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations:
Gen 9:13 I have set my rainbow in the cloud, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.
Gen 9:14 It will come about when I bring a cloud over the earth, and the rainbow is seen in the cloud,
Gen 9:15 then I will call to mind my covenant, which is between me, you, and every living creature of all flesh. The waters will never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.
Gen 9:16 The rainbow will be in the clouds, and I will see it, in order to remember the everlasting covenant between the Almighty and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”

Gen 9:17 Then the Almighty said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have confirmed between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”
Gen 9:18 The sons of Noah that came out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Ham was the father of Canaan.
Gen 9:19 These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated.
Gen 9:20 Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard.
Gen 9:21 He drank some of the wine and became drunk. He was lying uncovered in his tent.
Gen 9:22 Then Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside.
Gen 9:23 So Shem and Japheth took a robe, laid it upon both their shoulders, walked backwards, and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned the other way, so they did not see their father’s nakedness.
Gen 9:24 When Noah awoke from his drunkenness, he learned what his youngest son had done to him.
Gen 9:25 So he said, “Cursed be Canaan. May he be a servant to his brothers’ servants.”
Gen 9:26 He also said, “May Yehowah, Mighty One of Shem, be blessed, and may Canaan be his servant.
Gen 9:27 May the Almighty extend the territory of Japheth, and let him make his home in the land of Shem. May Canaan be his servant.”
Gen 9:28 After the flood, Noah lived three hundred fifty years.
Gen 9:29 All the days of Noah were nine hundred fifty years, and then he died (c. 3048 BC).

Genesis Chapter 10

Gen 10:1 These were the descendants of the sons of Noah, that is, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Sons were born to them after the flood.
Gen 10:2 The sons of Japheth were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.
Gen 10:3 The sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah.
Gen 10:4 The sons of Javan were Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.
Gen 10:5 From these the coastland people separated and went into their lands, according to their clans, by their ethnicities.
Gen 10:6 The sons of Ham were Cush, Mizraim (Egypt), Put (Libya), and Canaan.
Gen 10:7 The sons of Cush were Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabteca. The sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan.
Gen 10:8 Cush became the father of Nimrod, who was the first conqueror on the earth.
Gen 10:9 He was a tyrannical hunter in the face of Yehowah. That is why it is said, “Like Nimrod, a tyrannical hunter in the face of Yehowah.”
Gen 10:10 The first centers of his kingdom were Babel, Erech, Akkad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.
Gen 10:11 Out of that land he went to Assyria and built Nineveh (modern Kuyunjik, Iraq; near Mosul), Rehoboth Ir, Calah,
Gen 10:12 and Resen, which was between Nineveh and Calah. It was a large city.
Gen 10:13 Mizraim became the father of the Ludites, the Anamites, the Lehabites, the Naphtuhites,
Gen 10:14 the Pathrusites, the Casluhites, from whom the Philistines came (Deut. 2:23; 1 Chron. 1:12; Amos 9:7; Jer. 47:4), and the Caphtorites.
Gen 10:15 Canaan became the father of Sidon, his firstborn, and of Heth (1 Chron. 1:13),
Gen 10:16 also of the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites,
Gen 10:17 the Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites,
Gen 10:18 the Arvadites, the Zemarites, and the Hamathites. Afterward, the clans of the Canaanites spread out.
Gen 10:19 The border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, in the direction of Gerar, as far as Gaza, and as one goes toward Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha.
Gen 10:20 These were the sons of Ham, by their clans, in their lands, and in their ethnicities.
Gen 10:21 Sons also were born to Shem, brother of Japheth the elder (Gen. 5:32; 9:24). Shem was also the ancestor of all the people of Eber.

Gen 10:22 The sons of Shem were Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, Aram, and Cainan.
Gen 10:23 The sons of Aram were Uz, Hul, Gether, and Meshech.
Gen 10:24 Arpachshad became the father of Kainan, and Kainan became the father of Shelah (LXX; Luke 3:36; 1 Chron. 1:18, 24), and Shelah became the father of Eber.
Gen 10:25 Eber had two sons. The name of the one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided. His brother's name was Joktan.
Gen 10:26 Joktan became the father of Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,
Gen 10:27 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,
Gen 10:28 Obal, Abimael, Sheba,
Gen 10:29 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan.
Gen 10:30 Their territory was from Mesha, all the way to Sephar, the mountain of the East.
Gen 10:31 These were the sons of Shem, according to their clans, in their lands, according to their ethnicities.
Gen 10:32 These were the clans of the sons of Noah, according to their genealogies, by their ethnicities. From these the ethnicities separated and went over the earth after the flood.

Genesis Chapter 11

Gen 11:1 Now the whole earth used one language and had the same words.
Gen 11:2 As they journeyed in the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they settled there.
Gen 11:3 They said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They had brick instead of stone and tar as mortar.
Gen 11:4 They said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower whose top will reach to the sky, and let us make a name for ourselves. If we do not, we will be scattered across the surface of the whole earth.”
Gen 11:5 So Yehowah came down to see the city and the tower, which the descendants of Adam had built.
Gen 11:6 Yehowah said, “Look, they are one people with the same language, and they are beginning to do this! Soon, nothing that they intend to do will be impossible for them.
Gen 11:7 Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they may not understand each other.”
Gen 11:8 So Yehowah scattered them from there across the surface of all the earth, and they stopped building the city.
Gen 11:9 Therefore, its name was called Babel, because there Yehowah confused the language of the whole earth, and from there Yehowah scattered them abroad over the surface of all the earth.
Gen 11:10 These were the descendants of Shem (LXX). Shem was a hundred years old, and he became the father of Arpachshad two years after the flood (c. 3395 BC).
Gen 11:11 Shem lived five hundred years after he became the father of Arpachshad. He also became the father of other sons and daughters, and died (c. 2895 BC).
Gen 11:12 When Arpachshad had lived one hundred thirty-five years, he became the father of Kainan.
Gen 11:13 Arpachshad lived 400 years after he became the father of Kainan. He also became the father of other sons and daughters, and died (c. 2860 BC). And Kainan lived one hundred thirty years and became the father of Shelah; and Kainan lived after he became the father of Shelah, three hundred thirty years. He also became the father of other sons and daughters, and died (c. 2800 BC; Luke 3:36).
Gen 11:14 When Shelah had lived one hundred thirty years, he became the father of Eber.
Gen 11:15 Shelah lived 403 years after he became the father of Eber. He also became the father of other sons and daughters, and died (c. 2597 BC).

Gen 11:16 When Eber had lived one hundred thirty-four years, he became the father of Peleg.
Gen 11:17 Eber lived 270 years after he became the father of Peleg. He also became the father of other sons and daughters, and died (c. 2596 BC).
Gen 11:18 When Peleg had lived one hundred thirty years, he became the father of Reu.
Gen 11:19 Peleg lived 209 years after he became the father of Reu. He also became the father of other sons and daughters, and died (c. 2527 BC).
Gen 11:20 When Reu had lived one hundred thirty-two years, he became the father of Serug.
Gen 11:21 Reu lived 207 years after he became the father of Serug. He also became the father of other sons and daughters, and died (c. 2397 BC).
Gen 11:22 When Serug had lived one hundred thirty years, he became the father of Nahor.
Gen 11:23 Serug lived 200 years after he became the father of Nahor. He also became the father of other sons and daughters, and died (c. 2274 BC).
Gen 11:24 When Nahor had lived one hundred seventy-nine years, he became the father of Terah.
Gen 11:25 Nahor lived 125 years after he became the father of Terah. He also became the father of other sons and daughters, and died (c. 2170 BC).
Gen 11:26 After Terah had lived seventy years, he became the father of Abram (born c. 2165 BC), Nahor, and Haran.
Gen 11:27 Now these were the descendants of Terah. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran, and Haran became the father of Lot.
Gen 11:28 Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldeans.
Gen 11:29 Abram and Nahor took wives. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah, a daughter of Haran, who was the father of Milcah and Iscah.
Gen 11:30 Now Sarai was barren; she had no child.
Gen 11:31 Terah took Abram his son, Lot the son of his son Haran, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and together they left Ur of the Chaldeans, to go into the land of Canaan (modern Israel). But they came to Haran and stayed there.
Gen 11:32 Terah lived 205 years and then died in Haran (c. 2090 BC; Abram was 75; Gen. 12:4).

Genesis Chapter 12

Gen 12:1 Now Yehowah had said to Abram, “Go from your country, from your relatives, and from your father’s household, to the land that I will show you.
Gen 12:2 I will make of you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great, and you will be a blessing.
Gen 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, but whoever dishonors you, I will curse. Through you will all the families of the earth be blessed.”
Gen 12:4 So Abram went, as Yehowah had told him to do, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran (c. 2090 BC).
Gen 12:5 Abram took Sarai his wife, Lot, his brother’s son, all their possessions that they had accumulated, and the people that they had acquired in Haran. They left to go into the land of Canaan and came to the land of Canaan.
Gen 12:6 Abram passed through the land as far as Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time, the Canaanites lived in the land.
Gen 12:7 Yehowah appeared to Abram and promised, “To your descendants I will give this land.” So there Abram built an altar to Yehowah, who had appeared to him.
Gen 12:8 From there, he moved to the hill country to the east of Bethel (Beitin), where he pitched his tent, with Bethel to the west and Ai to the east. There he built an altar to Yehowah and called on the name of Yehowah.
Gen 12:9 Then Abram continued journeying, going toward the Negev.
Gen 12:10 There was a famine in the land, so Abram went down into Egypt to stay, for the famine was severe in the land.
Gen 12:11 When he was about to enter into Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, “See here, I know that you are a beautiful woman.
Gen 12:12 When the Egyptians see you they will say, ‘This is his wife,’ and they will murder me, but they will keep you alive.
Gen 12:13 Say that you are my sister, so that it may be well with me because of you, and so that my life will be spared because of you.”
Gen 12:14 It came about, that when Abram entered into Egypt, the Egyptians saw that Sarai was exquisitely beautiful.
Gen 12:15 The princes of Pharaoh saw her, and praised her to Pharaoh, and the woman was taken into Pharaoh’s household.
Gen 12:16 Pharaoh treated Abram well for her sake, and gave him sheep, oxen, jack donkeys, male servants, female servants, jenny donkeys, and camels.
Gen 12:17 Then Yehowah afflicted Pharaoh and his household with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram’s wife.
Gen 12:18 Pharaoh summoned Abram and asked, “What is this that you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife?

Gen 12:19 Why did you say, ‘She is my sister,’ so that I took her to be my wife? Now therefore, here is your wife. Take her and go your way.”
Gen 12:20 Then Pharaoh gave orders to his men concerning him, and they sent him away, along with his wife and all that he had.

Genesis Chapter 13

Gen 13:1 So Abram went up from Egypt and went into the Negev, he, his wife, and all that he had. Lot also went with them.
Gen 13:2 Now Abram was superabundantly rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold.
Gen 13:3 He continued on his journey from the Negev to Bethel, to the place where his tent had been before, between Bethel and Ai.
Gen 13:4 He went to the place where the altar was that he had built previously. Here, Abram called on the name of Yehowah.
Gen 13:5 Now Lot, who was traveling with Abram, also had flocks, herds, and tents.
Gen 13:6 The land was not able to support them both living close together, because their possessions were superabundant, so that they could not stay together.
Gen 13:7 Also, there was a dispute between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites were living in the land at that time.
Gen 13:8 So Abram said to Lot, "Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herdsmen and my herdsmen; after all, we are family.
Gen 13:9 Is not the whole land before you? Go ahead and separate yourself from me. If you go to the left, then I will go to the right. Or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left."
Gen 13:10 So Lot looked around and saw that the whole disk-shaped Valley of the Jordan was well watered everywhere, all the way to Zoar, like the garden of Yehowah, like the land of Egypt. This was before Yehowah destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.
Gen 13:11 So Lot chose for himself all the disk-shaped Valley of the Jordan and traveled east, and the relatives separated from each other.
Gen 13:12 Abram lived in the land of Canaan, and Lot lived among the cities of the Plain. He set up his tents as far away as Sodom.
Gen 13:13 Now the men of Sodom were extremely wicked sinners against Yehowah.
Gen 13:14 Yehowah promised Abram after Lot had departed from him, "Look from the place where you are standing to the north, south, east, and west.
Gen 13:15 All this land which you see, I will give to you and to your descendants forever.
Gen 13:16 I will make your descendants as abundant as the dust of the earth, so that if a man could count the dust of the earth, then your descendants could also be counted.

Gen 13:17 Arise, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I will give it to you.”
Gen 13:18 So Abram picked up his tent, came and lived by the oaks of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and there built an altar to Yehowah.

Genesis Chapter 14

Gen 14:1 It came about in the days of Amraphel, king of Shinar, Arioch, king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer (Kudar-la`omar), king of Elam, and Tidal, king of ethnicities,
Gen 14:2 that they made war against Bera, king of Sodom, Birsha, king of Gomorrah, Shinab, king of Admah, Shemeber, king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, also called Zoar.
Gen 14:3 These latter five kings joined together in the Valley of Siddim, also called the Dead Sea.
Gen 14:4 Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled (c. 2081 BC).
Gen 14:5 Then in the fourteenth year (c. 2080 BC), Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him came and attacked the giants in Ashteroth Karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh Kiriathaim,
Gen 14:6 and the Horites in their hill country of Seir, as far as El Paran, which is near the desert.
Gen 14:7 Then they turned and came to En Mishpat, also called Kadesh (Tell el-Qudeirat), and defeated all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who lived in Hazazon Tamar (Engedi).
Gen 14:8 Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, also called Zoar, went out and prepared for battle against them in the Valley of Siddim,
Gen 14:9 against Chedorlaomer, king of Elam, Tidal, king of ethnicities, Amraphel, king of Shinar, Arioch, king of Ellasar; four kings against the five.
Gen 14:10 Now the Valley of Siddim was full of tar pits, and as the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, they fell in there. Those who were left fled to the mountains.
Gen 14:11 So the enemy took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their provisions, and went their way.
Gen 14:12 When they went, they also took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who was living in Sodom, along with all his possessions.
Gen 14:13 One who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew. He was living by the oaks that belonged to Mamre, the Amorite, who was the brother of Eshcol and Aner, who were all allies of Abram.
Gen 14:14 Now when Abram heard that enemies had captured his relative, he led out his 318 trained men who had been born in his house, and he pursued them as far as Dan (Laish; Judges 18:19, 29).
Gen 14:15 He divided his men against them at night and attacked them, and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus.

Gen 14:16 Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his relative Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the other people.
Gen 14:17 After Abram returned from defeating Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh, also called the King's Valley.
Gen 14:18 Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine (c. 2080 BC, Abram was 85). He was priest of Most High Almighty.
Gen 14:19 He blessed him, "Blessed be Abram by Most High Almighty, Creator of the heavens and earth.
Gen 14:20 Blessed be Most High Almighty, who has given your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.
Gen 14:21 The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people and take the goods for yourself."
Gen 14:22 Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have lifted up my hand to Yehowah, Most High Almighty, Creator of the heavens and earth,
Gen 14:23 that I will not take a thread, a sandal strap, or anything that is yours, so that you can never say, 'I have made Abram rich.'
Gen 14:24 I will take nothing except what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men that went with me. Let Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre take their portion."

Genesis Chapter 15

Gen 15:1 After these things, the Word of Yehowah came to Abram in a vision, “Fear not, Abram! I am your Shield and your super great Reward.”
Gen 15:2 Abram asked, “Lord Yehowah, what will you give me, since I continue childless, and the heir of my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?”
Gen 15:3 Abram said, “Since you have given me no descendant, see, the steward of my household is my heir.”
Gen 15:4 Then behold, the Word of Yehowah came to him, “This man will not be your heir; but rather the one who will come from your own body will be your heir.”
Gen 15:5 Then he brought him outside and said, “Look toward the heavens and enumerate the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So will your descendants be.”
Gen 15:6 He believed Yehowah, and he counted it to him as righteousness.
Gen 15:7 He said to him, “I am Yehowah, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it.”
Gen 15:8 He asked, “Lord Yehowah, how will I know that I will inherit it?”
Gen 15:9 Then he ordered him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a dove, and a young pigeon.”
Gen 15:10 He brought him all these, and cut them in two, and placed each half opposite the other, but he did not divide the birds.
Gen 15:11 When the birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.
Gen 15:12 Then when the sun was going down, Abram fell into a half-conscious state and behold, a deep and terrifying darkness overwhelmed him.
Gen 15:13 Then he prophesied to Abram, “Know for certain that your descendants will be foreigners in a land that is not theirs, and will be enslaved and oppressed for four hundred years (Acts 7:6).
Gen 15:14 I will judge that ethnicity that they will serve, and afterward they will come out with abundant possessions.
Gen 15:15 But you will go to your fathers in peace, and you will be buried in a good old age.
Gen 15:16 In the fourth generation, they will come here again, for the iniquity of the Amorites has not yet reached its limit.”
Gen 15:17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between the pieces.
Gen 15:18 On that day (Abib 15, c. 2066 BC; Exo. 12:41), Yehowah made a covenant with Abram, “To your descendants I hereby give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates,

Gen 15:19 the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites,
Gen 15:20 the Hethites, the Perizzites, the Rephaites (giants),
Gen 15:21 the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."

Genesis Chapter 16

Gen 16:1 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had not borne any children for him, but she had a female servant, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar.
Gen 16:2 So Sarai said to Abram, "See, Yehowah has kept me from having children. Go have sex with my servant. It may be that I will have children by her." Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.
Gen 16:3 It was after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan that Sarai, Abram's wife, gave Hagar, her Egyptian servant, to her husband as a wife (c. 2080 BC).
Gen 16:4 So he had sexual relations with Hagar, and she conceived. When she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress.
Gen 16:5 Then Sarai said to Abram, "This wrong on me is because of you. I gave my servant woman into your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes. Let Yehowah judge between me and you."
Gen 16:6 But Abram responded to Sarai, "See here, your servant woman is in your power, do to her what you think best." So Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her.
Gen 16:7 The angel of Yehowah found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring that is on the way to Shur.
Gen 16:8 He asked, "Hagar, Sarai's servant, where did you come from and where are you going?" Then she answered, "I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai."
Gen 16:9 The angel of Yehowah ordered her, "Return to your mistress and submit yourself to her authority."
Gen 16:10 Then the angel of Yehowah promised her, "I will greatly multiply your descendants, so that they will be too numerous to count."
Gen 16:11 The angel of Yehowah also said to her, "Behold, you are pregnant and will bear a son, and you will call his name Ishmael, because Yehowah has heard your affliction.
Gen 16:12 He will be a wild donkey of a man. He will be hostile against every man, and every man will be hostile to him, and he will live apart from all his brothers."
Gen 16:13 Then she gave this name to Yehowah who spoke to her, "You are the Almighty who sees me (El-Roiy)," for she asked, "Do I really continue to see, even after he has seen me?"
Gen 16:14 Therefore, the well was called Beerlahairoi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered.
Gen 16:15 Hagar gave birth to Abram's son, and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.

Gen 16:16 Abram was eighty-six years old (c. 2079 BC) when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

Genesis Chapter 17

Gen 17:1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old (c. 2066 BC), Yehowah appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am the Most Powerful Sovereign. Walk before me and be blameless.
Gen 17:2 Then I will confirm my covenant between me and you and will multiply you exceedingly.”
Gen 17:3 Abram bowed low with his face to the ground, and the Almighty talked with him,
Gen 17:4 “As for me, behold, my covenant is with you. You will be the father of a multitude of ethnicities.
Gen 17:5 No longer will your name be Abram, but your name will be Abraham, for I appoint you to be the father of a multitude of ethnicities.
Gen 17:6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make ethnicities of you, and kings will descend from you.
Gen 17:7 I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you, throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be an Almighty to you and to your descendants after you.
Gen 17:8 I will give to you, and to your descendants after you, the land where you have been living, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their Divine One.”
Gen 17:9 Then the Almighty commanded Abraham, “As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations.
Gen 17:10 This is my covenant, which you must keep, between me, you, and your descendants after you: Every male among you must be circumcised.
Gen 17:11 You must be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and this will be the sign of the covenant between me and you.
Gen 17:12 Every male among you that is eight days old must be circumcised, throughout your people’s generations. This includes him who is born into your household, and him who is bought with money from any foreigner, who is not one of your descendants.
Gen 17:13 He who is born into your household, and he who is bought with your money, must be circumcised. Thus my covenant will be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.
Gen 17:14 Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin (LXX; on the eighth day) will be cut off from his people. He has broken my covenant.”
Gen 17:15 The Almighty said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, do not call her Sarai any more. Instead, her name will be Sarah.

Gen 17:16 I will bless her, and I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she will become the mother of ethnicities. Kings of peoples will come from her."
Gen 17:17 Then Abraham bowed low with his face to the ground and laughed, and asked in his heart, "Will a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Will Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a son?"
Gen 17:18 Abraham said to the Almighty, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!"
Gen 17:19 The Almighty said, "No, but Sarah your wife will bear you a son, and you must name him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant with his descendants after him.
Gen 17:20 As for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I hereby bless him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him abundantly. He will be the father of twelve leaders of tribes, and I will make him into a great ethnicity.
Gen 17:21 But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this appointment calendar time next year."
Gen 17:22 When he had finished talking with him, the Almighty went up from Abraham.
Gen 17:23 Then Abraham took Ishmael his son, all those who were born into his household, and all those who were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's household, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in that same day, as the Almighty had said to him.
Gen 17:24 Abraham was ninety-nine years old (c. 2066 BC) when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.
Gen 17:25 Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.
Gen 17:26 On the exact same day Abraham and Ishmael his son were both circumcised.
Gen 17:27 All the men of his household were circumcised with him, including those born into the household and those bought with money from a foreigner.

Genesis Chapter 18

Gen 18:1 Yehowah appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre (Hebron; Gen 13:18), as he sat in the tent doorway in the heat of the day.
Gen 18:2 He looked up and behold, he saw three men standing across from him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed low to the ground.
Gen 18:3 He said, “My Lord, if I have found grace in your sight, do not pass by and leave your servant.
Gen 18:4 Let a little water be brought, wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.
Gen 18:5 Let me bring a little food, so that you may refresh yourselves. Afterwards, you can go your way, since you have come to your servant.” They replied, “Do as you have said.”
Gen 18:6 Then Abraham quickly went into the tent to Sarah and ordered, “Hurry, get three measures of fine flour, knead it, and make unleavened cakes.”
Gen 18:7 Then Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf that was tender and good, and gave it to the servant, and he hurried to prepare it.
Gen 18:8 He took curds and milk, and the calf that had been prepared, and placed the food before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.
Gen 18:9 They asked him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” He answered, “There, in the tent.”
Gen 18:10 He prophesied, “I will certainly return to you in the springtime, and see, Sarah your wife will have a son.” Sarah was listening in the tent doorway, which was behind him.
Gen 18:11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, quite advanced in age, and Sarah had passed the age when women could bear children.
Gen 18:12 So Sarah laughed to herself, asking herself, “After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?”
Gen 18:13 Yehowah asked Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and ask, ‘Will I really bear a child when I am old?’
Gen 18:14 Is anything too difficult for Yehowah (Luke 1:37)? At my appointment calendar festival in the spring (Passover/ULB), I will return to you. About this time next year, Sarah will have a son.”
Gen 18:15 Then Sarah denied it, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He replied, “No, you did laugh.”
Gen 18:16 Then the men arose to leave and looked down toward Sodom. Abraham went with them to see them on their way.

Gen 18:17 But Yehowah said, “Should I hide from Abraham what I am about to do,
Gen 18:18 since Abraham will indeed become a great and mighty nation, and all the ethnicities of the earth will be blessed in him?
Gen 18:19 For I have chosen him, so that he may instruct his children and his household after him to keep the Way of Yehowah, to do righteousness and justice, so that Yehowah may bring upon Abraham what he has said to him.”
Gen 18:20 Then Yehowah said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and because their sin is so serious,
Gen 18:21 I will now go down there and see the outcry against her that has come to me, whether they have really done it. If not, I will know.”
Gen 18:22 So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before Yehowah.
Gen 18:23 Then Abraham approached and asked, “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked?
Gen 18:24 Perhaps there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous that are there?
Gen 18:25 Far be it from you to do such a thing, killing the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be treated the same as the wicked. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?”
Gen 18:26 Yehowah said, “If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare the whole place for their sake.”
Gen 18:27 Abraham answered, “Look, I have undertaken to speak to my Lord, even though I am only dust and ashes!
Gen 18:28 What if there are five less than fifty righteous? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” Then he said, “I will not destroy it, if I find there forty-five.”
Gen 18:29 He asked him yet again, “What if there are forty found there?” He replied, “I will not do it for the forty’s sake.”
Gen 18:30 He said, “Please do not be angry, Lord, so I may speak. Perhaps thirty will be found there.” He replied, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.”
Gen 18:31 He said, “Look, I have undertaken to speak to my Lord! Perhaps twenty will be found there.” He replied, “I will not destroy it for the twenty’s sake.”
Gen 18:32 He said, “Please do not be angry, Lord, and I will speak this one last time. Perhaps ten will be found there.” Then he said, “I will not destroy it for the ten’s sake.”
Gen 18:33 Yehowah went on his way as soon as he had finished talking with Abraham, and Abraham returned home.

Genesis Chapter 19

Gen 19:1 The two angels came to Sodom at dusk, while Lot was sitting at the gate of Sodom. Lot saw them, arose to meet them, and bowed down with his face to the ground.
Gen 19:2 He said, “Please my masters, I urge you to turn aside into your servant’s house, stay for the night, and wash your feet. Then you can rise up early and go on your way.” They replied, “No, we will spend the night in the town square.”
Gen 19:3 But he urged them strongly, so they went with him and entered into his house. He prepared a meal and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.
Gen 19:4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the men from every part of the city.
Gen 19:5 They called to Lot and said to him, “Where are the men that came in to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may have homosexual sex with them.”
Gen 19:6 So Lot went out the door to them and shut the door after himself.
Gen 19:7 He said, “I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly.
Gen 19:8 Look, I have two daughters who have not had sex with any man. Let me, I beg you, bring them out to you, and you do to them whatever is good in your eyes. Only do nothing to these men, because they have come under the shadow of my roof.”
Gen 19:9 They shouted, “Stand back!” They also said, “This one came here to live as a foreigner, and now he has become our judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them.” They pressed hard against the man, against Lot, and came near to break down the door.
Gen 19:10 But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door.
Gen 19:11 Then Lot’s visitors struck with blindness the men who were outside the door of the house, both young and old, so that they became exhausted when they were trying to find the door.
Gen 19:12 Then the men said to Lot, “Do you have anyone else here? Any sons-in-law, your sons and your daughters, and whoever you have in the city, get them out of here.
Gen 19:13 For we are about to destroy this place, because the accusations against it before Yehowah have become so loud, that Yehowah has sent us to destroy it.”

Gen 19:14 Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, the men who had promised to marry his daughters, “Quick, get out of this place, for Yehowah is about to destroy the city.” But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be joking.
Gen 19:15 When dawn broke, the angels urged Lot, “Get going, take your wife and your two daughters that are here, so you are not swept away in the punishment of the city.”
Gen 19:16 But he lingered. So the men grabbed his hand, and the hand of his wife, and the hands of his two daughters, because Yehowah was merciful to him. They brought them out and set them outside the city.
Gen 19:17 When they had brought them out, one of the men said, “Run for your lives! Do not look back, or stay anywhere in the disk-shaped Valley. Escape to the mountains, so you are not swept away.”
Gen 19:18 Lot said to them, “No, please, Lord!
Gen 19:19 Your servant has found grace in your sight, and you have shown me great kindness in saving my life, but I cannot escape to the mountains, because the disaster will overtake me, and I will die.
Gen 19:20 Look, that city over there is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one. Please, let me escape there; is it not a little one? And my life will be saved.”
Gen 19:21 He responded to him, “Alright, I am granting this request also, that I will not destroy the city which you have mentioned.
Gen 19:22 Hurry! Escape there, for I cannot do anything, until you arrive there.” Therefore, the city was called Zoar (Bela; Zora; modern es-Safi).
Gen 19:23 The sun was setting upon the earth when Lot reached Zoar.
Gen 19:24 Then Yehowah rained down upon Sodom (c. 2066 BC) and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from Yehowah out of Heaven.
Gen 19:25 He destroyed those cities, and all the disk-shaped Valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and the plants that grew on the ground (Judah 1:7; Eze. 16:49-50; Mat. 10:14-15; First Clement 11:1).
Gen 19:26 But Lot’s wife, who was behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.
Gen 19:27 Abraham rose up at the crack of dawn and went to the place where he had stood before Yehowah.
Gen 19:28 He looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the land of the disk-shaped Valley. He looked and behold, smoke was rising from the land like the smoke of a furnace.
Gen 19:29 So when the Almighty destroyed the cities of the disk-shaped Valley, the Almighty called Abraham to mind. He sent Lot out of the midst of the destruction when he destroyed the cities in which Lot had lived.
Gen 19:30 But Lot went up from Zoar to live in the mountains with his two daughters, because he was afraid to live in Zoar. So he lived in a cave, he and his two daughters.

Gen 19:31 The firstborn said to the younger, “Our father is old, and there is no man anywhere to have sex with us according to the way of all the world.
Gen 19:32 Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will have sex with him, so that we may extend our father’s line.”
Gen 19:33 So they made their father drink wine that night. Then the firstborn went in and had sex with her father; he did not know when she lay down, nor when she arose.
Gen 19:34 The next day, the firstborn said to the younger, “Listen, last night I had sex with my father. Let us make him drink wine tonight also, and you should go in and have sex with him, so that we may extend our father’s line.”
Gen 19:35 So they made their father drink wine that night also, and the younger went and had sex with him. He did not know when she lay down, nor when she arose.
Gen 19:36 So both the daughters of Lot were pregnant by their father.
Gen 19:37 The firstborn gave birth to a son and named him Moab. He became the ancestor of the Moabites of today.
Gen 19:38 As for the younger daughter, she also gave birth to a son and named him Ben Ammi. He became the ancestor of the people of Ammon of today.

Genesis Chapter 20

Gen 20:1 Abraham journeyed from there toward the land of the Negev, and lived between Kadesh and Shur. He was a foreigner living in Gerar.
Gen 20:2 Abraham said concerning Sarah his wife, “She is my sister.” So Abimelech king of Gerar sent his men, and they took Sarah.
Gen 20:3 But the Almighty came to Abimelech in a dream in the night, and said to him, “Behold, you are a dead man, because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a man’s wife.”
Gen 20:4 Now Abimelech had not come near her, and he asked, “Lord, would you kill even a righteous ethnicity?
Gen 20:5 Did he not himself say to me, ‘She is my sister?’ Even she herself said, ‘He is my brother.’ I have done this in the integrity of my heart and the innocence of my hands.”
Gen 20:6 Then the Almighty said to him in the dream, “Yes, I also know that in the integrity of your heart you did this, and I also kept you from sinning against me. Therefore, I did not allow you to touch her.
Gen 20:7 Therefore, return the man’s wife, for he is a prophet. He will pray for you, and you will live. But if you do not restore her, know that you and all who are yours will surely be executed.”
Gen 20:8 Abimelech rose early at daybreak and called all of his servants to himself. He told all these things to them, and the men were deathly afraid.
Gen 20:9 Then Abimelech called for Abraham and said to him, “What have you done to us? How have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? You have done to me that which ought not to be done.”
Gen 20:10 Abimelech asked Abraham, “What prompted you to do this thing?”
Gen 20:11 Abraham answered, “Because I thought, ‘Surely there is no fear of the Almighty in this place, and they will murder me because of my wife.’
Gen 20:12 Besides, she is indeed my sister, the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.
Gen 20:13 When the Almighty caused me to leave my father’s house and travel from place to place, I said to her, ‘You must show me this faithfulness as my wife: At every place where we go, say about me, “He is my brother.”’”
Gen 20:14 Then Abimelech took sheep and oxen, male and female slaves, and gave them to Abraham. Then he returned Sarah, Abraham’s wife, to him.
Gen 20:15 Abimelech said, “Look, my land is before you. Settle wherever it pleases you.”
Gen 20:16 To Sarah he said, “Look, I have given your brother 1,000-weight silver-currency. It is to cover any offense against you in the eyes of all that are with you, and before everyone, you are completely made right.”

Gen 20:17 Then Abraham prayed to the Almighty, and the Almighty healed Abimelech, his wife, and his female slaves, so that they were able to have children.
Gen 20:18 For Yehowah had caused all the women of the household of Abimelech to be completely infertile, because of Sarah, Abraham’s wife.

Genesis Chapter 21

Gen 21:1 Yehowah paid attention to Sarah as he had said he would, and Yehowah did for Sarah just as he had promised.
Gen 21:2 Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the appointment calendar time (Passover/ULB) of which the Almighty had spoken to him.
Gen 21:3 Abraham named his son, the one who had been born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac.
Gen 21:4 Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, just as the Almighty had commanded him.
Gen 21:5 Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him (c. 2065 BC).
Gen 21:6 Sarah said, “The Almighty has made me laugh; every one who hears will laugh with me.”
Gen 21:7 She also exclaimed, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children, and yet I have borne him a son in his old age!”
Gen 21:8 The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.
Gen 21:9 Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking.
Gen 21:10 So she said to Abraham, “Drive out this slave woman and her son: For the son of this slave woman will not be heir with my son, with Isaac” (Gal. 4:30).
Gen 21:11 This thing was extremely grievous to Abraham because of his son.
Gen 21:12 But the Almighty said to Abraham, “Do not be grieved because of the lad and because of your servant woman. Listen to Sarah’s words in all she says to you about this matter, because it is through Isaac that your descendants will be named.
Gen 21:13 I will also make the son of the servant woman into an ethnicity, because he is your descendant.”
Gen 21:14 Abraham rose up at the crack of dawn, took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder. He gave her the boy and sent her away. She departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.
Gen 21:15 When the water in the waterskin was gone, she abandoned the child under one of the bushes.
Gen 21:16 Then she went and sat down a short distance from him, about the distance of a bowshot away, for she said, “Let me not look upon the death of the child.” As she sat there across from him, she lifted up her voice and wept.
Gen 21:17 The Almighty heard the voice of the lad, and the angel of the Almighty called to Hagar out of Heaven, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for

the Almighty has heard the voice of the lad where he is.
Gen 21:18 Get up, raise up the lad, and encourage him; for I will make him into a great ethnicity."
Gen 21:19 Then the Almighty opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water, and gave the lad a drink.
Gen 21:20 The Almighty was with the lad, and he grew. He lived in the wilderness and became an archer.
Gen 21:21 He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.
Gen 21:22 It came about at that time that Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his military force spoke to Abraham, "The Almighty is with you in all that you do.
Gen 21:23 Now therefore, swear to me here by the Almighty that you will not deal falsely with me, nor with my children, nor with my descendants. Show to me and to the land in which you have been staying the same covenant faithfulness that I have shown to you."
Gen 21:24 Abraham said, "I swear."
Gen 21:25 Abraham also complained to Abimelech concerning a well of water that Abimelech's servants had seized from him.
Gen 21:26 Abimelech said, "I do not know who has done this thing. You did not tell me before now; I have not heard of it until today."
Gen 21:27 So Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave them to Abimelech, and the two men made a covenant.
Gen 21:28 Then Abraham set seven female lambs of the flock by themselves.
Gen 21:29 Abimelech asked Abraham, "What is the meaning of these seven female lambs that you have set by themselves?"
Gen 21:30 He answered, "These seven female lambs you will receive from my hand, so that they may be a witness for me, that I dug this well."
Gen 21:31 So he called that place Beersheba, because there they both swore an oath.
Gen 21:32 They made a covenant at Beersheba, and then Abimelech and Phicol, the commander of his military force, returned to the land of the Philistines.
Gen 21:33 Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba. There he worshiped Yehowah, the Eternal Almighty (El-Olam).
Gen 21:34 Abraham remained as a sojourning foreigner in the land of the Philistines many days.

Genesis Chapter 22

Gen 22:1 It came about after these things that the Almighty tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” He responded, “Here I am.”
Gen 22:2 Then he ordered, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah (Moriyah). Offer him there as a burnt offering upon one of the mountains there, which I will tell you about.”
Gen 22:3 So Abraham rose early at daybreak, saddled his jack donkey (Exo. 4:20; Mat. 21:5; Zech 9:9), and took two of his young men with him, along with Isaac his son. He cut the wood for the burnt offering, then set out on his journey to the place that the Almighty had told him about.
Gen 22:4 On the third day, Abraham looked up and saw the place at a distance.
Gen 22:5 Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the jack donkey, and I and the lad will go over there. We will worship and come again to you.”
Gen 22:6 Then Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and put it on Isaac his son. He took in his own hand the fire and the knife; and they went both of them together.
Gen 22:7 Isaac spoke to Abraham his father, “My father,” and he responded, “Here I am, my son.” He asked, “See, here is the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”
Gen 22:8 Abraham answered, “The Almighty himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” So they went on, both of them together.
Gen 22:9 When they came to the place that the Almighty had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood on it. Then he bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.
Gen 22:10 Abraham reached out with his hand and took up the knife to kill his son.
Gen 22:11 Then the angel of Yehowah called to him from Heaven, “Abraham, Abraham!” and he responded, “Here I am.”
Gen 22:12 He said, “Do not lay your hand upon the lad, nor do anything to harm him, for now I know that you fear the Almighty, seeing that you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me” (c. 2050 BC, Isaac, now 15 years old).
Gen 22:13 Abraham looked up and behold, behind him was a ram caught in the bushes by his horns. Abraham went, took the ram, and offered him up as a burnt offering instead of his son.
Gen 22:14 So Abraham called that place, “Yehowah will Provide”, and it is said to this day, “On the Mountain of Yehowah it will be provided.”
Gen 22:15 The angel of Yehowah called to Abraham a second time from Heaven,
Gen 22:16 this is an oracle of Yehowah, “By myself I have sworn that because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son,

Gen 22:17 I will surely bless you, and I will greatly multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and as the sand which is upon the seashore; and your descendants will possess the gate of their enemies.
Gen 22:18 Through your offspring all the ethnicities of the earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."
Gen 22:19 So Abraham returned to his young men, and they departed and went together to Beersheba, and Abraham lived at Beersheba.
Gen 22:20 It came about after these things that Abraham was told, "Milcah has borne children, as well, to your brother Nahor."
Gen 22:21 They were Uz his firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father of Aram,
Gen 22:22 Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel.
Gen 22:23 Bethuel became the father of Rebekah. These were the eight children that Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother.
Gen 22:24 His concubine, whose name was Reumah, also bore Tebah, Gaham, Tahash, and Maacah.

Genesis Chapter 23

Gen 23:1 Sarah lived a hundred and twenty-seven years. These were the years of the life of Sarah.
Gen 23:2 Sarah died (c. 2028 BC) in Kiriath Arba, that is, Hebron, in the land of Canaan. Abraham mourned and wept for Sarah.
Gen 23:3 Then Abraham rose up and went from his dead wife, and spoke to the sons of Heth,
Gen 23:4 “I am a sojourning foreigner residing among you. Please grant me a property for a burial place among you, so that I may bury my dead.”
Gen 23:5 The sons of Heth answered Abraham,
Gen 23:6 “Listen to us, my master. You are a prince of the Almighty among us. Bury your dead in the choicest of our tombs. None of us will refuse you his tomb, so that you may bury your dead.”
Gen 23:7 Abraham arose and bowed down to the people of the land, to the sons of Heth.
Gen 23:8 He spoke to them, “If you agree that I should bury my dead, then hear me and plead with Ephron son of Zohar, for me.
Gen 23:9 Ask him to sell me the cave of Machpelah, which he owns, which is at the end of his field. For the full price let him sell it to me publicly as a property for a burial place.”
Gen 23:10 Now Ephron was sitting among the sons of Heth, and Ephron the Hethite answered Abraham in the hearing of the sons of Heth, of all those who had come into the gate of his city,
Gen 23:11 “No, my master, hear me. I give you the field, and the cave that is in it. I give it to you in the presence of the sons of my people. I give it to you to bury your dead.”
Gen 23:12 Then Abraham bowed himself down before the people of the land.
Gen 23:13 He spoke to Ephron in the hearing of the people of the land, “But if you are willing, please hear me. I will pay for the field. Take the money from me, and I will bury my dead there.”
Gen 23:14 Ephron answered Abraham,
Gen 23:15 “Please, my master, listen to me. A piece of land worth 400-weight silver-currency, what is that between me and you? Bury your dead.”
Gen 23:16 Abraham listened to Ephron and Abraham weighed out to Ephron the amount of silver-currency that he had spoken in the hearing of the sons of Heth, 400-weight silver-currency, according to the standard measurement of the merchants.

Gen 23:17 So the field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah (Double Cave), which was next to Mamre, that is, the field, the cave that was in it, and all the trees that were in the field and all around its border, passed
Gen 23:18 to Abraham by purchase in the presence of the sons of Heth, before all those who had come into the gate of his city.
Gen 23:19 After this, Abraham buried Sarah, his wife, in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which is next to Mamre, that is, Hebron, in the land of Canaan.
Gen 23:20 So the field and the cave in it passed to Abraham as a property for a burial place from the sons of Heth.

Genesis Chapter 24

Gen 24:1 Now Abraham was quite old and Yehowah had blessed Abraham in all things.
Gen 24:2 Abraham said to his servant, the one who was the oldest of his household, and who was in charge of all that he had, “Put your hand under my thigh,
Gen 24:3 and I will make you swear by Yehowah, Mighty One of Heaven and Mighty One of the earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I make my home.
Gen 24:4 But you will go to my country, and to my relatives, and get a wife for my son Isaac.”
Gen 24:5 The servant asked him, “What if the woman will not be willing to follow me to this land? Must I take your son back to the land from which you came?”
Gen 24:6 Abraham ordered him, “Make sure that you do not take my son back there!
Gen 24:7 Yehowah, Mighty One of Heaven, who took me from my father’s house and from the land of my relatives, and who promised me with a solemn oath, ‘To your offspring I will give this land,’ he will send his angel before you, and you will get a wife for my son from there.
Gen 24:8 But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this oath of mine. Only you are not to take my son back there.”
Gen 24:9 So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning this matter.
Gen 24:10 The servant took ten of his master’s camels and departed. He also took with him all kinds of good gifts from his master. He departed and went to the region of Aram Naharaim, to the city of Nahor.
Gen 24:11 He made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water. It was dusk, the time that women go out to draw water.
Gen 24:12 Then he prayed (silently; v. 45), “Yehowah, Mighty One of my master Abraham, grant me success today and show covenant faithfulness to my master Abraham.
Gen 24:13 Look, here I am standing by the spring of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water.
Gen 24:14 Let it happen like this: When I say to a young woman, ‘Please lower your pitcher, so that I may drink,’ and she says to me, ‘Drink, and I will water your camels too,’ then let her be the one that you have appointed for your servant Isaac. By this I will know that you have shown covenant faithfulness to my master.”

Gen 24:15 It came about that even before he had finished praying (silently; v. 45), behold, Rebekah came out with her water pitcher on her shoulder. Rebekah was born to Bethuel son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother.
Gen 24:16 The young woman was exquisitely beautiful and a virgin. No man had had sex with her. She went down to the spring, filled her pitcher, and came up.
Gen 24:17 Then the servant ran to meet her and requested, "Please give me a little drink of water from your pitcher."
Gen 24:18 She said, "Drink, my master," and she quickly let down her pitcher on her hand and gave him a drink.
Gen 24:19 When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, "I will draw water for your camels also, until they have finished drinking."
Gen 24:20 So she hurried and emptied her pitcher into the trough, then ran again to the well to draw water, and drew water for all his camels.
Gen 24:21 The man watched her in silence to see whether Yehowah had prospered his journey or not.
Gen 24:22 As the camels finished drinking, the man brought out a gold nose ring weighing six grams, and two gold bracelets for her arms weighing 110 grams each,
Gen 24:23 and asked, "Whose daughter are you? Tell me please, is there room in your father's house for us to spend the night?"
Gen 24:24 She answered him, "I am the daughter of Bethuel son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor."
Gen 24:25 She also told him, "We have plenty of both straw and feed, and also room for you to spend the night."
Gen 24:26 Then the man bowed down and worshiped Yehowah.
Gen 24:27 He said, "Blessed be Yehowah, Mighty One of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken his covenant faithfulness and his trustworthiness toward my master. As for me, Yehowah has led me directly to the house of my master's relatives."
Gen 24:28 Then the young woman ran and told her mother's household about all of these things.
Gen 24:29 Now Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban. Laban ran to the man who was out at the road by the spring.
Gen 24:30 When he had seen the nose ring and the bracelets on his sister's arms, and when he had heard the words of Rebekah his sister, "This is what the man said to me," he went to the man, and behold, he was standing by the camels at the spring.
Gen 24:31 Then Laban said, "Come, you blessed of Yehowah. Why are you standing outside? I have prepared the house and a place for the camels."

Gen 24:32 So the man came to the house, and he unloaded the camels. The camels were given straw and feed, and water was provided to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him.
Gen 24:33 They set food before him to eat, but he said, “I will not eat until I have said what I have to say.” So Laban replied, “Speak on.”
Gen 24:34 He said, “I am Abraham’s servant.
Gen 24:35 Yehowah has significantly blessed my master, and he has become great. He has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male servants and female servants, and camels and donkeys.
Gen 24:36 Sarah, my master’s wife, bore a son to my master when she was old, and he has given everything that he owns to him.
Gen 24:37 My master made me swear, ‘You must not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I make my home.
Gen 24:38 Instead, you must go to my father’s family, and to my relatives, and get a wife for my son.’
Gen 24:39 I responded to my master, ‘Perhaps the woman will not follow me.’
Gen 24:40 But he said to me, ‘Yehowah, before whom I walk, will send his angel with you and he will prosper your way, so that you will get a wife for my son from among my relatives and from my father’s family line.
Gen 24:41 But you will be free from my oath, if you come to my relatives, and they will not give her to you. Then you will be free from my oath.’
Gen 24:42 So I arrived today at the spring and prayed (silently; v. 45), ‘Yehowah, Mighty One of my master Abraham, please, if you do indeed intend to make my journey successful,
Gen 24:43 here I am, standing by the spring of water, let the virgin woman who comes out to draw water, the woman to whom I say, “Please give me a little water from your pitcher to drink,”
Gen 24:44 the woman who says to me, “Drink, and I will also draw water for your camels,” let her be the woman whom you, Yehowah, have chosen for my master’s son.’
Gen 24:45 Even before I had finished praying in my heart, behold, Rebekah came out with her pitcher on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew water. So I entreated her, ‘Please give me a drink.’
Gen 24:46 She quickly lowered her pitcher from her shoulder and said, ‘Drink, and I will give your camels water also.’ So I drank, and she watered the camels also.
Gen 24:47 I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She answered, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ Then I put the ring in her nose and the bracelets on her arms.

Gen 24:48 Then I bowed down and worshiped Yehowah, and blessed Yehowah, Mighty One of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right Way to find the daughter of my master's relative for his son.
Gen 24:49 Now therefore, if you are prepared to treat my master with family faithfulness and trustworthiness, tell me. But if not, tell me, so that I may turn to the right hand or to the left."
Gen 24:50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered, "The thing has come from Yehowah; we cannot speak to you either bad or good.
Gen 24:51 Look, Rebekah is before you. Take her and go, so she may be the wife of your master's son, as Yehowah has spoken."
Gen 24:52 When Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed himself down to the ground to Yehowah.
Gen 24:53 The servant brought out articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing, and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave precious gifts to her brother and to her mother.
Gen 24:54 Then he and the men who were with him ate and drank. They stayed there overnight, and when they arose at daybreak, he said, "Send me away to my master."
Gen 24:55 Her brother and her mother said, "Let the young woman stay with us for a few more days, at least ten. After that she may go."
Gen 24:56 But he said to them, "Do not hinder me, since Yehowah has prospered my Way. Send me on my way, so that I may go to my master."
Gen 24:57 They replied, "We will call the young woman and ask her."
Gen 24:58 So they called Rebekah and asked her, "Will you go with this man?" She answered, "I will go."
Gen 24:59 So they sent their sister Rebekah, along with her female servant, on her journey with Abraham's servant and his men.
Gen 24:60 They blessed Rebekah, "Our sister, may you be the mother of a myriad of thousands, and may your descendants possess the gate of those who hate them."
Gen 24:61 Then Rebekah arose, and she and her servant girls mounted the camels, and followed the man. Thus, the servant took Rebekah and went his way.
Gen 24:62 Now Isaac was living in the Negev and had just returned from Beerlahairoi.
Gen 24:63 Isaac went out to meditate in the field when dusk approached. When he looked up and saw, behold, there were camels coming!
Gen 24:64 Rebekah looked, and when she saw Isaac, she jumped down from the camel.
Gen 24:65 She asked the servant, "Who is that man who is walking in the field to meet us?" The servant answered, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself.

Gen 24:66 The servant recounted to Isaac all the things that he had done.
Gen 24:67 Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he made love to her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Genesis Chapter 25

Gen 25:1 Abraham took another wife; her name was Keturah.
Gen 25:2 She bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah.
Gen 25:3 Jokshan became the father of Sheba and Dedan. The descendants of Dedan were the Assyrian people, the Letush people, and the Leum people.
Gen 25:4 Midian's sons were Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were Keturah's descendants.
Gen 25:5 Abraham gave all that he owned to Isaac.
Gen 25:6 However, while he was still living, Abraham gave gifts to the sons of his concubines and sent them to the land of the East, away from Isaac, his son.
Gen 25:7 These were the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, 175 years.
Gen 25:8 Abraham breathed his last and died at a good old age, an old man with a full life, and he was gathered to his people (c. 1990 BC).
Gen 25:9 Isaac and Ishmael, his sons, buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron son of Zohar the Hethite, which is near Mamre.
Gen 25:10 This field Abraham had bought from the sons of Heth. Abraham was buried there with Sarah, his wife.
Gen 25:11 After the death of Abraham, the Almighty blessed Isaac, his son, and Isaac lived near Beerlahairoi.
Gen 25:12 Now these were the descendants of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's servant, bore to Abraham.
Gen 25:13 These were the names of Ishmael's sons, according to their birth order: Nebaioth, the firstborn of Ishmael, Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,
Gen 25:14 Mishma, Dumah, Massa,
Gen 25:15 Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah.
Gen 25:16 These were Ishmael's sons, and these were their names, by their villages, and by their encampments; twelve princes according to their tribes.
Gen 25:17 These were the years of the life of Ishmael, 137 years: He breathed his last and died (c. 1942 BC), and was gathered to his people.
Gen 25:18 They lived from Havilah to Shur (modern Tell el-Her), which is near Egypt, as one goes toward Assyria. They died in hostilities with each other.
Gen 25:19 These were the events concerning Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham became the father of Isaac.
Gen 25:20 Isaac was forty years old when he took as his wife, Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan Aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean (c. 2025 BC).
Gen 25:21 Isaac prayed to Yehowah for his wife, because she was childless, and Yehowah answered his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

Gen 25:22 The children struggled together within her, and she asked, “Why is this happening to me?” She went to ask Yehowah about this.
Gen 25:23 Yehowah answered her, “Two ethnicities are in your womb, and two people will be separated from within you. One people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger.”
Gen 25:24 When it was time for her to give birth, behold, there were twins in her womb.
Gen 25:25 The first child came out red all over like a hairy garment. They called his name Esau.
Gen 25:26 After that, his brother came out. His hand was grasping Esau’s heel. He was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when his wife bore them (c. 2005 BC).
Gen 25:27 The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a quiet man, who spent his time in the tents.
Gen 25:28 Now Isaac loved Esau, because he ate the animals that he had hunted, but Rebekah loved Jacob.
Gen 25:29 Jacob cooked some stew. Esau came in from the field, and he was weak from hunger.
Gen 25:30 Esau begged Jacob, “Feed me with that red stew. Please, I am exhausted!” That is why his name was called Edom.
Gen 25:31 Jacob said, “First, sell me from this day onward your birthright.”
Gen 25:32 Esau said, “Look, I am about to die. What good is the birthright to me?”
Gen 25:33 Jacob said, “First, swear to me today,” so Esau swore an oath, and in that way, he sold his birthright to Jacob.
Gen 25:34 Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils. He ate and drank, then rose up and went on his way. In this manner, Esau despised his birthright (Heb. 12:16).

Genesis Chapter 26

Gen 26:1 Now a famine happened in the land, besides the first famine that had been in the days of Abraham. Isaac went to Abimelech, king of the Philistines at Gerar.
Gen 26:2 Now Yehowah appeared to him and promised, “Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land that I tell you to live in.
Gen 26:3 Stay in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you; for to you and to your descendants, I will give all these lands, and I will fulfill the oath that I swore to Abraham your father.
Gen 26:4 I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and will give to your descendants all these lands. Through your descendants all the ethnicities of the earth will be blessed.
Gen 26:5 I will do this, because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my ordinances, my commandments, my statutes, and my law.”
Gen 26:6 So Isaac settled in Gerar.
Gen 26:7 When the men of the place asked him about his wife, he said, “She is my sister.” He feared to say, “She is my wife,” because he thought, “The men of this place will murder me to get Rebekah, because she is so beautiful.”
Gen 26:8 After Isaac had been there a long time, Abimelech king of the Philistines happened to look out of a window. He saw, behold, Isaac was caressing Rebekah, his wife.
Gen 26:9 Abimelech called Isaac to him and said, “Look, certainly she is your wife. Why did you say, ‘She is my sister?’” Isaac answered him, “Because I thought someone might kill me to get her.”
Gen 26:10 Abimelech replied, “What is this you have done to us? One of the people might easily have had sex with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us.”
Gen 26:11 So Abimelech warned all the people, “Whoever touches this man or his wife will surely be executed!”
Gen 26:12 Isaac planted crops in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold, because Yehowah blessed him.
Gen 26:13 The man became rich, and grew more and more, until he became extremely great.
Gen 26:14 He had many sheep and cattle, and a large household. The Philistines envied him.
Gen 26:15 Now all the wells that his father’s servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines stopped them up by filling them with dirt.
Gen 26:16 Abimelech ordered Isaac, “Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we.”

Gen 26:17 So Isaac departed from there and settled in the Valley of Gerar, and lived there.
Gen 26:18 Once again, Isaac dug out the wells of water, which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father. The Philistines had stopped them up after Abraham's death. Isaac called the wells by the same names that his father had called them.
Gen 26:19 When Isaac's servants dug in the valley, they found there a well of flowing water.
Gen 26:20 The herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen, "This water is ours." So Isaac called that well, "Esek," because they had quarreled with him.
Gen 26:21 Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that, too, so he gave it the name of "Sitnah."
Gen 26:22 He left there and dug yet another well, but they did not quarrel over that one. So he called it, "Rehoboth", and he said, "Now Yehowah has made room for us, and we will prosper in the land."
Gen 26:23 Then Isaac went up from there to Beersheba.
Gen 26:24 Yehowah appeared to him that same night and declared, "I am the Mighty One of Abraham your father. Do not fear, for I am with you and will bless you and multiply your descendants, for my servant Abraham's sake."
Gen 26:25 Isaac built an altar there and called on the name of Yehowah. There he pitched his tent, and his servants dug a well.
Gen 26:26 Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, with Ahuzzath, his friend, and Phicol, the commander of his military force.
Gen 26:27 Isaac asked them, "Why are you coming to me, since you hate me and have sent me away from you?"
Gen 26:28 Then they answered, "We have clearly seen that Yehowah has been with you. So we decided that there should be an oath between us, yes, between us and you. So let us make a covenant with you,
Gen 26:29 that you will do us no harm, just as we have not harmed you, and as we have treated you well and have sent you away in peace. Indeed, you are blessed by Yehowah."
Gen 26:30 So Isaac made a feast for them, and they ate and drank.
Gen 26:31 They rose at daybreak and swore an oath with each other. Then Isaac sent them away, and they left him in peace.
Gen 26:32 That same day, Isaac's servants came and told him about the well that they had dug. They said, "We have found water."
Gen 26:33 He called the well, "Shibah," so the name of that city is Beersheba to this day.
Gen 26:34 When Esau was forty years old (c. 1965 BC), he took a wife, Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hethite, and also Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hethite.

Gen 26:35 They brought sorrow to Isaac and Rebekah.

Genesis Chapter 27

Gen 27:1 When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau, his older son, and said to him, “My son.” He replied to him, “Here I am.”
Gen 27:2 He said, “See here, I am old. I do not know the day of my death.
Gen 27:3 Therefore, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me.
Gen 27:4 Make delicious food for me, the sort that I love, and bring it to me, so I can eat it and bless you before I die.”
Gen 27:5 Now Rebekah heard it when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. Esau went to the field to hunt for game and bring it back.
Gen 27:6 Rebekah spoke to Jacob her son, “See here, I heard your father speak to Esau your brother. He said,
Gen 27:7 ‘Bring me game and make me delicious food, that I may eat it and bless you in the presence of Yehowah before my death.’
Gen 27:8 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice as I command you.
Gen 27:9 Go to the flock, and bring me two good young goats; and I will make delicious food from them for your father, just like he loves.
Gen 27:10 You will take it to your father, so that he may eat it, so that he may bless you before his death.”
Gen 27:11 Jacob replied to Rebekah his mother, “See, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man.
Gen 27:12 Perhaps my father will touch me, and I will seem to him as a deceiver. I will bring a curse upon me and not a blessing.”
Gen 27:13 His mother responded to him, “My son, let any curse fall on me. Just obey my voice, and go, bring them to me.”
Gen 27:14 So Jacob went, took the young goats, and brought them to his mother, and his mother made delicious food, just like his father loved.
Gen 27:15 Rebekah took the best clothes of Esau, her older son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob, her younger son.
Gen 27:16 She put the skins of the young goats on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck.
Gen 27:17 She put the delicious food and the bread that she had prepared into the hand of her son Jacob.
Gen 27:18 Jacob went to his father and said, “My father.” He replied, “Here I am; who are you, my son?”
Gen 27:19 Jacob said to his father, “I am Esau your firstborn; I have done as you said to me. Now sit up and eat some of my game, that you may bless me.”

Gen 27:20 Isaac asked his son, “How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?” He answered, “Because Yehowah your Divine One brought it to me.”
Gen 27:21 Isaac said to Jacob, “Come near me, so I may touch you, my son, and learn whether you are my true son Esau or not.”
Gen 27:22 Jacob went over to Isaac his father; and Isaac touched him and said, “The voice is Jacob’s voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.”
Gen 27:23 Isaac did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy, like his brother Esau’s hands, so Isaac blessed him.
Gen 27:24 He asked, “Are you really my son Esau?” He answered, “I am.”
Gen 27:25 Isaac ordered, “Bring the food to me, and I will eat of your game, so that I may bless you.” Jacob brought the food to him. Isaac ate, and Jacob brought him wine, and he drank.
Gen 27:26 Then his father Isaac said to him, “Come near now and kiss me, my son.”
Gen 27:27 Jacob came near and kissed him, and he smelled the smell of his clothes and blessed him. He said, “See, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that Yehowah has blessed.
Gen 27:28 May the Almighty give you a portion of the dew of the heavens, a portion of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of grain and new wine.
Gen 27:29 May people serve you and ethnicities bow down to you. Be master over your brothers, and may your mother’s sons bow down to you. May every one who curses you be cursed; may every one who blesses you be blessed.”
Gen 27:30 As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, Esau his brother came in from his hunting.
Gen 27:31 He also made delicious food and brought it to his father. He said to his father, “Father, get up and eat some of your son’s game, so that you may bless me.”
Gen 27:32 Isaac his father asked him, “Who are you?” He answered, “I am your son, your firstborn, Esau.”
Gen 27:33 Isaac greatly trembled anxiously, and said, “Who was it that hunted this game and brought it to me? I ate it all before you came, and I have blessed him. Indeed, he will be blessed.”
Gen 27:34 When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with an extremely great and bitter cry to his father, “Bless me, me also, my father!”
Gen 27:35 Isaac said, “Your brother came here deceitfully and has taken away your blessing.”
Gen 27:36 Esau responded, “Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has cheated me these two times. He took away my birthright, and see, now he has taken away my blessing.” Then he asked, “Have you not reserved a blessing for me?”

Gen 27:37 Isaac answered and said to Esau, “Look, I have made him your master, and I have given to him all his brothers as servants, and I have given him grain and new wine. What more can I do for you, my son?”
Gen 27:38 Esau said to his father, “Have you not even one blessing for me, my father? Bless me, even me too, my father!” Esau wept loudly.
Gen 27:39 Isaac his father answered him, “Look, the place where you live will be far from the richness of the earth, away from the dew of the sky above.
Gen 27:40 By your sword you will live, and you will serve your brother. But when you rebel, you will shake his yoke from off your neck.”
Gen 27:41 Esau hated Jacob, because of the blessing that his father had given him. Esau said in his heart, “The days of mourning for my father are near; after that I will murder my brother Jacob.”
Gen 27:42 The words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah. So she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said to him, “See, your brother Esau is consoling himself about you by planning to murder you.
Gen 27:43 Now therefore, my son, obey me and flee to Laban, my brother, in Haran.
Gen 27:44 Stay with him for a few days, until your brother’s fury subsides,
Gen 27:45 until your brother’s anger turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him. Then I will send and bring you back from there. Why should I lose you both in one day?”
Gen 27:46 Rebekah complained to Isaac, “I am weary of life because of the daughters of Heth. If Jacob takes one of the daughters of Heth as a wife, like these women, some of the daughters of the land, what good will my life be to me?”

Genesis Chapter 28

Gen 28:1 Isaac called Jacob, blessed him, and commanded him, “You must not take a wife from the Canaanite women.
Gen 28:2 Arise, go to Paddan Aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother’s father, and take a wife from there, one of the daughters of Laban, your mother’s brother.
Gen 28:3 May the Most Powerful Sovereign bless you, make you fruitful and multiply you, so that you may become a congregation of people.
Gen 28:4 May he give you the blessing of Abraham, to you, and to your descendants after you, that you may inherit the land where you have been living, which the Almighty gave to Abraham.”
Gen 28:5 So Isaac sent Jacob away. Jacob went to Paddan Aram, to Laban son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob’s and Esau’s mother.
Gen 28:6 Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan Aram, to take a wife from there. He also saw that Isaac had blessed him and given him a command, “You must not take a wife from the women of Canaan.”
Gen 28:7 Esau also saw that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother, and had gone to Paddan Aram.
Gen 28:8 Esau saw that the women of Canaan did not please Isaac his father.
Gen 28:9 So he went to Ishmael, and took, besides the wives that he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham’s son, the sister of Nebaioth, to be his wife.
Gen 28:10 Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran.
Gen 28:11 He came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. He took one of the stones in that place, put it under his head, and lay down in that place to sleep.
Gen 28:12 He dreamed and saw a stairway set up on the earth. Its top reached to Heaven, and the angels of the Almighty were ascending and descending on it (John 1:51).
Gen 28:13 Behold, Yehowah stood above it and said, “I am Yehowah, Mighty One of Abraham your father, and the Mighty One of Isaac. The land on which you are lying, I will give to you and to your descendants.
Gen 28:14 Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread far out to the west, to the east, to the north, and to the south. Through you and through your descendants will all the families of the earth be blessed.
Gen 28:15 Behold, I am with you, and I will keep you wherever you go. I will bring you into this land again; for I will not leave you. I will do all that I have promised to you.”

Gen 28:16 Jacob awoke out of his sleep, and he said, “Surely, Yehowah is in this place, and I did not know it.”
Gen 28:17 He was afraid and exclaimed, “How terrifying is this place! This is none other than the temple of the Almighty. This is the gate of Heaven.”
Gen 28:18 Jacob arose at daybreak and took the stone that he had put under his head. He set it up as a pillar and poured oil upon the top of it.
Gen 28:19 He called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city originally was Luz.
Gen 28:20 Jacob vowed a vow, “If the Almighty will be with me and will protect me on this road on which I am walking, and will give me bread to eat and clothes to wear,
Gen 28:21 so that I return safely to my father’s house, then Yehowah will be my Divine One.
Gen 28:22 Then this stone that I have set up as a memorial pillar will be the temple of the Almighty. From everything that you give me, I will surely give a tenth back to you.”

Genesis Chapter 29

Gen 29:1 Then Jacob went on his journey and came to the land of the people of the East.
Gen 29:2 As he looked, he saw a well in the field, and behold, three flocks of sheep were lying there by it. For out of that well they would water the flocks, and the stone over the well's mouth was large.
Gen 29:3 When all the flocks had gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone from the well's mouth and water the sheep, and then put the stone again over the well's mouth, back in its place.
Gen 29:4 Jacob asked them, "My brothers, where are you from?" They answered, "We are from Haran."
Gen 29:5 He asked them, "Do you know Laban, son of Nahor?" They answered, "We know him."
Gen 29:6 He asked them, "Is he well?" They replied, "He is well, and look there, Rachel his daughter is coming with the sheep."
Gen 29:7 Jacob replied, "See, it is the middle of the day. It is not the time for the flocks to be gathered together. You should water the sheep and then go and let them graze."
Gen 29:8 They responded, "We cannot water them until all the flocks are gathered together. The men will then roll the stone from the well's mouth, and we will water the sheep."
Gen 29:9 While Jacob was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was tending them.
Gen 29:10 When Jacob saw Rachel, the daughter of Laban, his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban, his mother's brother, Jacob came over, rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban, his mother's brother.
Gen 29:11 Jacob kissed Rachel and wept loudly.
Gen 29:12 Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's relative, and that he was Rebekah's son. Then she ran and told her father.
Gen 29:13 When Laban heard the news about Jacob his sister's son, he ran to meet him, embraced him, kissed him, and brought him to his house. Jacob told Laban all these things.
Gen 29:14 Laban said to him, "You are indeed my bone and my flesh." Then Jacob stayed with him for one month.
Gen 29:15 Then Laban asked Jacob, "Should you serve me for nothing, because you are my relative? Tell me, what will your wages be?"
Gen 29:16 Now Laban had two daughters. The name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.
Gen 29:17 Leah's eyes were tender, but Rachel was beautiful in form and

appearance.
Gen 29:18 Jacob loved Rachel, so he answered, “I will serve you seven years for Rachel, your younger daughter.”
Gen 29:19 Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you, than that I should give her to another man. Stay with me.”
Gen 29:20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed to him only a few days, for the love he had for her.
Gen 29:21 Jacob entreated Laban, “Give me my wife, for my days have been completed, so that I may marry her!”
Gen 29:22 So Laban gathered together all the men of the place and made a feast.
Gen 29:23 At dusk, Laban took Leah his daughter and brought her to Jacob, who made love to her.
Gen 29:24 Laban gave his female servant Zilpah to his daughter Leah, to be her servant.
Gen 29:25 When daybreak came, behold, it was Leah! Jacob asked Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve you for Rachel? Why then have you tricked me?”
Gen 29:26 Laban explained, “It is not our custom to give the younger daughter before the firstborn.
Gen 29:27 Complete the bridal week of this daughter, and we will give you the other also, in return for serving me another seven years.”
Gen 29:28 Jacob did so and completed Leah’s week. Then Laban gave him Rachel his daughter as his wife also.
Gen 29:29 Laban also gave Bilhah to his daughter Rachel, to be her servant.
Gen 29:30 So Jacob made love to Rachel, too, but he loved Rachel more than Leah. So Jacob served Laban for seven more years.
Gen 29:31 Yehowah saw that Leah was not loved, so he opened her womb, but Rachel was childless.
Gen 29:32 Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben. For she said, “Because Yehowah has looked upon my affliction; surely now my husband will love me.”
Gen 29:33 Then she conceived again and bore a son. She said, “Because Yehowah has heard that I am unloved, he has therefore given me this son also,” and she called his name Simeon.
Gen 29:34 Then she conceived again and bore a son. She said, “Now this time will my husband be attached to me, because I have borne him three sons.” Therefore, his name was called Levi.
Gen 29:35 She conceived again and bore a son. She said, “This time I will praise Yehowah!” Therefore, she called his name Judah (Yehudah); then she stopped having children.

Genesis Chapter 30

Gen 30:1 When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister. She begged Jacob, “Give me children, or I will die.”
Gen 30:2 Jacob’s anger burned against Rachel. He asked, “Am I in the place of the Almighty, who has kept you from having children?”
Gen 30:3 She answered, “See, there is my servant Bilhah. Have sex with her, so she might give birth to children on my knees, and I will have children by her.”
Gen 30:4 So she gave him her servant Bilhah as a wife, and Jacob made love with her.
Gen 30:5 Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son.
Gen 30:6 Then Rachel said, “The Almighty has judged in my favor. He has listened to my prayer and given me a son.” For this reason she called his name Dan.
Gen 30:7 Bilhah, Rachel’s servant, conceived again and bore Jacob a second son.
Gen 30:8 Rachel said, “With mighty wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister and have prevailed.” She called his name Naphtali.
Gen 30:9 When Leah saw that she had stopped having children, she took Zilpah, her servant, and gave her to Jacob as a wife.
Gen 30:10 Zilpah, Leah’s servant, bore Jacob a son.
Gen 30:11 Leah said, “This is fortunate!” so she called his name Gad.
Gen 30:12 Then Zilpah, Leah’s servant, bore Jacob a second son.
Gen 30:13 Leah said, “I am happy! For the daughters will call me happy.” So she called his name Asher.
Gen 30:14 Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest and found mandrakes in the field. He brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel requested of Leah, “Give me some of your son’s mandrakes.”
Gen 30:15 Leah asked her, “Is it a small matter to you, that you have taken away my husband? Do you now want to take away my son’s mandrakes, too?” Rachel answered, “Then he will make love to you tonight, in exchange for your son’s mandrakes.”
Gen 30:16 Jacob came from the field at dusk. Leah went out to meet him and said, “You must make love to me tonight, for I have hired you with my son’s mandrakes.” So Jacob made love to Leah that night.
Gen 30:17 The Almighty listened to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son.
Gen 30:18 Leah said, “The Almighty has given me my wages, because I gave my servant woman to my husband.” She called his name Issachar.
Gen 30:19 Leah conceived again and bore a sixth son to Jacob.

Gen 30:20 Leah said, “The Almighty has given me a good gift. Now my husband will honor me, because I have borne him six sons.” She called his name Zebulun.
Gen 30:21 Afterwards she bore a daughter and called her name Dinah.
Gen 30:22 The Almighty called Rachel to mind and listened to her. He caused her to become pregnant.
Gen 30:23 She conceived and bore a son. She said, “The Almighty has taken away my shame.”
Gen 30:24 She called his name Joseph, saying, “Yehowah has added to me another son” (c. 1914 BC).
Gen 30:25 After Rachel had borne Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, “Send me away, so that I may go to my own home and to my country.
Gen 30:26 Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, and let me go, for you know the service I have given you.”
Gen 30:27 Laban said to him, “If now I have found grace in your eyes, wait, because I have learned by using divination that Yehowah has blessed me for your sake.”
Gen 30:28 Then he said, “Name your wages, and I will pay them.”
Gen 30:29 Jacob replied to him, “You know how I have served you, and how your livestock have fared with me.
Gen 30:30 For you had little before I came, and it has increased abundantly. Yehowah has blessed you wherever I worked. Now, when will I provide for my own household also?”
Gen 30:31 So Laban asked, “What will I pay you?” Jacob answered, “You will not give me anything. If you will do this thing for me, I will again feed your flock and keep it.
Gen 30:32 Let me walk through all your flock today, removing from it every speckled and spotted sheep, and every black one among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats. These will be my wages.
Gen 30:33 My integrity will testify for me later on, when you come to check on my wages. Every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and black among the sheep, if any are found with me, will be considered to be stolen.”
Gen 30:34 Laban said, “Agreed. Let it be according to your word.”
Gen 30:35 That day, Laban removed the male goats that were striped and spotted, and all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had white in it, and all the black ones among the sheep, and gave them into the hand of his sons.
Gen 30:36 Laban also put three days journey between himself and Jacob. So Jacob kept tending the rest of Laban’s flocks.

Gen 30:37 Jacob took fresh cut branches of fresh poplar, and of the almond and of the plane tree, and peeled white streaks in them, and made the white inner wood appear that was in the sticks.
Gen 30:38 Then he set the sticks that he had peeled in front of the flocks, in front of the watering troughs where they came to drink. They conceived when they came to drink.
Gen 30:39 The flocks bred in front of the sticks; and the flocks produced striped, speckled, and spotted young.
Gen 30:40 Jacob separated out these lambs, but made the rest of them face toward the striped animals and all the black sheep in the flock of Laban. Then he separated out his flocks for himself alone and did not put them together with Laban's flocks.
Gen 30:41 Whenever the stronger sheep in the flock were breeding, then Jacob would lay the sticks in the watering troughs before the eyes of the flock, so that they might conceive among the sticks.
Gen 30:42 But when the feebler animals in the flock came, he did not put the sticks in front of them. So the feebler animals were Laban's, and the stronger were Jacob's.
Gen 30:43 The man became superabundantly prosperous. He had large flocks, female servants and male servants, and camels and jack donkeys.

Genesis Chapter 31

Gen 31:1 Now Jacob heard the words of Laban's sons, "Jacob has taken away all that was our father's, and it is from our father's possessions that he has gotten all this wealth."
Gen 31:2 Jacob saw the look on Laban's face. He saw that his attitude toward him had changed.
Gen 31:3 Then Yehowah ordered Jacob, "Return to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will be with you."
Gen 31:4 Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field to his flock,
Gen 31:5 and said to them, "I see your father's attitude toward me has changed, but the Mighty One of my father has been with me.
Gen 31:6 You know that it is with all my strength that I have served your father.
Gen 31:7 Your father has deceived me and changed my wages ten times, but the Almighty has not permitted him to hurt me.
Gen 31:8 If he said, 'The speckled animals will be your wages,' then all the flock bore speckled young. If he said, 'The striped will be your wages,' then the whole flock bore striped young.
Gen 31:9 In this way, the Almighty has taken away the livestock of your father and given them to me.
Gen 31:10 Once, at the time of breeding season, I saw in a dream the male goats that were mating with the flock. The male goats were striped, speckled, and spotted.
Gen 31:11 The angel of the Almighty said to me in the dream, 'Jacob.' I answered, 'Here I am.'
Gen 31:12 He said, 'Lift up your eyes and see all the male goats that are breeding with the flock. They are striped, speckled, and spotted, for I have seen everything that Laban is doing to you.
Gen 31:13 I am the Mighty One of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar, where you made a vow to me. Now rise up, leave this land, and return to the land of your birth.'"
Gen 31:14 Rachel and Leah answered him, "Is there any portion or inheritance for us in our father's household?
Gen 31:15 Are we not treated by him as foreigners? For he has sold us and has also completely devoured our money.
Gen 31:16 For all the riches that the Almighty has taken away from our father are now ours and our children's. Now then, whatever the Almighty has said to you, do it."
Gen 31:17 Then Jacob arose and placed his sons and his wives upon the camels.

Gen 31:18 He drove all his livestock ahead of him, along with all his property, including the livestock he had acquired in Paddan Aram. Then he set out to go to his father Isaac in the land of Canaan.
Gen 31:19 When Laban had gone to shear his sheep, Rachel stole her father's household deities.
Gen 31:20 Jacob also deceived Laban the Aramean by not telling him that he was leaving.
Gen 31:21 So he fled with all that he had and quickly passed over the River, and headed toward the hill country of Gilead.
Gen 31:22 On the third day, Laban was told that Jacob had fled.
Gen 31:23 So he took his relatives with him and pursued him for a seven days' journey. He overtook him in the hill country of Gilead.
Gen 31:24 Now the Almighty came to Laban the Aramean in a dream at night, and said to him, "Be careful that you speak to Jacob neither good nor bad."
Gen 31:25 Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the hill country. Laban also camped with his relatives in the hill country of Gilead.
Gen 31:26 Laban said to Jacob, "What have you done, that you deceived me and carried away my daughters like prisoners of war?
Gen 31:27 Why did you flee secretly, trick me, and did not tell me? I would have sent you away with celebration and with songs, with tambourine and with harps.
Gen 31:28 You did not allow me to kiss my grandsons and my daughters good bye. Now you have done foolishly.
Gen 31:29 It is in my power to do you harm, but the Mighty One of your father spoke to me last night, 'Be careful that you speak to Jacob neither good nor bad.'
Gen 31:30 Now you have gone away, because you longed to return to your father's house. But why did you steal my deities?"
Gen 31:31 Jacob answered Laban, "Because I was afraid, and thought that you would take your daughters from me by force; I left secretly.
Gen 31:32 Whoever has stolen your deities will be executed. In the presence of our relatives, identify whatever with me is yours and take it." For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.
Gen 31:33 Laban went into Jacob's tent, into Leah's tent, and into the tent of the two female servants, but he did not find them. He went out of Leah's tent and entered into Rachel's tent.
Gen 31:34 Now Rachel had taken the household deities, put them in a camel's saddle, and sat upon them. Laban searched the whole tent but did not find them.
Gen 31:35 She said to her father, "Do not be angry, my master, that I cannot stand up before you, for I am having my period." So he searched but did not find his household deities.

Gen 31:36 Jacob was angry and argued with Laban. He said to him, “What is my offense? What is my sin, that you have hotly pursued after me?
Gen 31:37 For you have searched all my possessions. What have you found of all your household goods? Set them here before our relatives, so that they may judge between us two.
Gen 31:38 For twenty years I have been with you. Your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried, nor have I eaten any rams from your flocks.
Gen 31:39 What was torn by beasts I did not bring to you. Instead, I bore the loss of it. You always made me pay for every missing animal, whether stolen by day or stolen by night.
Gen 31:40 There I was; in the day, the heat consumed me and the frost by night; and I went without sleep.
Gen 31:41 These twenty years I have been in your household. I worked for you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock (c. 1908 BC). You have changed my wages ten times.
Gen 31:42 Unless the Mighty One of my father, the Mighty One of Abraham, and the One Isaac fears, had been with me, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. The Almighty has seen my oppression and how hard I worked, and he rebuked you last night.”
Gen 31:43 Laban answered Jacob, “The daughters are my daughters, the grandchildren are my grandchildren, and the flocks are my flocks. All that you see is mine. But what can I do today to these my daughters, or to their children whom they have borne?
Gen 31:44 So now, let us make a covenant, you and I, and let it be for a witness between you and me.”
Gen 31:45 So Jacob took a stone and set it up as a pillar.
Gen 31:46 Jacob ordered his relatives, “Gather stones.” So they took stones and made a pile. Then they ate there by the pile.
Gen 31:47 Laban called it Jegar Saha Dutha, but Jacob called it Galeed.
Gen 31:48 Laban said, “This pile is a witness between me and you today.” Therefore, its name was called Galeed.
Gen 31:49 It is also called Mizpah (modern Tell en-Nasbeh), because Laban said, “May Yehowah watch between you and me, when we are out of sight one from another.
Gen 31:50 If you mistreat my daughters, or if you take any wives besides my daughters, although no one else is with us, see, the Almighty is witness between you and me.”
Gen 31:51 Laban said to Jacob, “Look at this pile, and look at the pillar, which I have set between you and me.

Gen 31:52 This pile is a witness, and the pillar is a witness, that I will not pass beyond this pile to you, and that you will not pass beyond this pile and this pillar to me, to do harm.
Gen 31:53 May the Mighty One of Abraham, and the Mighty One of Nahor, the Mighty One of their father (Terah), judge between us." Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac.
Gen 31:54 Jacob offered a sacrifice on the mountain and called his relatives to eat a meal. They ate and spent the entire night on the mountain.
Gen 31:55 At daybreak, Laban rose up, kissed his grandsons and his daughters and blessed them. Then Laban left and returned home.

Genesis Chapter 32

Gen 32:1 Jacob also went on his way, and the angels of the Almighty met him.
Gen 32:2 When Jacob saw them, he said, “This is the camp of the Almighty,” so he called the name of that place Two Camps.
Gen 32:3 Jacob sent messengers on ahead of him to his brother Esau in the land of Seir, in the region of Edom (modern Jordan).
Gen 32:4 He commanded them, “This is what you will say to my master Esau: This is what your servant Jacob says: ‘I have been staying with Laban, and have delayed my return until now.
Gen 32:5 I have oxen, donkeys, and flocks, male servants, and female servants. I have sent this message to my master, so that I may find grace in your sight.’”
Gen 32:6 The messengers returned to Jacob and reported, “We went to your brother Esau. He is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him.”
Gen 32:7 Then Jacob was deathly afraid and upset. So he divided the people who were with him into two camps, and also the flocks, the herds, and the camels.
Gen 32:8 He said, “If Esau comes to one camp and attacks it, then the camp that is left will escape.”
Gen 32:9 Jacob prayed, “The Mighty One of my father Abraham, and the Mighty One of my father Isaac, Yehowah, who ordered me, ‘Return to your country and to your kindred, and I will prosper you,’
Gen 32:10 I am not worthy of all your acts of covenant faithfulness and of all the trustworthiness that you have done for your servant. For with only my trekking pole I passed over this Jordan River, and now I have become two camps.
Gen 32:11 Please rescue me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I am afraid of him, that he will come and attack me and the mothers with the children.
Gen 32:12 But you promised, ‘I will certainly make you prosper. I will make your descendants like the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted for their large number.’”
Gen 32:13 Jacob stayed there that night. He took some of what he had with him as a gift for Esau, his brother:
Gen 32:14 two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams,
Gen 32:15 thirty milking camels and their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty jenny donkeys and ten jack donkeys.
Gen 32:16 These he gave into the hand of his servants, every herd by itself. He ordered his servants, “Go on ahead of me and put a space between each of the herds.”

Gen 32:17 He instructed the first servant, “When Esau my brother meets you and asks you, ‘To whom do you belong? Where are you going? Whose animals are these that are in front of you?’
Gen 32:18 Then you will answer, ‘They are your servant Jacob’s. They are a gift sent to my master Esau. See, he is also coming after us.’”
Gen 32:19 Jacob also gave instructions to the second group, the third, and all the men who followed the herds. He said, “You will say the same thing to Esau when you meet him.
Gen 32:20 You must also say, ‘Your servant Jacob is coming after us.’” For he thought, “I will appease him with the gifts that I am sending ahead of me. Then later, when I will see him, perhaps he will receive me.”
Gen 32:21 So the gifts went on ahead of him. He himself stayed that night in the camp.
Gen 32:22 Jacob rose up during the night, and took his two wives, his two women servants, and his eleven sons. He sent them across the ford of the Jabbok River (modern Yarmuk River).
Gen 32:23 In this way, he sent them across the stream along with all his possessions.
Gen 32:24 Jacob was left alone, and a Man wrestled with him until daybreak.
Gen 32:25 When the Man saw that he could not defeat him, he struck Jacob’s hip. Jacob’s hip was dislocated as he wrestled with him.
Gen 32:26 The Man said, “Let me go, for dawn is breaking.” Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”
Gen 32:27 The Man asked him, “What is your name?” Jacob answered, “Jacob.”
Gen 32:28 The Man said, “Your name will no longer be called Jacob, but Israel. For you have struggled with the Almighty and with men and have prevailed.”
Gen 32:29 Jacob entreated him, “Please tell me your name.” He asked, “Why is it that you ask my name?” Then he blessed him there.
Gen 32:30 Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, for he said, “I have seen the Almighty face to face, and my life is delivered.”
Gen 32:31 The sun rose on Jacob as he passed Peniel. He was limping because of his hip.
Gen 32:32 That is why to this day the people of Israel do not eat the ligaments of the hip, which are at the hip joint, because the Man injured those ligaments while dislocating Jacob’s hip.

Genesis Chapter 33

Gen 33:1 Jacob looked up and behold, Esau was coming, and with him were four hundred men. Jacob divided the children among Leah, Rachel, and the two female servants.
Gen 33:2 Then he put the female servants and their children in front, followed by Leah and her children, and followed by Rachel and Joseph last of all.
Gen 33:3 He himself went on ahead of them. He bowed toward the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.
Gen 33:4 Esau ran to meet him, embraced him, hugged his neck, and kissed him. Then they wept.
Gen 33:5 When Esau looked up, he saw the women and the children. He asked, "Who are these people with you?" Jacob answered, "The children whom the Almighty has graciously given your servant."
Gen 33:6 Then the female servants came forward with their children, and they bowed down.
Gen 33:7 Next, Leah also and her children came forward and bowed down. Finally, Joseph and Rachel came forward and bowed down.
Gen 33:8 Esau asked, "What do you mean by all these groups that I met?" Jacob answered, "To find grace in the sight of my master."
Gen 33:9 Esau said, "I have enough, my brother. Keep what you have for yourself."
Gen 33:10 Jacob replied, "No, please, if I have found grace in your sight, then accept my gift from my hand, for indeed, I have seen your face, and it is like seeing the face of the Almighty, and you have accepted me.
Gen 33:11 Please accept my gift that was brought to you, because the Almighty has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough." Thus Jacob urged him, and Esau accepted it.
Gen 33:12 Then Esau said, "Let us be on our way. I will go before you."
Gen 33:13 Jacob responded to him, "My master knows that the children are young, and that the sheep and the cattle are nursing their young. If they are driven hard even one day, all the animals will die.
Gen 33:14 Please let my master go on ahead of his servant. I will travel more slowly, at the pace of the livestock that are before me, and at the pace of the children, until I come to my master in Seir."
Gen 33:15 Esau suggested, "Let me leave with you some of my men who are with me." But Jacob replied, "Why do that? My master has already been kind enough to me."
Gen 33:16 So Esau that day started on his way back to Seir.

Gen 33:17 Jacob traveled to Succoth, built himself a house, and made shelters for his livestock. Therefore, the name of the place is called Succoth.
Gen 33:18 When Jacob came from Paddan Aram, he arrived safely at the friendly city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan. He camped near the city.
Gen 33:19 Then he bought the piece of ground where he had pitched his tent from the sons of Hamor, Shechem's father, for 100-weight silver-currency.
Gen 33:20 There he set up an altar and called out, "Almighty Mighty One of Israel!"

Genesis Chapter 34

Gen 34:1 Now Dinah, Leah's daughter whom she bore to Jacob, went out to meet the young women of the land.
Gen 34:2 Shechem son of Hamor the Hivite, the prince of the land saw her, and he grabbed her, assaulted her, and raped her.
Gen 34:3 He was drawn to Dinah, the daughter of Jacob. He loved the young woman and spoke tenderly to her.
Gen 34:4 Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, "Get this young woman for me as a wife."
Gen 34:5 Now Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter. His sons were with his livestock in the field, so Jacob held his peace until they came.
Gen 34:6 Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him.
Gen 34:7 The sons of Jacob came in from the field when they heard of the matter. The men were offended. They were extremely angry, because he had disgraced Israel by forcing himself on Jacob's daughter, for such a thing should not have been done.
Gen 34:8 Hamor spoke with them, "My son Shechem loves your daughter. Please give her to him as a wife.
Gen 34:9 Intermarry with us, give your daughters to us, and take our daughters for yourselves.
Gen 34:10 You will live with us, and the land will be open to you to live and trade in, and to acquire property."
Gen 34:11 Shechem said to her father and to her brothers, "Let me find grace in your eyes, and whatever you tell me I will give.
Gen 34:12 Ask me for as great a bride price and gift as you will, and I will give whatever you say to me, but give me the young woman as a wife."
Gen 34:13 The sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father with deceit, because Shechem had defiled Dinah their sister.
Gen 34:14 They responded to them, "We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to anyone who is uncircumcised; for that would be a disgrace to us.
Gen 34:15 Only on this condition will we agree with you: If you will become circumcised as we are, if every male among you is circumcised.
Gen 34:16 Then will we give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters to ourselves, and we will live with you and become one people.
Gen 34:17 But if you do not listen to us and become circumcised, then we will take our sister, and we will leave."
Gen 34:18 Their words pleased Hamor and his son Shechem.

Gen 34:19 The young man did not delay to do what they said, because he delighted in Jacob's daughter, and because he was the most honored person in all his father's household.
Gen 34:20 Hamor and Shechem his son went to the gate of their city and spoke with the men of their city,
Gen 34:21 "These men are at peace with us, so let them live in the land and trade in it, for really, the land is large enough for them. Let us take their daughters as wives, and let us give them our daughters.
Gen 34:22 Only on this condition will the men agree to live with us and become one people: If every male among us is circumcised, as they are circumcised.
Gen 34:23 Will not their livestock and their property, all their animals, be ours? So let us agree with them, and they will live among us."
Gen 34:24 All the men of the city listened to Hamor and Shechem, his son. Every male was circumcised.
Gen 34:25 On the third day, when they were still in pain, two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, each took his sword, and they attacked the city that was certain of its security, and they murdered all the males.
Gen 34:26 They murdered Hamor and his son Shechem with the edge of the sword. They took Dinah from Shechem's house and went away.
Gen 34:27 The other sons of Jacob came to the homicide victims and looted the city, because the people had defiled their sister.
Gen 34:28 They took their flocks, their herds, their donkeys, and everything in the city and in the surrounding fields,
Gen 34:29 with all their wealth. All their children and their wives, they captured. They even took everything that was in the houses.
Gen 34:30 Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have brought trouble on me, to make me stink to the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites and the Perizzites. I am few in number. If they gather themselves together against me and attack me, then I will be destroyed, I and my household."
Gen 34:31 But Simeon and Levi asked, "Should Shechem have dealt with our sister as with a prostitute?"

Genesis Chapter 35

Gen 35:1 The Almighty ordered Jacob, “Arise, go up to Bethel and stay there. Build an altar there to the Almighty, who appeared to you when you fled from Esau your brother.”
Gen 35:2 Then Jacob ordered his household and all who were with him, “Put away the foreign deities that are among you, purify yourselves, and change your clothes.
Gen 35:3 Then let us depart and go up to Bethel. I will build an altar there to the Almighty, who answered me in the day of my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone.”
Gen 35:4 So they gave to Jacob all the foreign deities that were in their hand, and the rings that were in their ears. Jacob buried them under the oak that was near Shechem.
Gen 35:5 As they traveled, the Almighty made panic to fall on the cities that were around them, so those people did not pursue the sons of Jacob.
Gen 35:6 So Jacob arrived at Luz, that is, Bethel, which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him.
Gen 35:7 He built an altar there and called the place Bethel (LXX), because there the Almighty had revealed himself to him, when he was fleeing from his brother.
Gen 35:8 Deborah, Rebekah’s nurse, died. She was buried down from Bethel under the oak tree, so it was called Allon Bacuth.
Gen 35:9 When Jacob came from Paddan Aram, the Almighty appeared to him again and blessed him.
Gen 35:10 The Almighty said to him, “Your name is Jacob, but your name will no longer be called Jacob. Your name will be Israel.” So he called his name Israel.
Gen 35:11 The Almighty promised him, “I am the Most Powerful Sovereign. Be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a coalition of ethnicities will come from you, and kings will be among your descendants.
Gen 35:12 The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac, I will give to you. To your descendants after you, I also give the land.”
Gen 35:13 The Almighty went up from him in the place where he spoke with him.
Gen 35:14 Jacob set up a pillar in the place where Yehowah had spoken to him, a stone pillar. He poured out a drink offering over it and poured oil on it.
Gen 35:15 Jacob called the name of the place where the Almighty spoke with him, Bethel.
Gen 35:16 They journeyed on from Bethel. While they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel went into labor. She had hard labor.
Gen 35:17 While she was in hardest labor, the midwife said to her, “Do not be afraid, for now you will have another son.”

Gen 35:18 As she was dying, with her dying breath she named him Benoni, but his father called him Benjamin.
Gen 35:19 Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath, that is, Bethlehem.
Gen 35:20 Jacob set up a pillar upon her grave. It is the marker of Rachel's grave to this day.
Gen 35:21 Israel traveled on and pitched his tent beyond the tower of the flock.
Gen 35:22 While Israel was living in that land, Reuben had sex with Bilhah his father's concubine, and Israel heard of it. Now Jacob had twelve sons.
Gen 35:23 His sons by Leah were Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun.
Gen 35:24 His sons by Rachel were Joseph and Benjamin.
Gen 35:25 His sons by Bilhah, Rachel's female servant, were Dan and Naphtali.
Gen 35:26 The sons of Zilpah, Leah's female servant, were Gad and Asher. All these were the sons of Jacob who were born to him in Paddan Aram.
Gen 35:27 Jacob came to Isaac, his father, in Mamre in Kiriath Arba, the same as Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac had lived.
Gen 35:28 Isaac lived for one hundred eighty years.
Gen 35:29 Isaac breathed his last and died (c. 1885 BC), and was gathered to his ancestors, an old man full of days. Esau and Jacob, his sons, buried him.

Genesis Chapter 36

Gen 36:1 These were the descendants of Esau, also called Edom.
Gen 36:2 Esau took his wives from the Canaanites. These were his wives: Adah the daughter of Elon the Hethite; Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, the granddaughter of Zibeon the Hivite;
Gen 36:3 and Basemath, Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebaioth.
Gen 36:4 Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau, and Basemath bore Reuel.
Gen 36:5 Oholibamah bore Jeush, Jalam, and Korah. These were the sons of Esau who were born to him in the land of Canaan.
Gen 36:6 Esau took his wives, his sons, his daughters, and all the members of his household, his livestock, all his animals, and all his possessions, which he had gathered in the land of Canaan, and went into a land away from his brother Jacob.
Gen 36:7 He did this, because their possessions were too many for them to stay together. The land where they had settled could not support them because of their livestock.
Gen 36:8 So Esau, also known as Edom, settled in the hill country of Seir.
Gen 36:9 These were the descendants of Esau, the ancestor of the Edomites in the hill country of Seir.
Gen 36:10 These were the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz son of Adah, the wife of Esau; Reuel son of Basemath, the wife of Esau.
Gen 36:11 The sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, and Kenaz.
Gen 36:12 Timna, a concubine of Eliphaz, Esau's son, bore Amalek. These were the grandsons of Adah, Esau's wife.
Gen 36:13 These were the sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. These were the grandsons of Basemath, Esau's wife.
Gen 36:14 These were the sons of Oholibamah, Esau's wife, who was the daughter of Anah and the granddaughter of Zibeon. She bore to Esau Jeush, Jalam, and Korah.
Gen 36:15 These were the clans among Esau's descendants: the descendants of Eliphaz, the firstborn of Esau: Chief Teman, Chief Omar, Chief Zepho, Chief Kenaz,
Gen 36:16 Chief Korah, Chief Gatam, and Chief Amalek. These were the chiefs descended from Eliphaz in the land of Edom. They were the grandsons of Adah.
Gen 36:17 These were the chiefs from Reuel, Esau's son: Chief Nahath, Chief Zerah, Chief Shammah, Chief Mizzah. These were the chiefs descended from Reuel in the land of Edom. They were the grandsons of Basemath, Esau's wife.

Gen 36:18 These were the chiefs of Oholibamah, Esau's wife: Chief Jeush, Chief Jalam, Chief Korah. These are the chiefs that descended from Esau's wife Oholibamah, daughter of Anah.
Gen 36:19 These were the sons of Esau, and these are their chiefs.
Gen 36:20 These were the sons of Seir the Horite, the inhabitants of the land: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah,
Gen 36:21 Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. These were the chiefs of the Horites, the inhabitants of Seir in the land of Edom.
Gen 36:22 The sons of Lotan were Hori and Heman, and Timna was Lotan's sister.
Gen 36:23 These were the sons of Shobal: Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho, and Onam.
Gen 36:24 These were the sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah. This is Anah who found the hot springs in the wilderness, as he was pasturing jack donkeys of Zibeon his father.
Gen 36:25 These were the children of Anah: Dishon and Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah.
Gen 36:26 These were the sons of Dishon: Hemdan, Eshban, Ithran, and Keran.
Gen 36:27 These were the sons of Ezer: Bilhan, Zaavan, and Akan.
Gen 36:28 These were the sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.
Gen 36:29 These were the chiefs of the Horites: Chief Lotan, Chief Shobal, Chief Zibeon, and Chief Anah,
Gen 36:30 Chief Dishon, Chief Ezer, Chief Dishan: These were chiefs of the Horites, according to their clan lists in the land of Seir.
Gen 36:31 These were the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the Israelis:
Gen 36:32 Bela son of Beor, reigned in Edom, and the name of his city was Dinhabah.
Gen 36:33 When Bela died, then Jobab son of Zerah of Bozrah, reigned in his place.
Gen 36:34 When Jobab died, Husham who was of the land of the Temanites, reigned in his place.
Gen 36:35 When Husham died, Hadad son of Bedad, who defeated the Midianites in the land of Moab (modern Jordan), reigned in his place. The name of his city was Avith.
Gen 36:36 When Hadad died, then Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place.
Gen 36:37 When Samlah died, then Shaul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his place.
Gen 36:38 When Shaul died, then Baal Hanan son of Achbor reigned in his place.
Gen 36:39 When Baal Hanan son of Achbor died, then Hadar reigned in his place. The name of his city was Pau. His wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the granddaughter of Me Zahab.

Gen 36:40 These were the names of the chiefs from Esau's descendants, according to their clans and their regions, by their names: Chief Timna, Chief Alvah, Chief Jetheth,
Gen 36:41 Chief Oholibamah, Chief Elah, Chief Pinon,
Gen 36:42 Chief Kenaz, Chief Teman, Chief Mibzar,
Gen 36:43 Chief Magdiel, and Chief Iram. These were the clan heads of Edom, according to their settlements in the land they possessed. This was Esau, the father of the Edomites.

Genesis Chapter 37

Gen 37:1 Jacob lived in the land where his father was staying, in the land of Canaan.
Gen 37:2 These were the events concerning Jacob. Joseph, who was a young man seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers. He was with the sons of Bilhah and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives. Joseph brought an unfavorable report about them to their father (c. 1897 BC).
Gen 37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he was the son of his old age. He made him an ankle-length long-sleeved garment.
Gen 37:4 His brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers. They hated him and would not speak cordially to him.
Gen 37:5 Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told his brothers about it. They hated him even more.
Gen 37:6 He explained to them, "Please listen to this dream which I dreamed:
Gen 37:7 Behold, we were tying bundles of grain in the field and behold, my bundle rose and stood upright, and behold, your bundles came around and bowed down to my bundle."
Gen 37:8 His brothers asked him, "Will you really reign over us? Will you actually rule over us?" They hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.
Gen 37:9 He dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers. He explained, "Look, I have dreamed another dream: The sun, the moon, and eleven stars bowed down to me."
Gen 37:10 He told it to his father just as to his brothers, and his father rebuked him. He asked him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come to bow down to the ground to you?"
Gen 37:11 His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.
Gen 37:12 His brothers went to tend their father's flock in Shechem.
Gen 37:13 Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers tending the flock in Shechem? Come, and I will send you to them." Joseph responded to him, "I am ready."
Gen 37:14 He ordered him, "Go now, see whether it is well with your brothers and well with the flock, and bring me word." So Jacob sent him out of the Valley of Hebron, and Joseph went to Shechem.
Gen 37:15 A certain man found Joseph. Behold, Joseph was wandering in a field. The man asked him, "What do you seek?"
Gen 37:16 Joseph answered, "I am seeking my brothers. Tell me, please, where they are tending the flock."

Gen 37:17 The man replied, “They left this place, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.
Gen 37:18 They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they plotted against him to kill him.
Gen 37:19 His brothers said to one another, “Look, this master dreamer is approaching.
Gen 37:20 Come now, therefore, let us murder him and cast him into one of the pits. We will say, ‘A wild animal has devoured him.’ We will see what will become of his dreams.”
Gen 37:21 Reuben heard it and rescued him from their hand. He said, “Let us not take his life.”
Gen 37:22 Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood. Throw him into this pit that is in the wilderness but lay no hand upon him,” that he might rescue him out of their hand to bring him back to his father.
Gen 37:23 It came about that when Joseph reached his brothers, they stripped him of his beautiful garment.
Gen 37:24 They took him and threw him into the pit. The pit was empty with no water in it.
Gen 37:25 They sat down to eat bread. They lifted up their eyes and looked, and behold, a caravan of Ishmaelites was coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing spices, balm, and myrrh. They were traveling to carry them down to Egypt.
Gen 37:26 Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we murder our brother and cover up his blood?
Gen 37:27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands upon him. For he is our brother, our flesh.” His brothers listened to him.
Gen 37:28 The Midianite merchants passed by. They drew Joseph up and lifted him up out of the pit. They sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty silver pieces. The Ishmaelites carried Joseph into Egypt.
Gen 37:29 Reuben returned to the pit, and behold, Joseph was not in the pit. He tore his clothes.
Gen 37:30 He returned to his brothers and exclaimed, “The boy is not there! And I, where can I go?”
Gen 37:31 They slaughtered a goat and then took Joseph’s garment and dipped it into the blood.
Gen 37:32 Then they brought it to their father and said, “We found this. Please see whether it is your son’s clothing or not.”
Gen 37:33 Jacob recognized it and said, “It is my son’s clothing. A wild animal has devoured him. Joseph has certainly been torn to pieces!”
Gen 37:34 Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth upon his loins. He mourned for his son many days.

Gen 37:35 All his sons and daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. He said, “Indeed, I will go down to the place of the dead mourning for my son.” His father wept for him.
Gen 37:36 The Midianites sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the bodyguard.

Genesis Chapter 38

Gen 38:1 It came about in those days that Judah left his brothers and stayed with a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah.
Gen 38:2 He met there a daughter of a Canaanite man whose name was Shua. He married her and made love to her.
Gen 38:3 She became pregnant and had a son. He was named Er.
Gen 38:4 She became pregnant again and had a son. She called his name Onan.
Gen 38:5 She again had a son and called his name Shelah. It was at Chezib where she gave birth to him.
Gen 38:6 Judah found a wife for Er, his firstborn. Her name was Tamar.
Gen 38:7 Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of Yehowah. Yehowah killed him.
Gen 38:8 Judah said to Onan, "Marry and make love to your brother's wife. Do the duty of a brother-in-law to her, and raise up a child for your brother" (Levirate marriage).
Gen 38:9 Onan knew that the child would not be his. Whenever he had sex with his brother's wife, he spilled the semen on the ground, so he would not have a child for his brother.
Gen 38:10 What he did was evil in the sight of Yehowah. Yehowah killed him also.
Gen 38:11 Then Judah said to Tamar, his daughter-in-law, "Remain a widow in your father's house until Shelah, my son, grows up." For he feared, "He might also die, just like his brothers." Tamar left and lived in her father's house.
Gen 38:12 After a long time, Shua's daughter, the wife of Judah, died. Judah was comforted and went up to his sheepshearers at Timnah, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.
Gen 38:13 Tamar was told, "Look, your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep."
Gen 38:14 She took off the clothing of her widowhood and covered herself with her veil and wrapped herself. She sat in the gate of Enaim, which is by the road to Timnah. For she saw that Shelah had grown up, but she had not been given to him as a wife.
Gen 38:15 When Judah saw her, he thought that she was a prostitute, because she had covered her face.
Gen 38:16 He went to her by the road and requested, "Come, please let me have sex with you," for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law, and she asked, "What will you give me, so you may have sex with me?"
Gen 38:17 He offered, "I will send you a young goat from the flock." She asked, "Will you give me a pledge, until you send it?"

Gen 38:18 He asked, “What pledge can I give you?” She answered, “Your seal and cord, and the trekking pole that is in your hand.” He gave them to her and had sex with her, and she became pregnant by him.
Gen 38:19 She rose up and went away. She took off her veil and put on the clothing of her widowhood.
Gen 38:20 Judah sent the young goat from the flock with his friend the Adullamite to receive the pledge from the woman’s hand, but he did not find her.
Gen 38:21 Then the Adullamite asked the men of the place, “Where is the cultic prostitute who was at Enaim by the road?” They answered, “There has not been a cultic prostitute here.”
Gen 38:22 He returned to Judah and reported, “I did not find her. Also, the men of the place said, ‘There has not been a cultic prostitute here.’”
Gen 38:23 Judah replied, “Let her keep the things, that we not be put to shame. Indeed, I sent this young goat, but you did not find her.”
Gen 38:24 It came about after about three months that it was told to Judah, “Tamar your daughter-in-law has committed prostitution, and indeed, she is pregnant by it.” Judah ordered, “Bring her here, and let her be executed by burning.”
Gen 38:25 When she was brought out, she sent to her father-in-law a message, “By the man who owns these I am pregnant.” She said, “Determine please whose these are, the seal, cords, and trekking pole.”
Gen 38:26 Judah recognized them and responded, “She is more righteous than I am, since I did not give her as a wife to Shelah, my son.” He did not have sex with her again.
Gen 38:27 It came about at the time for her to give birth, that behold, twins were in her womb.
Gen 38:28 It came about as she was giving birth, one put out a hand, and the midwife took a scarlet thread and tied it on his hand and announced, “This one came out first.”
Gen 38:29 But then he drew back his hand, and behold, his brother came out first. The midwife exclaimed, “How you have broken out!” So he was named Perez.
Gen 38:30 Then his brother came out, who had the scarlet thread upon his hand, and he was named Zerah.

Genesis Chapter 39

Gen 39:1 Joseph was brought down to Egypt. Potiphar, an official of Pharaoh, who was captain of the bodyguard and an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites, who had brought him down there.
Gen 39:2 Yehowah was with Joseph, so he became a successful man. He lived in the house of his Egyptian master.
Gen 39:3 His master saw that Yehowah was with him, and that Yehowah prospered everything that he did.
Gen 39:4 Joseph found grace in his sight. He served Potiphar. Potiphar made Joseph manager over his household, and everything that he possessed, he put under his care.
Gen 39:5 It came about from the time that he made him manager over his household and over everything he possessed, that Yehowah blessed the Egyptian's household because of Joseph. The blessing of Yehowah was on everything that Potiphar had in the house and in the field.
Gen 39:6 Potiphar put everything that he had under Joseph's care. He did not have to think about anything except the food that he ate. Now Joseph was a handsome bodybuilder.
Gen 39:7 It came about after this, that his master's wife lusted for Joseph. She said, "Have sex with me."
Gen 39:8 But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not pay attention to what I do in the house, and he has put everything that he owns under my care.
Gen 39:9 No one is greater in this household than I am. He has not kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against the Almighty?"
Gen 39:10 She spoke to Joseph day after day, but he refused to have sex with her or to be with her.
Gen 39:11 It came about one day, that Joseph went into the house to do his work. None of the men of the household were there in the house.
Gen 39:12 She caught him by his clothes and demanded, "Have sex with me." He left his clothing in her hand, fled, and went outside.
Gen 39:13 It came about, when she saw that he had left his clothing in her hand and had fled outside,
Gen 39:14 that she called to the men of her household and told them, "See, Potiphar has brought in a male Hebrew to mock us. He came in to me to have sex with me, and I screamed.
Gen 39:15 It came about when he heard me scream, that he left his clothing with me, fled, and went outside."

Gen 39:16 She set his clothing next to her, until his master came home.
Gen 39:17 She told him this explanation, “The Hebrew servant whom you brought to us, came in to mock me.
Gen 39:18 It came about that when I screamed, he left his clothing with me and fled outside.”
Gen 39:19 It came about that, when his master heard the explanation his wife told him, “This is what your servant did to me,” he became extremely angry.
Gen 39:20 Joseph’s master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined. He was there in the prison.
Gen 39:21 But Yehowah was with Joseph and showed covenant faithfulness to him. He gave him grace in the sight of the prison warden.
Gen 39:22 The prison warden gave into Joseph’s hand all the prisoners who were in the prison. Whatever they did there, Joseph was in charge of it.
Gen 39:23 The prison warden did not worry about anything that was in his hand, because Yehowah was with him. Whatever he did, Yehowah prospered.

Genesis Chapter 40

Gen 40:1 It came about that after these things, the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and the king's baker offended their master, the king of Egypt.
Gen 40:2 Pharaoh was angry with his two officials, the chief of the cupbearers and the chief of the bakers.
Gen 40:3 He put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the same prison where Joseph was confined.
Gen 40:4 The captain of the guard assigned Joseph to be their servant. They remained in custody for some time.
Gen 40:5 Both of them dreamed a dream, the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt who were confined in the prison, each man had his own dream in the same night, and each dream had its own interpretation.
Gen 40:6 Joseph came to them at dawn and saw them. Behold, they were sad.
Gen 40:7 He asked Pharaoh's officials who were with him in custody in his master's house, "Why do you look so sad today?"
Gen 40:8 They answered him, "We have both dreamed a dream, and no one can interpret it." Joseph asked them, "Do not interpretations belong to the Almighty? Tell me, please."
Gen 40:9 The chief of the cupbearers told his dream to Joseph, "In my dream, behold, a vine was in front of me.
Gen 40:10 In the vine were three branches. As it budded, its blossoms came out and the clusters of grapes ripened.
Gen 40:11 Pharaoh's cup was in my hand. I took the grapes and squeezed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I placed the cup into Pharaoh's hand."
Gen 40:12 Joseph said to him, "This is the interpretation of it. The three branches are three days.
Gen 40:13 Within three days, Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office. You will put Pharaoh's cup into his hand, just as when you were his cupbearer.
Gen 40:14 But think of me when it goes well with you, and please show kindness to me. Mention me to Pharaoh and bring me out of this prison.
Gen 40:15 In fact I was abducted out of the land of the Hebrews. Here also have I done nothing that they should put me in this dungeon."
Gen 40:16 When the chief of the bakers saw that the interpretation was favorable, he said to Joseph, "I also had a dream, and behold, three baskets of bread were on my head.
Gen 40:17 In the top basket there were all kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh, but the birds ate them out of the basket on my head."
Gen 40:18 Joseph answered, "This is the interpretation. The three baskets are

three days.
Gen 40:19 Within three days, Pharaoh will lift up your head from you and will hang you on a tree. The birds will eat your flesh off you."
Gen 40:20 It came about on the third day that it was Pharaoh's birthday. He made a feast for all his servants. He "lifted up" the head of the chief of the cupbearers and the head of the chief of the bakers, among his servants.
Gen 40:21 He restored the chief of the cupbearers to his responsibility, and he put the cup into Pharaoh's hand again.
Gen 40:22 But he hanged the chief of the bakers, just as Joseph had interpreted to them.
Gen 40:23 Yet the chief of the cupbearers did not remember to help Joseph. Instead, he forgot about him.

Genesis Chapter 41

Gen 41:1 It came about at the end of two full years that Pharaoh had a dream. Behold, he stood by the Nile River.
Gen 41:2 Behold, seven cows came up out of the Nile, desirable and fat, and they grazed in the reeds.
Gen 41:3 Behold, seven other cows came up after them out of the Nile, undesirable and thin. They stood by the other cows on the bank of the River.
Gen 41:4 Then the undesirable and thin cows ate the seven desirable and fat cows. Then Pharaoh woke up.
Gen 41:5 Then he slept and dreamed a second time. Behold, seven heads of grain came up on one stalk, wholesome and good.
Gen 41:6 Behold, seven heads, thin and scorched by the east wind, sprouted up after them.
Gen 41:7 The thin heads swallowed up the seven wholesome and full heads. Pharaoh woke up, and behold, it was a dream.
Gen 41:8 It came about at dawn that his spirit was troubled. He sent and called for all the magicians and wise men of Egypt. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was no one who could interpret them to Pharaoh.
Gen 41:9 Then the chief cupbearer confessed to Pharaoh, “Today, I am thinking about my offenses.
Gen 41:10 Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, the chief baker and me.
Gen 41:11 We dreamed a dream the same night, he and I. We dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream.
Gen 41:12 There was with us there a young Hebrew man, a servant of the captain of the bodyguard. We told him, and he interpreted for us our dreams. He interpreted for each of us according to his dream.
Gen 41:13 It came about as he interpreted for us, so it happened. Pharaoh restored me to my post, but the other one he hanged.”
Gen 41:14 Then Pharaoh sent and called for Joseph. They quickly took him out of the dungeon. He shaved himself, changed his clothes, and came in to Pharaoh.
Gen 41:15 Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I had a dream, but there is no interpreter for it. But I have heard about you, that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.”
Gen 41:16 Joseph answered Pharaoh, “It is not in me. The Almighty will answer Pharaoh with favor.”
Gen 41:17 Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, “In my dream, behold, I stood on the bank of the Nile River.

Gen 41:18 Behold, seven cows came up out of the Nile, fat and desirable, and they grazed among the reeds.
Gen 41:19 Behold, seven other cows came up after them, weak, extremely undesirable, and thin. I never saw in all the land of Egypt such undesirableness like them.
Gen 41:20 The thin and undesirable cows ate up the first seven fat cows.
Gen 41:21 When they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them, for they were still as undesirable as before. Then I awoke.
Gen 41:22 I looked in my dream, and behold, seven heads came up upon one stalk, full and good.
Gen 41:23 Behold, seven more heads, withered, thin and scorched by the east wind, sprang up after them.
Gen 41:24 The thin heads swallowed up the seven good heads. I told these dreams to the magicians, but there was none that could explain it to me."
Gen 41:25 Joseph interpreted to Pharaoh, "The dreams of Pharaoh are the same. What the Almighty is about to do, he has declared to Pharaoh.
Gen 41:26 The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good heads are seven years. The dreams are the same.
Gen 41:27 The seven thin and undesirable cows that came up after them are seven years, and also the seven thin heads scorched by the east wind will be seven years of famine.
Gen 41:28 That is the thing which I spoke to Pharaoh. What the Almighty is about to do, he has revealed to Pharaoh.
Gen 41:29 Look, seven years of great abundance will come throughout all the land of Egypt.
Gen 41:30 Seven years of famine will come after them, and all the abundance will be forgotten in the land of Egypt, and the famine will devastate the land.
Gen 41:31 The abundance will not be remembered in the land, because of the famine that will follow, for it will be extremely severe.
Gen 41:32 That the dream was repeated to Pharaoh is because the matter has been established by the Almighty, and the Almighty will soon do it.
Gen 41:33 Now let Pharaoh look for a man discerning and wise, and put him over the land of Egypt.
Gen 41:34 Let Pharaoh do this: Let him appoint overseers over the land. Let them take a fifth of the crops of Egypt in the seven abundant years.
Gen 41:35 Let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh, for food to be used in the cities. They should preserve it.
Gen 41:36 The food will be a supply for the land for the seven years of famine which will be in the land of Egypt. In this way, the land will not be devastated by the famine."

Gen 41:37 This advice was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants.
Gen 41:38 Pharaoh asked his servants, “Can we find such a man as this, in whom is the Ruach of the Almighty?”
Gen 41:39 So Pharaoh told Joseph, “Since the Almighty has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you.
Gen 41:40 You will be over my household, and according to your word will all my people be ruled. Only in the throne will I be greater than you.”
Gen 41:41 Pharaoh promoted Joseph, “See, I have put you over all the land of Egypt.”
Gen 41:42 Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his hand and put it upon Joseph’s hand. He clothed him with clothes of fine linen and put a gold chain on his neck.
Gen 41:43 He had him ride in the second chariot which he possessed. Men shouted before him, “Bend the knee!” Pharaoh put him over all the land of Egypt (Phil. 2:10).
Gen 41:44 Pharaoh declared to Joseph, “I am Pharaoh, and apart from you, no man will lift his hand or his foot in all the land of Egypt.”
Gen 41:45 Pharaoh called Joseph’s name “Zaphenath Paneah.” He gave him Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On (Heliopolis), as a wife. Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.
Gen 41:46 Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh, king of Egypt (c. 1884 BC). Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.
Gen 41:47 In the seven bountiful years the land produced abundantly.
Gen 41:48 He gathered up all the food of the seven years that was in the land of Egypt and put the food in the cities. He put into each city the food from the fields that surrounded it.
Gen 41:49 Joseph stored up grain like the sand of the sea, so much that he stopped counting, because it was beyond counting.
Gen 41:50 Joseph had two sons before the years of famine came, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, bore to him.
Gen 41:51 Joseph called the name of his firstborn, Manasseh, for he said, “The Almighty has made me forget all my trouble and all my father’s household.”
Gen 41:52 He called the name of his second son, Ephraim, for he said, “The Almighty has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction.”
Gen 41:53 The seven years of abundance that was in the land of Egypt came to an end.
Gen 41:54 The seven years of famine began, as Joseph had prophesied. There was famine in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was food.

Gen 41:55 When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people loudly called on Pharaoh for food. Pharaoh commanded all the Egyptians, “Go to Joseph and do what he says.”
Gen 41:56 The famine was over all the face of the whole land. Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians. The famine was severe in the land of Egypt.
Gen 41:57 All the earth was coming to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe in all the earth.

Genesis Chapter 42

Gen 42:1 Now Jacob became aware that there was grain in Egypt. He asked his sons, “Why do you look at one another?”
Gen 42:2 He ordered, “See here, I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy for us from there, so we may live and not die.”
Gen 42:3 Joseph’s ten brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt.
Gen 42:4 But Benjamin, Joseph’s brother, Jacob did not send with his brothers, for he feared that harm might come to him.
Gen 42:5 The sons of Israel came to buy among those who came, for the famine was in the land of Canaan.
Gen 42:6 Now Joseph was the governor over the land. He was the one who sold to all the people of the land. Joseph’s brothers came and bowed down to him with their faces to the ground.
Gen 42:7 Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he disguised himself to them and spoke harshly with them. He asked them, “Where have you come from?” They answered, “From the land of Canaan to buy food.”
Gen 42:8 Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him.
Gen 42:9 Joseph remembered the dreams that he had had about them. He accused them, “You are spies. You came to see the undefended parts of the land.”
Gen 42:10 They responded to him, “No, my master. Your servants have come to buy food.
Gen 42:11 We are all one man’s sons. We are honest men. Your servants are not spies.”
Gen 42:12 He accused them, “No, you have come to see the undefended parts of the land.”
Gen 42:13 They explained, “We your servants are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan. See, the youngest is this day with our father, and one brother is no longer alive.”
Gen 42:14 Joseph accused them, “It is what I said to you; you are spies.
Gen 42:15 By this you will be tested. By the life of Pharaoh, you will not leave here, unless your youngest brother comes here.
Gen 42:16 Send one of yourselves and let him get your brother. You will remain in prison, that your words may be tested, whether there is truth in you. Or else, by the life of Pharaoh, truly, you are spies!”
Gen 42:17 He put them all in custody for three days.
Gen 42:18 Joseph commanded them on the third day, “Do this and live, for I fear the Almighty.

Gen 42:19 If you are honest men, let one of your brothers be confined in this prison, but you go, carry grain for the famine of your households.
Gen 42:20 Bring your youngest brother to me, so your words will be verified, and you will not be executed." So they did so.
Gen 42:21 They confessed to one another, "We are truly guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul when he pleaded with us, and we would not listen. Therefore, this distress has come upon us."
Gen 42:22 Reuben answered them, "Did I not tell you, 'Do not sin against the boy,' but you would not listen? Now see, his blood is required of us."
Gen 42:23 They did not know that Joseph understood them, for there was an interpreter between them.
Gen 42:24 He turned from them and wept. He returned to them and spoke to them. He took Simeon from among them and bound him before their eyes.
Gen 42:25 Then Joseph commanded his servants to fill his brothers' bags with grain, and to put every man's money back into his sack, and to give them provisions for the journey. It was done for them.
Gen 42:26 The brothers loaded their donkeys with their grain and departed from there.
Gen 42:27 As one of them opened his sack to give his donkey feed in the lodging place, he saw his silver-currency. Behold, it was in the opening of his sack.
Gen 42:28 He said to his brothers, "My money has been put back. Look at it; it is in my sack." Their hearts sank, and they turned trembling to one another, asking, "What is this that the Almighty has done to us?"
Gen 42:29 They went to Jacob, their father, in the land of Canaan and told him all that had happened to them. They reported,
Gen 42:30 "The man, the lord of the land, spoke roughly with us and thought that we were spies in the land.
Gen 42:31 We explained to him, 'We are honest men. We are not spies.
Gen 42:32 We are twelve brothers, sons of our father. One is no longer alive, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan.'
Gen 42:33 The man, the lord of the land, commanded us, 'By this I will know that you are honest men. Leave one of your brothers with me, take grain for the famine in your households, and go your way.
Gen 42:34 Bring your youngest brother to me. Then I will know that you are not spies, but that you are honest men. Then I will release your brother to you, and you will trade in the land.'"
Gen 42:35 It came about as they emptied their sacks, that behold, every man's bag of silver-currency was in his sack. When they and their father saw their bags of silver-currency, they were afraid.

Gen 42:36 Jacob their father complained to them, “You have bereaved me of my children. Joseph is no longer alive, Simeon is gone, and you will take Benjamin away. All these things are against me.”
Gen 42:37 Reuben spoke to his father, “You may kill my two sons, if I do not bring Benjamin back to you. Put him in my hands, and I will bring him to you again.”
Gen 42:38 Jacob responded, “My son will not go down with you. For his brother is dead, and he alone is left. If harm comes to him on the road in which you go, then you will bring down my gray hair with sorrow to the place of the dead.”

Genesis Chapter 43

Gen 43:1 The famine was severe in the land.
Gen 43:2 It came about when they had eaten the grain that they had brought out of Egypt, their father ordered them, “Go again; buy us some food.”
Gen 43:3 Judah told him, “The man solemnly warned us, ‘You will not see my face unless your brother is with you.’
Gen 43:4 If you send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food.
Gen 43:5 But if you do not send him, we will not go down. For the man warned us, ‘You will not see my face unless your brother is with you.’”
Gen 43:6 Israel asked, “Why did you treat me so badly by telling the man that you had another brother?”
Gen 43:7 They answered, “The man asked details about us and our family. He asked, ‘Is your father still alive? Do you have another brother?’ We answered him according to these questions. How could we have known that he would say, ‘Bring your brother down?’”
Gen 43:8 Judah said to Israel his father, “Send the boy with me. We will rise and go, that we may live and not die, both we, you, and also our children.
Gen 43:9 I will be a guarantee for him. You will hold me responsible. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever.
Gen 43:10 For if we had not delayed, surely by now we would have come back here a second time.”
Gen 43:11 Their father Israel responded to them, “If it be so, now do this: Take some of the best products of the land in your bags. Carry down to the man a gift: some balm and honey, spices and myrrh, pistachio nuts and almonds.
Gen 43:12 Take double money in your hand. The silver-currency that was returned in the opening of your sacks, carry again in your hand. Perhaps it was a mistake.
Gen 43:13 Take also your brother. Rise and go again to the man.
Gen 43:14 May the Most Powerful Sovereign give you mercy before the man, so that he may release to you your other brother and Benjamin. If I am bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.”
Gen 43:15 The men took this gift, and in their hand they took double the amount of silver-currency, along with Benjamin. They rose up and went down to Egypt and stood before Joseph.
Gen 43:16 When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he ordered the steward of his house, “Bring the men into the house, slaughter an animal and prepare it, for the men will eat with me at noon.”

Gen 43:17 The steward did as Joseph said. He brought the men to Joseph's house.
Gen 43:18 The men were afraid, because they were brought to Joseph's house. They said, "It is because of the money that was returned in our sacks the first time we were brought in, that he may seek an opportunity against us. He might arrest us and take us as slaves, and take our donkeys."
Gen 43:19 They approached the steward of Joseph's house, and they spoke to him at the door of the house,
Gen 43:20 "My master, we came down the first time to buy food.
Gen 43:21 It came about, when we reached the lodging place, that we opened our sacks, and behold, every man's money was in the opening of his sack, our silver-currency in full weight. We have brought it back in our hands.
Gen 43:22 Other money we have also brought down in our hand to buy food. We do not know who put our silver-currency in our sacks."
Gen 43:23 The steward said, "Peace be to you, do not fear. Your Divine One and the Mighty One of your father must have put your money in your sacks. I received your silver-currency." The steward then brought Simeon out to them.
Gen 43:24 The steward took the men into Joseph's house. He gave them water, and they washed their feet. He gave feed to their donkeys.
Gen 43:25 They prepared the gifts for Joseph's coming at noon, for they had heard that they would eat there.
Gen 43:26 When Joseph came home, they brought the gifts which were in their hand into the house, and bowed down before him to the ground.
Gen 43:27 He asked them about their welfare, "Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?"
Gen 43:28 They answered, "Your servant our father is well. He is still alive." They prostrated and bowed down.
Gen 43:29 When he lifted up his eyes he saw Benjamin his brother, his mother's son, and he asked, "Is this your youngest brother of whom you spoke to me?" Then he said, "May the Almighty be gracious to you, my son."
Gen 43:30 Joseph hurried to go out of the room, for he was deeply moved about his brother. He sought somewhere to weep. He went to his room and wept there.
Gen 43:31 He washed his face and came out. He controlled himself, ordering, "Serve the food."
Gen 43:32 The servants served Joseph by himself and the brothers by themselves. The Egyptians there ate with him by themselves, because the Egyptians could not eat bread with the Hebrews, for that is detestable to the Egyptians.
Gen 43:33 The brothers sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth. The men were astonished together.

Gen 43:34 Joseph sent portions to them from the food in front of him. But Benjamin’s portion was five times as much as any of his brothers. They drank and were merry with him.

Genesis Chapter 44

Gen 44:1 Joseph commanded the steward of his household, “Fill the men’s sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put every man’s money in his sack’s opening.
Gen 44:2 Put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack’s opening of the youngest, and also his money for the grain.” The steward did as Joseph had said.
Gen 44:3 The morning dawned, and the men were sent away, they and their donkeys.
Gen 44:4 When they were out of the city but were not yet far off, Joseph ordered his steward, “Get up, follow after the men, and when you overtake them, say to them, ‘Why have you returned evil for good?
Gen 44:5 Is this not the cup from which my master drinks, and the cup that he uses for divination? You have done evil, this thing that you have done.’”
Gen 44:6 The steward overtook them and spoke these words to them.
Gen 44:7 They replied to him, “Why does my master speak such words as these? Far be it from your servants that we would do such a thing.
Gen 44:8 Look, the silver-currency that we found in our sacks’ openings, we brought again to you out of the land of Canaan. How then could we steal out of your master’s house silver or gold?
Gen 44:9 With whomever of your servants it is found, let him be executed, and we also will be my master’s slaves.”
Gen 44:10 The steward responded, “Now also let it be according to your words. He with whom the cup is found will be my slave, and you others will be innocent.”
Gen 44:11 Then each man hurried and brought his sack down to the ground, and each man opened his sack.
Gen 44:12 The steward searched. He began with the oldest and finished with the youngest, and the cup was found in Benjamin’s sack.
Gen 44:13 Then they tore their clothes. Each man loaded his donkey and returned to the city.
Gen 44:14 Judah and his brothers came to Joseph’s house. He was still there, and they bowed before him to the ground.
Gen 44:15 Joseph asked them, “What is this that you have done? Do you not know that a man like me practices divination?”
Gen 44:16 Judah answered, “What can we say to my master? What can we speak? Or how can we justify ourselves? The Almighty has found out the iniquity of your servants. Look, we are my master’s slaves, both we, and he also in whose hand the cup was found.”

Gen 44:17 Joseph replied, “Far be it from me that I should do so. The man in whose hand the cup was found, that person will be my slave, but as for you others, go up in peace to your father.”
Gen 44:18 Then Judah came near to him and said, “My master, please let your servant speak a word in my master’s ears, and do not let your anger burn against your servant, for you are just like Pharaoh.
Gen 44:19 My master asked his servants, ‘Do you have a father or a brother?’
Gen 44:20 We answered my master, ‘We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one. But his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loves him.’
Gen 44:21 Then you commanded your servants, ‘Bring him down to me that I may see him.’
Gen 44:22 After that, we explained to my master, ‘The boy cannot leave his father. For if he should leave his father, his father would die.’
Gen 44:23 Then you informed your servants, ‘Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you will not see my face again.’
Gen 44:24 Then it came about when we went up to your servant my father, we told him the words of my master.
Gen 44:25 Our father ordered, ‘Go again, buy us some food.’
Gen 44:26 Then we explained, ‘We cannot go down. If our youngest brother is with us, then will we go down, for we will not be able to see the man’s face, unless our youngest brother is with us.’
Gen 44:27 Your servant my father said to us, ‘You know that my wife bore me two sons.
Gen 44:28 One of them went out from me, and I said, “Surely he is torn in pieces, and I have not seen him since.”
Gen 44:29 Now if you also take this one from me, and harm comes to him, you will bring down my gray hair with sorrow to the place of the dead.’
Gen 44:30 Now therefore, when I come to your servant my father, and the lad is not with us, since his life is bound up in the boy’s life,
Gen 44:31 it will come about, when he sees the boy is not with us, he will die. Your servants will bring down the gray hair of your servant our father with sorrow to the place of the dead.
Gen 44:32 For your servant became a guarantee for the boy to my father by swearing, ‘If I do not bring him to you, then I will bear the guilt before my father forever.’
Gen 44:33 Now therefore, please let your servant stay instead of the boy as slave to my master, and let the boy go up with his brothers.
Gen 44:34 For how can I go up to my father if the boy is not with me? I am afraid to see the evil that would come on my father.”

Genesis Chapter 45

Gen 45:1 Then Joseph could not control himself before all the servants who stood by him. He ordered loudly, “Everyone must leave me!” So no servant stood by him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.
Gen 45:2 He wept loudly, the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard of it.
Gen 45:3 Joseph announced to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” His brothers could not answer him, for they were shocked in his presence.
Gen 45:4 Then Joseph requested of his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” They came near. He stated, “I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt.
Gen 45:5 Do not be grieved or angry with yourselves that you sold me here, for the Almighty sent me ahead of you to preserve life.
Gen 45:6 For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest.
Gen 45:7 The Almighty sent me ahead of you to preserve you as a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance (Rom. 11:5).
Gen 45:8 So now it was not you who sent me here but the Almighty, and he has made me a father to Pharaoh, master of all his household, and ruler of all the land of Egypt.
Gen 45:9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph commands, “The Almighty has made me master of all Egypt. Come down to me, do not delay.
Gen 45:10 You will live in the land of Goshen, and you will be near me, you, your children, and your children’s children, and your flocks and your herds, and all that you have.
Gen 45:11 I will provide for you there, for there are still five years of famine, so that you do not come to poverty, you, your household, and all that you have.’”
Gen 45:12 “Look, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaks to you.
Gen 45:13 You will tell my father about all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. You will hurry and bring my father down here.”
Gen 45:14 He hugged his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck.
Gen 45:15 He kissed all his brothers and wept over them. After that his brothers talked with him.
Gen 45:16 The news of the matter was told in Pharaoh’s house: “Joseph’s brothers have come.” It especially pleased Pharaoh and his servants.

Gen 45:17 Pharaoh commanded Joseph, “Order your brothers, ‘Do this: Load your animals and go to the land of Canaan.
Gen 45:18 Get your father and your households, and come to me. I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and you will eat the fat of the land.’
Gen 45:19 Now you are commanded, ‘Do this, take carts out of the land of Egypt for your children and for your wives. Get your father and come.
Gen 45:20 Do not be concerned about your possessions, for the good of all the land of Egypt is yours.’”
Gen 45:21 The sons of Israel did so. Joseph gave them carts, according to the command of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions for the journey.
Gen 45:22 To all of them he gave each man changes of clothing, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred gold pieces and five changes of clothing.
Gen 45:23 For his father he sent this: ten jack donkeys loaded with the good things of Egypt; and ten jenny donkeys loaded with grain, bread, and other supplies for his father for the journey.
Gen 45:24 So he sent his brothers away, and they left. He warned them, “See that you do not quarrel on the journey.”
Gen 45:25 They went up out of Egypt and came to the land of Canaan, to Jacob their father.
Gen 45:26 They told him, “Joseph is still alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt!” His heart was astonished, for he could not believe what they told him.
Gen 45:27 They told him all the words of Joseph that he had said to them. When Jacob saw the carts that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived.
Gen 45:28 Israel exclaimed, “It is enough! Joseph my son is still alive! I will go and see him before I die.”

Genesis Chapter 46

Gen 46:1 Israel made his journey with all that he had and went to Beersheba. There he offered sacrifices to the Mighty One of his father Isaac.
Gen 46:2 The Almighty spoke to Israel in a vision at night, “Jacob, Jacob.” He said, “Here I am.”
Gen 46:3 He promised, “I am the Almighty, Mighty One of your father. Do not fear to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you a great nation.
Gen 46:4 I will go down with you into Egypt, and I will surely bring you up again, and Joseph will close your eyes with his own hand.”
Gen 46:5 Jacob rose up from Beersheba. The sons of Israel transported Jacob their father, their children, and their wives, in the carts that Pharaoh had sent to carry him.
Gen 46:6 They took their livestock and their possessions that they had accumulated in the land of Canaan. They came into Egypt, Jacob and all his descendants with him.
Gen 46:7 He brought with him to Egypt his sons and his grandsons, his daughters and his granddaughters, and all his descendants.
Gen 46:8 These were the names of the children of Israel who came to Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob’s firstborn;
Gen 46:9 the sons of Reuben: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi;
Gen 46:10 the sons of Simeon: Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a Canaanite woman;
Gen 46:11 the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
Gen 46:12 The sons of Judah: Er, Onan, Shelah, Perez, and Zerah, but Er and Onan had died in the land of Canaan. The sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul.
Gen 46:13 The sons of Issachar were Tola, Puvah, Job, and Shimron;
Gen 46:14 The sons of Zebulun were Sered, Elon, and Jahleel
Gen 46:15 These were the sons of Leah whom she bore to Jacob in Paddan Aram, along with his daughter Dinah. His sons and his daughters numbered thirty-three.
Gen 46:16 The sons of Gad were Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, Er, Arodi, and Areli.
Gen 46:17 The sons of Asher were Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, and Beriah; and Serah was their sister. The sons of Beriah were Heber and Malchiel.
Gen 46:18 These were the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban had given to Leah his daughter. These sons she bore to Jacob, sixteen in all.
Gen 46:19 The sons of Jacob’s wife Rachel were Joseph and Benjamin.
Gen 46:20 In Egypt, Manasseh and Ephraim were born to Joseph by Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On.

Gen 46:21 The sons of Benjamin were Bela, Becher, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, Rosh, Muppim, Huppim, and Ard.
Gen 46:22 These were the sons of Rachel who were born to Jacob, eighteen in all.
Gen 46:23 The son of Dan was Hushim (Shuham; Num. 26:42).
Gen 46:24 The sons of Naphtali were Jahzeel, Guni, Jezer, and Shillem.
Gen 46:25 These were the sons born to Jacob by Bilhah, whom Laban gave to Rachel his daughter, seven in all.
Gen 46:26 All those who went to Egypt with Jacob, who were his descendants, not counting Jacob's sons' wives, were sixty-seven in all.
Gen 46:27 With the two sons of Joseph who were born to him in Egypt, the members of his family who went to Egypt were seventy in all (Acts 7:14; Exo. 1:5; Deut. 10:22).
Gen 46:28 Jacob sent Judah ahead of him to Joseph to show the way before him to Goshen, and they came to the land of Goshen.
Gen 46:29 Joseph prepared his chariot and went up to meet Israel his father in Goshen. He saw him, hugged his neck, and wept on his neck a long time.
Gen 46:30 Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face, that you are still alive."
Gen 46:31 Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's household, "I will go up and tell Pharaoh, 'My brothers and my father's household, who were in the land of Canaan, have come to me.
Gen 46:32 The men are shepherds, for they have been keepers of livestock. They have brought their flocks, their herds, and all that they have.'
Gen 46:33 It will come about, when Pharaoh calls you and asks, 'What is your occupation?'
Gen 46:34 that you should answer, 'Your servants have been keepers of livestock from our youth until now, both we, and our forefathers.' Do this, so that you may live in the land of Goshen, for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians."

Genesis Chapter 47

Gen 47:1 Then Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, “My father and my brothers, their flocks, their herds, and all that they own, have arrived from the land of Canaan. See, they are in the land of Goshen.”
Gen 47:2 He took five of his brothers and introduced them to Pharaoh.
Gen 47:3 Pharaoh asked his brothers, “What is your occupation?” They answered Pharaoh, “Your servants are shepherds, as our ancestors.”
Gen 47:4 Then they entreated Pharaoh, “We come as sojourning foreigners in the land. There is no pasture for your servants’ flocks, because the famine is severe in the land of Canaan. So now, please let your servants live in the land of Goshen.”
Gen 47:5 Then Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, “Your father and your brothers have come to you.
Gen 47:6 The land of Egypt is before you. Settle your father and your brothers in the best region, the land of Goshen. If you know any capable men among them, put them in charge of my livestock.”
Gen 47:7 Then Joseph brought in Jacob his father and presented him to Pharaoh. Jacob blessed Pharaoh.
Gen 47:8 Pharaoh asked Jacob, “How long have you lived?”
Gen 47:9 Jacob answered Pharaoh, “The years of my travels are a hundred and thirty (c. 1875 BC). The years of my life have been few and painful. They have not been as long as those of my ancestors.”
Gen 47:10 Then Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went out from his presence.
Gen 47:11 Then Joseph settled his father and his brothers. He gave them a territory in the land of Egypt, the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.
Gen 47:12 Joseph provided food for his father, his brothers, and all his father’s household, according to the number of their dependents.
Gen 47:13 Now there was no food in all the land; for the famine was severe. The land of Egypt and the land of Canaan wasted away because of the famine.
Gen 47:14 Joseph gathered all the money that was in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, by selling grain to the inhabitants. Then Joseph brought the money to Pharaoh’s palace.
Gen 47:15 When all the money of the lands of Egypt and Canaan was spent, all the Egyptians came to Joseph asking, “Give us food! Why should we die in your presence because our money is gone?”
Gen 47:16 Joseph answered, “If your money is gone, bring your livestock, and I will give you food in exchange for your livestock.”

Gen 47:17 So they brought their livestock to Joseph. Joseph gave them food in exchange for the horses, for the flocks, for the herds, and for the donkeys. He fed them with bread in exchange for all their livestock that year.
Gen 47:18 When that year was ended, they came to him the next year and said to him, “We will not hide from my master that our money is all gone, and the herds of livestock are my master’s. There is nothing left in the sight of my master, except our bodies and our land.
Gen 47:19 Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land in exchange for food, and we and our land will be servants to Pharaoh. Give us seed that we may live and not die, and that the land may not become desolate.”
Gen 47:20 So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh. For every Egyptian sold his field, because the famine was extremely severe. In this way, the land became Pharaoh’s.
Gen 47:21 As for the people, he made them slaves from one end of Egypt’s border to the other end.
Gen 47:22 It was only the land of the priests that Joseph did not buy, because the priests were given an allowance. They ate from the allotment which Pharaoh gave them. Therefore, they did not sell their land.
Gen 47:23 Then Joseph commanded the people, “See, I have bought you and your land today for Pharaoh. Now here is seed for you, and you will plant the land.
Gen 47:24 At the harvest, you must give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four parts will be your own, for seed of the field and for food for your households and your children.”
Gen 47:25 They responded, “You have saved our lives! May we find grace in your eyes, my master. We will be Pharaoh’s servants.”
Gen 47:26 So Joseph made it a statute which is in effect in the land of Egypt to this day, that one-fifth belongs to Pharaoh. Only the land of the priests did not become Pharaoh’s.
Gen 47:27 So Israel lived in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen. His people gained possessions there. They were fruitful and multiplied greatly.
Gen 47:28 Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years, so the years of Jacob’s life were one hundred forty-seven years (c. 1858 BC).
Gen 47:29 When the time approached for Israel to die, he called his son Joseph and requested of him, “If now I have found grace in your sight, put your hand under my thigh, and show me faithfulness and trustworthiness. Please do not bury me in Egypt.
Gen 47:30 When I sleep with my fathers, you will carry me out of Egypt and bury me in my forefathers’ burial place.” Joseph promised, “I will do as you have said.”

Gen 47:31 Israel said, “Swear to me,” and Joseph swore to him. Then Israel bowed down at the head of his bed.

Genesis Chapter 48

Gen 48:1 It came about after these things, that one said to Joseph, “Look, your father is sick.” So he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.
Gen 48:2 When Jacob was told, “Look, your son Joseph has arrived to see you,” Israel gathered strength and sat up in bed.
Gen 48:3 Jacob said to Joseph, “The Most Powerful Sovereign appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan. He blessed me
Gen 48:4 and promised me, ‘Behold, I will make you fruitful, and multiply you. I will make of you a congregation of ethnicities. I will give this land to your descendants as an everlasting possession.’
Gen 48:5 Now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you into Egypt, they are mine. Ephraim and Manasseh will be mine, just as Reuben and Simeon are mine.
Gen 48:6 The children you have after them will be yours; they will be listed under the names of their brothers in their inheritance.
Gen 48:7 But as for me, when I came from Paddan, to my sorrow Rachel died in the land of Canaan on the way, while there was still some distance to go to Ephrath. I buried her there on the way to Ephrath,” that is, Bethlehem.
Gen 48:8 When Israel saw Joseph’s sons, he asked, “Whose are these?”
Gen 48:9 Joseph answered his father, “They are my sons, whom the Almighty has given me here.” Israel replied, “Please bring them to me, that I may bless them.”
Gen 48:10 Now Israel’s eyes were failing because of his age, so he could not see. So Joseph brought them near to him, and he kissed them and embraced them.
Gen 48:11 Israel said to Joseph, “I never expected to see your face again, but the Almighty has even allowed me to see your children.”
Gen 48:12 Joseph brought them out from between Israel’s knees, and then he bowed with his face to the earth.
Gen 48:13 Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel’s left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel’s right hand, and brought them close to him.
Gen 48:14 Israel reached out with his right hand and laid it upon Ephraim’s head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh’s head. He crossed his hands, for Manasseh was the firstborn.
Gen 48:15 Israel blessed Joseph, “The Almighty, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the Almighty, who has cared for me to this day,
Gen 48:16 the angel who has protected me from all harm, may he bless these boys. May my name be named in them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac. May they grow into a multitude on the earth.”

Gen 48:17 When Joseph saw his father place his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him. He took his father's hand to move it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head.
Gen 48:18 Joseph corrected his father, "Not so, my father, for this is the firstborn. Put your right hand upon his head."
Gen 48:19 His father refused, "I know, my son, I know. He also will become a people, and he also will be great. Yet his younger brother will be greater than he, and his descendants will become a multitude of ethnicities" (Rom. 11:25).
Gen 48:20 Israel blessed them that day with these words, "The people of Israel will pronounce blessings by your names, 'May the Almighty make you like Ephraim and like Manasseh.'" In this way, Israel put Ephraim before Manasseh.
Gen 48:21 Israel encouraged Joseph, "See, I am about to die, but the Almighty will be with you and will bring you back to the land of your fathers.
Gen 48:22 To you, as one who is above your brothers, I give to you the mountain slope that I took from the Amorites with my sword and my bow."

Genesis Chapter 49

Gen 49:1 Then Jacob called for his sons and said: “Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what will happen to you in the last days.
Gen 49:2 Assemble yourselves and listen, you sons of Jacob. Listen to Israel, your father.
Gen 49:3 Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, outstanding in dignity, and outstanding in power.
Gen 49:4 Uncontrollable as rushing water, you will not have the preeminence, because you went up to your father’s bed. Then you defiled it; you went up to my couch.
Gen 49:5 Simeon and Levi are brothers. Weapons of violence are their swords.
Gen 49:6 O my soul, do not come into their council; do not join in their meetings, for my heart has too much honor for that. For in their anger they murdered men. It was for pleasure that they hamstrung oxen.
Gen 49:7 May their anger be cursed, for it was fierce, and their fury, for it was cruel. I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel.
Gen 49:8 Judah, your brothers will praise you. Your hand will be on the neck of your enemies. Your father’s sons will bow down before you.
Gen 49:9 Judah is a lion’s cub. My son, you have gone up from your victims. He stooped down, he crouched like a lion, like a lioness. Who would dare to awaken him?
Gen 49:10 The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes. The ethnicities will obey him.
Gen 49:11 Binding his young donkey to the vine and his jenny’s colt to the choice vine (Israel), he has washed his garments in wine and his robe in the blood of grapes (Zech. 9:9; Mat. 21:5).
Gen 49:12 His eyes will be as dark as wine and his teeth as white as milk.
Gen 49:13 Zebulun will live by the shore of the sea. He will be a harbor for ships, and his border will extend to Sidon.
Gen 49:14 Issachar is a strong jack donkey, lying down between the sheepfolds.
Gen 49:15 He sees a good resting place and the pleasant land. He will bend his shoulder to the burden and become a servant for the task.
Gen 49:16 Dan will judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel.
Gen 49:17 Dan will be a snake beside the road, a poisonous snake in the path that bites the horse’s heels, so that his rider falls backward.
Gen 49:18 I wait for your salvation, Yehowah.
Gen 49:19 Gad, raiders will attack him, but he will attack them at their heels.
Gen 49:20 Asher’s food will be rich, and he will provide royal delicacies.
Gen 49:21 Naphtali is a fallow deer let loose; he will deliver eloquent speeches.

Gen 49:22 Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough near a spring, whose branches climb over the wall.
Gen 49:23 The archers will attack him and shoot at him and harass him.
Gen 49:24 But his bow will remain steady, and his hands will be skillful because of the hands of the Strong One of Jacob, because of the name of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel.
Gen 49:25 The Mighty One of your father will help you, and the Most Powerful will bless you with blessings of the sky above, blessings of the deep that lies beneath, and blessings of the breasts and womb.
Gen 49:26 The blessings of your father are greater than the blessings of the ancient mountains or the desirable things of the ancient hills. May they be on the head of Joseph, even upon the crown of the head of the prince of his brothers.
Gen 49:27 Benjamin is a hungry cheetah. At dawn he will devour the prey, and at dusk he will divide the plunder."
Gen 49:28 These are the twelve tribes of Israel. This is what their father said to them when he blessed them. Each one he blessed with an appropriate blessing.
Gen 49:29 Then he instructed them, "I am about to go to my people. Bury me with my forefathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hethite,
Gen 49:30 in the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is near Mamre in the land of Canaan, the field that Abraham bought for a burial place from Ephron the Hethite.
Gen 49:31 There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah.
Gen 49:32 The field and the cave that is in it were purchased from the people of Heth."
Gen 49:33 When Jacob finished these instructions to his sons, he pulled his feet into the bed, breathed his last, and went to his people (c. 1858 BC).

Genesis Chapter 50

Gen 50:1 Then Joseph was so distressed that he collapsed on the face of his father, and he wept over him, and he kissed him.
Gen 50:2 Joseph commanded his servants, the physicians, to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel.
Gen 50:3 They took forty days, for that was the full time for embalming. The Egyptians wept for him seventy days.
Gen 50:4 When the days of weeping were over, Joseph spoke to Pharaoh's royal court, "If now I have found grace in your eyes, please speak to Pharaoh,
Gen 50:5 'My father made me swear, "See, I am about to die. Bury me in my tomb that I dug for myself in the land of Canaan. There you will bury me." Now let me go up and bury my father, and then I will return.'"
Gen 50:6 Pharaoh answered, "Go and bury your father, as he made you swear."
Gen 50:7 Joseph went up to bury his father. All the officials of Pharaoh went with him, the courtiers of his household, all the senior officials of the land of Egypt,
Gen 50:8 with all Joseph's household and his brothers, and his father's household. But their children, their flocks, and their herds were left in the land of Goshen.
Gen 50:9 Chariots and cavalry also went with him. It was a substantially large group of people.
Gen 50:10 When they came to the threshing floor of Atad on the other side of the Jordan River, they mourned with extremely great and grievous sorrow. There Joseph made a seven day mourning for his father.
Gen 50:11 When the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, "This is an extremely sad occasion for the Egyptians." That is why the place was called Abel Mizraim, which is beyond the Jordan River.
Gen 50:12 So his sons did for Jacob just as he had instructed them.
Gen 50:13 His sons carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave in the field of Machpelah, near Mamre. Abraham had bought the cave with the field for a burial place. He had bought it from Ephron the Hethite.
Gen 50:14 After he had buried his father, Joseph returned into Egypt, he, along with his brothers, and all who had accompanied him to bury his father.
Gen 50:15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they asked, "What if Joseph holds on to anger against us and wants to repay us in full for all the evil we did to him?"
Gen 50:16 So they commanded the presence of Joseph, "Your father gave instructions before he died,

Gen 50:17 ‘Tell Joseph this, “Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, when they did evil to you.”’ Now please forgive the servants of the Mighty One of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him.
Gen 50:18 His brothers also went and lay facedown before him. They said, “See, we are your servants.”
Gen 50:19 But Joseph answered them, “Do not be afraid. Am I in the place of the Almighty?
Gen 50:20 As for you, you meant to harm me, but the Almighty meant it for good, to preserve the lives of many people, as you see today.
Gen 50:21 So now do not be afraid. I will provide for you and your little children.” He comforted them in this way and spoke kindly to their hearts.
Gen 50:22 Joseph lived in Egypt, together with his father’s family. He lived one hundred ten years.
Gen 50:23 Joseph saw Ephraim’s children to the third generation. He also saw the children of Machir son of Manasseh, who were placed on the knees of Joseph.
Gen 50:24 Joseph announced to his brothers, “I am about to die; but the Almighty will surely come to you and lead you up out of this land to the land which he swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”
Gen 50:25 Then Joseph made the people of Israel swear an oath, “The Almighty will surely come to you. At that time, you must carry up my bones from here.”
Gen 50:26 So Joseph died, 110 years old (c. 1804 BC). They embalmed him, and he was placed in a coffin in Egypt.

Book of Exodus

Exodus Chapter 1

Exo 1:1 These are the names of the sons of Israel who came into Egypt with Jacob, each with his household:
Exo 1:2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah,
Exo 1:3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin,
Exo 1:4 Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.
Exo 1:5 All the people who were descendants of Jacob were seventy in number (Acts 7:14; Gen. 46:27; Deut. 10:22). Joseph was already in Egypt.
Exo 1:6 Then Joseph, all his brothers, and all that generation died.
Exo 1:7 The Israelis were fruitful, increased greatly in numbers, and became incredibly strong; the land was filled with them.
Exo 1:8 Now then, a new king arose over Egypt, one who did not know about Joseph.
Exo 1:9 He said to his people, “Look, the Israelis are more numerous and stronger than we are.
Exo 1:10 Come, let us deal with them wisely, otherwise they will continue to grow in numbers, and if war breaks out, they will join our enemies, fight against us, and leave the land.”
Exo 1:11 So they put taskmasters over them to oppress them with hard labor. The Israelis built (temple) warehouses within cities for Pharaoh: Pithom, Rameses (Avaris), and On, which is Heliopolis.
Exo 1:12 But the more the Egyptians oppressed them, the more the Israelis increased in numbers and spread. So the Egyptians began to dread the Israelis.
Exo 1:13 The Egyptians made the Israelis work rigorously.
Exo 1:14 They made their lives bitter with hard service with mortar and brick, and with all kinds of work in the fields. All their required work was hard.
Exo 1:15 Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives; the name of the one was Shiphrah and the other Puah.
Exo 1:16 He ordered, “When you assist the Hebrew women on the birthstool, observe when they give birth. If it is a son, then you must kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she may live.”
Exo 1:17 But the midwives feared the Almighty and did not do as the king of Egypt ordered them; instead, they let the baby boys live.
Exo 1:18 The king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, “Why have you done this and let the baby boys live?”

Exo 1:19 The midwives answered Pharaoh, “The Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women. They are vigorous and have finished giving birth before a midwife comes to them.”
Exo 1:20 The Almighty protected these midwives. The people increased in numbers and became amazingly strong.
Exo 1:21 Because the midwives feared the Almighty, he gave them families.
Exo 1:22 Pharaoh ordered all his people, “You must throw every son that is born into the river, but every daughter you will let live.”

Exodus Chapter 2

Exo 2:1 Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a woman of Levi.
Exo 2:2 The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a healthy boy, she hid him for three months (Heb. 11:23; Acts 7:20; c. 1730 BC).
Exo 2:3 But when she could no longer hide him, she took a papyrus basket and sealed it with bitumen and pitch. Then she put the child in it and placed it in the pool along the side of the river.
Exo 2:4 His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.
Exo 2:5 Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe at the river while her attendants walked along by the riverside. She saw the basket in the pool and sent her attendant to get it.
Exo 2:6 When she opened it, she saw the child. Behold, the baby was crying. She had compassion on him and said, "This is certainly one of the Hebrews' children."
Exo 2:7 Then the baby's sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Should I go and find you a Hebrew woman to nurse the child for you?"
Exo 2:8 Pharaoh's daughter ordered her, "Go." So the virgin girl went and got the child's mother.
Exo 2:9 Pharaoh's daughter said to the baby's mother, "Take this child and nurse him for me, and I will pay you wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him.
Exo 2:10 When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses and said, "Because I drew him from the water."
Exo 2:11 When Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and observed their hard work. He saw an Egyptian striking a Hebrew, one of his own people.
Exo 2:12 He looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no one there, he murdered the Egyptian and hid his body in the sand.
Exo 2:13 He went out the next day, and behold, two Hebrew men were fighting. He asked the one who was in the wrong, "Why are you hitting your companion?"
Exo 2:14 But the man asked, "Who made you a leader and judge over us? Are you planning to murder me as you murdered that Egyptian?" Then Moses became afraid and said, "What I did has certainly become known to others."
Exo 2:15 Now when Pharaoh heard about it, he tried to execute Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh and stayed in the land of Midian. There he sat down by a well.
Exo 2:16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters. They came, drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock.

Exo 2:17 The shepherds came and tried to drive them away, but Moses went and helped them. Then he watered their flock.
Exo 2:18 When the girls went to Reuel (Jethro) their father, he asked, “Why are you home so early today?”
Exo 2:19 They answered, “An Egyptian rescued us from the shepherds. He even drew water for us and watered the flock.”
Exo 2:20 He asked his daughters, “So where is he? Why did you leave the man? Call him, so he can eat a meal with us.”
Exo 2:21 Moses agreed to stay with the man, who also gave him his daughter Zipporah in marriage.
Exo 2:22 She bore a son, and Moses called his name Gershom; he said, “I have been a sojourning foreigner in an alien land.”
Exo 2:23 A long time later, the king of Egypt died. The Israelis groaned because of the slave labor. They cried out for help, and their pleas went up to the Almighty because of their bondage.
Exo 2:24 When the Almighty heard their groaning, the Almighty called to mind his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.
Exo 2:25 The Almighty saw the Israelis, and the Almighty understood their situation.

Exodus Chapter 3

Exo 3:1 Now Moses was still shepherding the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. Moses led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and arrived at Horeb, the mountain of the Almighty.
Exo 3:2 There the angel of Yehowah appeared to him in a flame of fire in a thorn bush. Moses looked, and behold, the thorn bush was burning, but the thorn bush was not burned up.
Exo 3:3 Moses said, "I will turn aside and see this amazing thing, why the thorn bush is not burned up."
Exo 3:4 When Yehowah saw that he had turned aside to look, the Almighty called to him out of the thorn bush, "Moses, Moses!" Moses answered, "Here I am."
Exo 3:5 Yehowah ordered, "Do not come any closer! Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is ground that is set apart to me."
Exo 3:6 He added, "I am the Mighty One of your father, the Mighty One of Abraham, the Mighty One of Isaac, and the Mighty One of Jacob" (Luke 20:37). Then Moses covered his face, for he was afraid to look at the Almighty.
Exo 3:7 Yehowah said, "I have certainly seen the suffering of my people who are in Egypt. I have heard their shouts because of their taskmasters, for I know about their suffering.
Exo 3:8 I have come down to free them from the Egyptians' power and to bring them up from that land to a good, large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey; to the region of the Canaanites, Hethites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites.
Exo 3:9 Now the shouts of the people of Israel have come to me. Moreover, I have seen the oppression caused by the Egyptians.
Exo 3:10 Now then, I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."
Exo 3:11 But Moses asked the Almighty, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelis from Egypt?"
Exo 3:12 He answered, "I will certainly be with you. This will be a sign to you that I have sent you. When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship the Almighty on this mountain."
Exo 3:13 Moses asked the Almighty, "When I go to the Israelis and tell them, 'The Mighty One of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and when they ask me, 'What is his name?' What should I say to them?"
Exo 3:14 The Almighty answered Moses, "I WILL BE WHO I WILL BE." He ordered, "You must say to the Israelis, 'I WILL BE THERE has sent me to you'" (John 4:26; Rev. 1:8).

Exo 3:15 The Almighty also spoke to Moses, “You must say to the Israelis, ‘Yehowah, Mighty One of your ancestors, the Mighty One of Abraham, the Mighty One of Isaac, and the Mighty One of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name forever, and this is how I will be mentioned for all generations’ (Isa. 42:8).
Exo 3:16 Go and gather the elders of Israel together. Say to them, ‘Yehowah, Mighty One of your ancestors, the Mighty One of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me and said, “I have indeed observed you and have seen what has been done to you in Egypt.
Exo 3:17 I have promised to bring you up from the oppression in Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, Hethites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey.”’
Exo 3:18 They will listen to you. You and the elders of Israel must go to the king of Egypt, and you must tell him, ‘Yehowah, Mighty One of the Hebrews, has met with us. So now let us go three days’ journey into the wilderness, in order that we may sacrifice to Yehowah our Divine One.’
Exo 3:19 But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go, unless his hand is forced.
Exo 3:20 I will reach out with my hand and attack the Egyptians with all the miracles that I will do among them. After that, he will let you go.
Exo 3:21 I will grant this people grace from the Egyptians, so when you leave, you will not go empty-handed.
Exo 3:22 Every woman will ask for silver and gold jewels and for clothing from her Egyptian neighbors, and from any women staying in her neighbors’ houses. You will put them on your sons and daughters. In this way, you will plunder the Egyptians.”

Exodus Chapter 4

Exo 4:1 Moses answered, “But what if they do not believe me or listen to me, but say instead, ‘Yehowah has not appeared to you?’”
Exo 4:2 Yehowah asked him, “What is that in your hand?” Moses answered, “A trekking pole.”
Exo 4:3 Yehowah ordered, “Throw it on the ground.” Moses threw it on the ground, and it became a snake. Moses ran back from it.
Exo 4:4 Yehowah said to Moses, “Reach out and take it by the tail.” So he reached out and took hold of the snake. It became a trekking pole in his hand again.
Exo 4:5 “This is so they may believe that Yehowah, Mighty One of their ancestors, the Mighty One of Abraham, the Mighty One of Isaac, and the Mighty One of Jacob, has appeared to you.”
Exo 4:6 Yehowah also said to him, “Now put your hand inside your robe.” So Moses put his hand inside his robe. When he brought it out, behold, his hand was leprous, as white as snow.
Exo 4:7 Yehowah ordered, “Put your hand inside your robe again.” So Moses put his hand inside his robe, and when he brought it out, he saw that it was made healthy again, like the rest of his flesh.
Exo 4:8 Yehowah said, “If they do not believe you, if they do not pay attention to the first sign of my power or believe in it, then they will believe the second sign.
Exo 4:9 If they do not believe even these two signs of my power, or listen to you, then take some water from the River and pour it on the dry land. The water that you take will become blood on the dry land.”
Exo 4:10 Then Moses responded to Yehowah, “Oh Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you spoke to your servant. I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.”
Exo 4:11 Yehowah asked him, “Who is it who made man’s mouth? Who makes a man mute or deaf or seeing or blind? Is it not I, Yehowah?
Exo 4:12 So now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what to say.”
Exo 4:13 But Moses said, “Lord, please send anyone else, anyone whom you wish to send.”
Exo 4:14 Then Yehowah became angry with Moses. He said, “What about Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak well. Moreover, he is coming to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart.
Exo 4:15 You will speak to him and put the words to say into his mouth. I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and I will show you both what to do.
Exo 4:16 He will speak to the people for you. He will be your mouth, and you will be to him like me, the Almighty.

Exo 4:17 You will take in your hand this trekking pole. With it you will do the signs."
Exo 4:18 So Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and entreated him, "Let me go, so I may return to my relatives who are in Egypt, and see if they are still alive." Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace."
Exo 4:19 Yehowah spoke to Moses in Midian, "Go, return to Egypt, for all the men who were trying to take your life are dead."
Exo 4:20 Moses took his wife and his sons and put them on a jack donkey (Mat. 21:5; Zech 9:9). He returned to the land of Egypt, and he took the trekking pole of the Almighty in his hand.
Exo 4:21 Yehowah said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see that you do before Pharaoh all the wonders that I have put in your power. But I will harden his heart, and he will not let the people go.
Exo 4:22 You must speak to Pharaoh, 'This is what Yehowah says: Israel is my son, my firstborn,
Exo 4:23 and I declare to you, "Let my son go, so he may worship me." But since you have refused to let him go, I will certainly kill your son, your firstborn.'"
Exo 4:24 Now on the way, when they stopped for the night, Yehowah met Moses and tried to kill him.
Exo 4:25 Then Zipporah took a flint knife and cut off the foreskin of her son, and touched it to his feet. Then she said, "Surely you are a bridegroom to me by blood."
Exo 4:26 So Yehowah let him alone. She repeated, "You are a bridegroom of blood," because of the circumcision.
Exo 4:27 Yehowah ordered Aaron, "Go into the wilderness to meet Moses." Aaron went, met him at the mountain of the Almighty, and kissed him.
Exo 4:28 Moses told Aaron all the words of Yehowah that he had sent him to say, and about all the signs of his power that he had commanded him to do.
Exo 4:29 Then Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the Israelis.
Exo 4:30 Aaron spoke all the words that Yehowah had spoken to Moses. He also displayed the signs in the sight of the people.
Exo 4:31 The people believed. When they heard that Yehowah had observed the Israelis, and that he had seen their oppression, then they bowed their heads and worshiped Him.

Exodus Chapter 5

Exo 5:1 After these things happened, Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, “This is what Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel commands: ‘Let my people go, so they may observe a feast with me in the wilderness.’”
Exo 5:2 Pharaoh responded, “Who is Yehowah? Why should I listen to his voice and let Israel go? I do not know Yehowah; moreover, I will not let Israel go.”
Exo 5:3 They said, “The Mighty One of the Hebrews has met with us. Let us go on a three-day journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to Yehowah our Divine One, so that he does not attack us with plague or with the sword.”
Exo 5:4 But the king of Egypt ordered them, “Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people from their work? Go back to your work.”
Exo 5:5 Pharaoh also said, “There are now many Hebrew people in our land, and you are making them stop their work.”
Exo 5:6 On that same day, Pharaoh gave a command to the people’s taskmasters and foremen,
Exo 5:7 “Unlike before, you must no longer give the people straw to make bricks. Let them go and gather straw for themselves.
Exo 5:8 However, you must still demand from them the same number of bricks as they made before. Do not accept any fewer, because they are lazy. That is why they are calling out, ‘Allow us to go and sacrifice to our Divine One!’
Exo 5:9 Increase the workload for the men, so that they keep at it and pay no more attention to deceptive words.”
Exo 5:10 So the people’s taskmasters and foremen went out and informed the people, “This is what Pharaoh commands: ‘I will no longer give you any straw.
Exo 5:11 You yourselves must go and get straw wherever you can find it, but your workload will not be reduced.’”
Exo 5:12 So the people scattered throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw.
Exo 5:13 The taskmasters kept urging them, “Finish your daily work, just as when straw was given to you.”
Exo 5:14 Pharaoh’s taskmasters beat the Israeli foremen, those same men whom they had put in charge of the workers. The taskmasters kept asking them, “Why have you not produced all the bricks required of you, either yesterday or today, as you used to do in the past?”
Exo 5:15 So the Israeli foremen came to Pharaoh and cried out to him, “Why are you treating your servants this way?
Exo 5:16 No straw is being given to your servants anymore, but they are still telling us, ‘Make bricks!’ We, your servants, are even beaten now, but it is the fault of your own people.”

Exo 5:17 But Pharaoh responded, “You are lazy! You are lazy! You say, ‘Allow us to go sacrifice to Yehowah.’
Exo 5:18 So now go back to work. No more straw will be given to you, but you must still make the same number of bricks.”
Exo 5:19 The Israeli foremen saw that they were in trouble when they were told, “You must not reduce the daily number of bricks.”
Exo 5:20 They met Moses and Aaron, who were standing outside the palace, as they went away from Pharaoh.
Exo 5:21 They said to Moses and Aaron, “May Yehowah look at you and punish you, because you have made us offensive in the sight of Pharaoh and his servants. You have put a sword in their hand to kill us.”
Exo 5:22 Moses went back to Yehowah and complained, “Lord, why have you caused trouble for this people? Why did you send me in the first place?
Exo 5:23 Ever since I came to Pharaoh to speak to him in your name, he has caused trouble for this people, and you have not set your people free at all.”

Exodus Chapter 6

Exo 6:1 Then Yehowah said to Moses, “Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh. You will see this, for he will let them go because of my strong hand. Because of my strong hand, he will drive them out of his land.”
Exo 6:2 The Almighty spoke to Moses, “I am Yehowah.
Exo 6:3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as the Most Powerful Sovereign; but by my name, Yehowah, did I not make myself known to them?
Exo 6:4 I also established my covenant with them, in order to give them the land of Canaan, the land where they lived as resident aliens, the land in which they wandered about.
Exo 6:5 Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelis whom the Egyptians have enslaved, and I have called to mind my covenant.
Exo 6:6 Therefore, say to the Israelis, ‘I am Yehowah. I will bring you out from slavery under the Egyptians, and I will free you from their power. I will rescue you with a display of my power, and with mighty acts of judgment.
Exo 6:7 I will take you to myself as my people, and I will be your Divine One. You will know that I am Yehowah your Divine One, who brought you out from slavery under the Egyptians.
Exo 6:8 I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am Yehowah.’”
Exo 6:9 When Moses told this to the Israelis, they would not listen to him because of their discouragement about their harsh slavery.
Exo 6:10 So Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Exo 6:11 “Go tell Pharaoh, king of Egypt, to let the people of Israel go from his land.”
Exo 6:12 Moses asked Yehowah, “If the Israelis have not listened to me, why will Pharaoh listen to me, since I am not good at speaking?”
Exo 6:13 Yehowah spoke to Moses and Aaron. He gave them a command for the Israelis and for Pharaoh, king of Egypt, to bring the Israelis out of the land of Egypt.
Exo 6:14 These were the heads of their fathers’ houses: the sons of Reuben, the firstborn of Israel, were Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. These were the clan ancestors of Reuben.
Exo 6:15 The sons of Simeon were Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a Canaanite woman. These were the clan ancestors of Simeon.
Exo 6:16 Here are listed the names of the sons of Levi, together with their descendants. They were Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. Levi lived until he was 137 years old (died, c. 1786 BC).
Exo 6:17 The sons of Gershon were Libni and Shimei, according to their clans.

Exo 6:18 The sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. Kohath lived until he was 133 years old (died, c. 1734 BC).
Exo 6:19 The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi. These became the clan ancestors of the Levites, together with their descendants.
Exo 6:20 Amram married Jochebed, his father's sister. She bore him Aaron and Moses. Amram lived 132 years and then died (c. 1716 BC).
Exo 6:21 The sons of Izhar were Korah, Nepheg, and Zichri.
Exo 6:22 The sons of Uzziel were Mishael, Elzaphan, and Sithri.
Exo 6:23 Aaron married Elisheba, daughter of Amminadab, sister of Nahshon. She bore him Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.
Exo 6:24 The sons of Korah were Assir, Elkanah, and Abiasaph. These were the clan ancestors of the Korahites.
Exo 6:25 Eleazar, Aaron's son, married one of the daughters of Putiel (Jethro). She bore him Phinehas. These were the heads of the fathers' houses among the Levites, together with their descendants.
Exo 6:26 These two men were the Aaron and Moses whom Yehowah ordered, "Bring out the Israelis from the land of Egypt, by their armed forces."
Exo 6:27 Aaron and Moses spoke to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, to allow them to bring out the Israelis from Egypt. These were the same Moses and Aaron.
Exo 6:28 When Yehowah spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt,
Exo 6:29 he said to him, "I am Yehowah. Say to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, everything that I will tell you."
Exo 6:30 But Moses asked Yehowah, "I am not good at speaking, so why will Pharaoh listen to me?"

Exodus Chapter 7

Exo 7:1 Yehowah answered Moses, “See, I have made you like a deity to Pharaoh. Aaron your brother will be your prophet.
Exo 7:2 You will say everything that I command you to say. Aaron your brother will speak to Pharaoh, so that he will let the people of Israel go from his land.
Exo 7:3 But I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and I will display many signs of my power, many wonders, in the land of Egypt.
Exo 7:4 But Pharaoh will not listen to you, so I will put my hand on Egypt and bring out my armed forces, my people, the descendants of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of punishment.
Exo 7:5 The Egyptians will know that I am Yehowah, when I reach out with my hand against Egypt and bring out the Israelis from among them.”
Exo 7:6 Moses and Aaron did so; they did just as Yehowah commanded them.
Exo 7:7 Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron eighty-three years old when they spoke to Pharaoh (c. 1651 BC).
Exo 7:8 Yehowah said to Moses and Aaron,
Exo 7:9 “When Pharaoh orders you, ‘Do a miracle,’ then you will say to Aaron, ‘Take your trekking pole and throw it down before Pharaoh, so that it may become a snake.’”
Exo 7:10 Then Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh, and they did just as Yehowah had commanded. Aaron threw down his trekking pole before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a snake.
Exo 7:11 Then Pharaoh also called for his wise men and sorcerers. They did the same thing by their magic.
Exo 7:12 Each man threw down his trekking pole, and the trekking poles became snakes. But Aaron’s trekking pole swallowed up their snakes.
Exo 7:13 Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he did not listen, just as Yehowah had foretold.
Exo 7:14 Yehowah spoke to Moses, “Pharaoh’s heart is hard, and he refuses to let the people go.
Exo 7:15 Go to Pharaoh at dawn when he goes out to the water. Stand on the riverbank to meet him, and take in your hand the trekking pole that had turned into a snake.
Exo 7:16 Speak to him, ‘Yehowah, Mighty One of the Hebrews, has sent me to you to say, “Let my people go, so that they may worship me in the wilderness. Until now you have not listened.”
Exo 7:17 Yehowah declares this: “By this you will know that I am Yehowah. I am going to strike the water of the Nile River with the trekking pole that is in my hand, and the River will be turned to blood.

Exo 7:18 The fish that are in the River will die, and the River will stink. The Egyptians will not be able to drink water from the River.”””
Exo 7:19 Then Yehowah spoke to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Take your trekking pole and reach out with your hand over the waters of Egypt, and over their rivers, streams, ponds, and all their pools, so that their water may become blood. Do this, so that there will be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, even in containers of wood and stone.’”
Exo 7:20 Moses and Aaron did as Yehowah commanded. Aaron raised the trekking pole and struck the water in the River, in the sight of Pharaoh and his servants. All the water in the River turned to blood.
Exo 7:21 The fish in the River died, and the River began to stink. The Egyptians could not drink water from the River, and the blood was everywhere in the land of Egypt.
Exo 7:22 But the magicians of Egypt did the same thing with their magic. So Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he refused to listen to Moses and Aaron, just as Yehowah had said would happen.
Exo 7:23 Then Pharaoh turned and went into his house. He did not even pay attention to this.
Exo 7:24 All the Egyptians dug around the River for water to drink, but they could not drink the water of the River itself.
Exo 7:25 Seven days passed after Yehowah had attacked the River.

Exodus Chapter 8

Exo 8:1 Then Yehowah spoke to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh and tell him, ‘Yehowah declares this: “Let my people go, so that they may worship me.
Exo 8:2 If you refuse to let them go, I will afflict all your country with frogs.
Exo 8:3 The River will swarm with frogs. They will come up and go into your house, your bedroom, and your bed. They will go into your servants’ houses. They will go onto your people, into your ovens, and into your kneading bowls.
Exo 8:4 The frogs will attack you, your people, and all your servants.”””
Exo 8:5 Yehowah spoke to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Reach out with your hand and your trekking pole over the rivers, the streams, and the ponds, and bring the frogs up over the land of Egypt.’”
Exo 8:6 Aaron reached out with his hand over Egypt’s waters, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt.
Exo 8:7 But the magicians did the same with their magic: They brought up frogs over the land of Egypt.
Exo 8:8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, “Pray to Yehowah for him to take away the frogs from me and my people. Then I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to Yehowah.”
Exo 8:9 Moses replied to Pharaoh, “You can have the privilege of telling me when I should pray for you, your servants, and your people, so that the frogs may be removed from you and your houses and stay only in the River.”
Exo 8:10 Pharaoh said, “Tomorrow.” Moses replied, “Let it be as you say, so that you may know that there is no one like Yehowah our Divine One.
Exo 8:11 The frogs will go from you, your houses, your servants, and your people. They will stay only in the River.”
Exo 8:12 Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh. Then Moses cried out to Yehowah concerning the frogs that he had brought on Pharaoh.
Exo 8:13 Yehowah did as Moses asked: The frogs died in the houses, courts, and fields.
Exo 8:14 The people gathered them together in heaps, and the land stank.
Exo 8:15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as Yehowah had said that he would do.
Exo 8:16 Yehowah spoke to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Reach out with your trekking pole and strike the dust on the ground, that it may become gnats throughout all the land of Egypt.’”
Exo 8:17 They did so: Aaron reached out with his hand and his trekking pole. He struck the dust on the ground. Gnats came onto man and beast. All the dust on the ground became gnats throughout the whole land of Egypt.

Exo 8:18 The magicians tried with their magic to produce gnats, but they could not. There were gnats on man and beast.
Exo 8:19 Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of the Almighty.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, so he refused to listen to them. It was just as Yehowah had said Pharaoh would do.
Exo 8:20 Yehowah spoke to Moses, “Get up at the crack of dawn and stand in front of Pharaoh as he goes out to the River. Say to him, ‘Yehowah declares this: “Let my people go, so that they may worship me.
Exo 8:21 But if you do not let my people go, I will send swarms of dung beetles on you, your servants, and your people, and into your houses. The Egyptians’ houses will be full of swarms of dung beetles, and even the ground on which they stand will be full of dung beetles.
Exo 8:22 But on that day, I will treat the land of Goshen differently, the land in which my people are living, so that no swarms of dung beetles will be there. This will happen, so that you may know that I am Yehowah in the midst of this land.
Exo 8:23 I will make a distinction between my people and your people. This sign of my power will take place tomorrow.”’”
Exo 8:24 Yehowah did so, and thick swarms of dung beetles came into Pharaoh’s house and into his servants’ houses. Throughout the whole land of Egypt, the land was ruined because of the swarms of dung beetles.
Exo 8:25 Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, “Go, sacrifice to your Divine One in our own land.”
Exo 8:26 Moses responded, “It is not right for us to do so, for the sacrifices we make to Yehowah our Divine One are something disgusting to the Egyptians. If we make sacrifices right before their eyes that are disgusting to the Egyptians, will they not stone us?
Exo 8:27 No, it is a three days’ journey into the wilderness that we must make, in order to sacrifice to Yehowah our Divine One, as he commands us.”
Exo 8:28 Pharaoh said, “I will allow you to go and sacrifice to Yehowah your Divine One in the wilderness. Only you must not go too far away. Pray for me.”
Exo 8:29 Moses replied, “As soon as I go out from you, I will pray to Yehowah that the swarms of dung beetles may leave you, Pharaoh, and your servants and people tomorrow. But you must not deal deceitfully anymore by not letting our people go to sacrifice to Yehowah.”
Exo 8:30 Moses went out from Pharaoh and prayed to Yehowah.
Exo 8:31 Yehowah did as Moses asked: He removed the swarms of dung beetles from Pharaoh, his servants, and his people. Not one remained.
Exo 8:32 But Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also, and he did not let the people go.

Exodus Chapter 9

Exo 9:1 Then Yehowah spoke to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh and tell him, ‘Yehowah, Mighty One of the Hebrews, declares this: “Let my people go, so that they may worship me.”
Exo 9:2 But if you refuse to let them go, if you still keep them back,
Exo 9:3 then the hand of Yehowah will be on your cattle in the fields and on the horses, donkeys, camels, herds, and flocks, and it will cause a terrible disease.
Exo 9:4 Yehowah will treat Israel’s livestock and Egypt’s livestock differently: No animal that belongs to the Israelis will die.
Exo 9:5 Yehowah has fixed an appointment calendar time; he has said, “It is tomorrow that I will do this thing in the land.”’”
Exo 9:6 Yehowah did this the next day: All the livestock of Egypt died. But none of the Israelis’ animals died, not one animal.
Exo 9:7 Pharaoh investigated, and behold, not even one animal of the Israelis died. But his heart was stubborn, so he did not let the people go.
Exo 9:8 Then Yehowah said to Moses and Aaron, “Take some handfuls of ashes from a kiln. You, Moses, must throw the ashes up into the air, while Pharaoh is watching.
Exo 9:9 They will become fine dust over all the land of Egypt. They will cause boils and pustules to break out on people and animals throughout all the land of Egypt.”
Exo 9:10 So Moses and Aaron took ashes from a kiln and stood in front of Pharaoh. Then Moses threw the ashes up into the air. The ashes caused boils and pustules to break out on people and animals.
Exo 9:11 The magicians could not resist Moses because of the boils, because the boils were on them and on all the other Egyptians.
Exo 9:12 Yehowah hardened Pharaoh’s heart, so Pharaoh did not listen to Moses and Aaron. This was just as Yehowah had said to Moses that Pharaoh would do.
Exo 9:13 Then Yehowah spoke to Moses, “Get up at the crack of dawn, stand in front of Pharaoh and say to him, ‘Yehowah, Mighty One of the Hebrews, declares this: “Let my people go, so that they may worship me.
Exo 9:14 For this time, I will send all my plagues on you yourself, on your servants and your people. I will do this, so that you may know that there is no one like me in all the earth.
Exo 9:15 By now, I could have reached out with my hand and attacked you and your people with disease, and you would have been eradicated from the land.
Exo 9:16 But it was for this reason I allowed you to survive: In order to show you my power, so that my name may be proclaimed throughout all the earth.

Exo 9:17 You are still lifting yourself up against my people by not letting them go.
Exo 9:18 Listen! Tomorrow about this time, I will bring a thunderously strong hail storm, such as has not been seen in Egypt since the day it was begun until now.
Exo 9:19 Now then, send men and gather your livestock and everything you have in the fields to a safe place. Every man and animal that is in the field and is not brought home, the hail will come down on them, and they will die.”””
Exo 9:20 Then those of Pharaoh’s servants who believed in the message of Yehowah hurried to bring their slaves and livestock into the houses.
Exo 9:21 But those who did not take the message of Yehowah seriously left their slaves and livestock in the fields.
Exo 9:22 Then Yehowah spoke to Moses, “Reach out with your hand toward the sky, so that there will be hail in all the land of Egypt, on people, on animals, and on all the plants in the fields throughout the land of Egypt.”
Exo 9:23 Moses reached out with his trekking pole toward the sky, and Yehowah sent thunder, hail, and lightning to the ground. He also rained hail on the land of Egypt.
Exo 9:24 So there were hail and lightning mixed with hail, extremely severe, such as had not been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.
Exo 9:25 Throughout all the land of Egypt, the hail struck everything in the fields, both people and animals. It struck every plant in the fields and broke every tree.
Exo 9:26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the Israelis lived, was there no hail.
Exo 9:27 Then Pharaoh sent men to summon Moses and Aaron. He confessed to them, “I have sinned this time. Yehowah is righteous, and I and my people are wicked.
Exo 9:28 Pray to Yehowah, because the mighty thunderbolts and hail are too much. I will let you go, and you will stay here no longer.”
Exo 9:29 Moses replied to him, “As soon as I leave the city, I will spread my hands out to Yehowah. The thunder will stop, and there will not be any more hail. In this way, you will know that the earth belongs to Yehowah.
Exo 9:30 But as for you and your servants, I know that you do not yet really honor Yehowah Almighty.”
Exo 9:31 Now the flax and the barley were ruined, for the barley was maturing in the ear (abib), and the flax was in bloom.
Exo 9:32 But the wheat and the spelt were not harmed, because they were later crops.
Exo 9:33 When Moses had left Pharaoh and the city, he spread out his hands to Yehowah; the thunder and hail stopped, and the rain came down no more.
Exo 9:34 When Pharaoh saw that the rain, hail, and thunder had ceased, he sinned again and hardened his heart, together with his servants.

Exo 9:35 Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, so he did not let the people of Israel go. This was the way that Yehowah had said to Moses that Pharaoh would act.

Exodus Chapter 10

Exo 10:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his servants. I have done this to show these signs of my power among them.
Exo 10:2 I have also done this, so that you may tell your children and grandchildren the things I have done, how I have harshly treated Egypt, and how I have given various signs of my power among them. In this way, you will know that I am Yehowah.”
Exo 10:3 So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said to him, “Yehowah, Mighty One of the Hebrews, declares this: ‘How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me? Let my people go, so that they may worship me.
Exo 10:4 But if you refuse to let my people go, listen, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your land.
Exo 10:5 They will cover the surface of the ground, so that no one will be able to see the earth. They will eat the remains of whatever escaped from the hail. They will also eat every tree that grows for you in the fields.
Exo 10:6 They will fill your houses, those of all your servants, and those of all the Egyptians, something neither your father nor your grandfather ever saw, nothing ever seen since the day that they were on the earth to this present day.’” Then Moses left and went out from Pharaoh.
Exo 10:7 Pharaoh’s servants asked him, “How long will this man be a menace to us? Let the Israelis go, so that they may worship Yehowah their Divine One. Do you not yet realize that Egypt is destroyed?”
Exo 10:8 Moses and Aaron were brought again to Pharaoh, who said to them, “Go worship Yehowah your Divine One. But what people will go?”
Exo 10:9 Moses answered, “We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and our daughters. We will go with our flocks and herds, for we must hold a feast for Yehowah.”
Exo 10:10 Pharaoh said to them, “May Yehowah indeed be with you, if I ever let you go and your little ones go. Look, you have some evil in mind.
Exo 10:11 No! Go, just the men among you, and worship Yehowah, for that is what you want.” Then Moses and Aaron were driven out from Pharaoh’s presence.
Exo 10:12 Then Yehowah spoke to Moses, “Reach out with your hand over the land of Egypt to the locusts, that they may attack the land of Egypt and eat every plant in it, everything that the hail has left.”
Exo 10:13 Moses reached out with his trekking pole over the land of Egypt, and Yehowah brought an east wind over the land all that day and night. When it was daybreak, the east wind had brought the locusts.

Exo 10:14 The locusts went through all the land of Egypt and infested all parts of it. Never before had there been such a swarm of locusts in the land, and nothing like this will come after it.
Exo 10:15 They covered the surface of the whole land, so that it was darkened. They ate every plant in the land and all the fruit of the trees that the hail had left. Throughout all the land of Egypt, no living green plant remained, nor any tree or plant in the fields.
Exo 10:16 Then Pharaoh quickly summoned Moses and Aaron, and confessed, “I have sinned against Yehowah your Divine One and against you.
Exo 10:17 Now then, forgive my sin this time, and pray to Yehowah your Divine One, that he will take this death away from me.”
Exo 10:18 So Moses went out from Pharaoh and prayed to Yehowah.
Exo 10:19 Yehowah brought an extremely strong west wind that picked up the locusts and drove them into the Red Sea; not a single locust remained in all the territory of Egypt.
Exo 10:20 But Yehowah hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and Pharaoh did not let the Israelis go.
Exo 10:21 Then Yehowah commanded Moses, “Reach out with your hand toward the sky, so that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness that may be felt.”
Exo 10:22 Moses reached out with his hand toward the sky, and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt for three days.
Exo 10:23 No one could see anyone else; no one left his home for three days. However, all the Israelis had light in the place where they lived.
Exo 10:24 Pharaoh summoned Moses and ordered, “Go, worship Yehowah. Even your families may go with you, but your flocks and herds must remain behind.”
Exo 10:25 But Moses replied, “You must also give us animals for sacrifices and burnt offerings, so that we may sacrifice them to Yehowah our Divine One.
Exo 10:26 Our livestock must also go with us; not a hoof of them may be left behind, for we must take them to worship Yehowah our Divine One. For we do not know with what we must worship Yehowah, until we arrive there.”
Exo 10:27 But Yehowah hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he would not let them go.
Exo 10:28 Pharaoh ordered Moses, “Go from me! Be careful about one thing, that you do not see me again, for on the day you see my face, you will die.”
Exo 10:29 Moses responded, “You yourself have spoken rightly. I will not see your face again.”

Exodus Chapter 11

Exo 11:1 Then Yehowah said to Moses, “There is still one more plague that I will bring on Pharaoh and Egypt. After that, he will let you go from here. When he finally lets you go, he will drive you away completely.
Exo 11:2 Instruct the people that every man and woman is to ask of his or her neighbor for articles of silver and articles of gold.”
Exo 11:3 Now Yehowah had made the Egyptians eager to please the Israelis. Moreover, the man Moses was remarkably impressive in the sight of Pharaoh’s servants and the people of Egypt.
Exo 11:4 Moses said, “Yehowah prophesies this: ‘About midnight I will go throughout Egypt.
Exo 11:5 All the firstborn in the land of Egypt will die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sits on his throne, to the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the handmill grinding it, and to all the firstborn of the livestock.
Exo 11:6 Then there will be a great wailing throughout all the land of Egypt, such as has never been nor ever will be again.
Exo 11:7 But not even a dog will bark against any of the people of Israel, against either man or beast. In this way, you will know that I am treating the Egyptians and the Israelis differently.’
Exo 11:8 All these servants of yours, Pharaoh, will come down to me and bow down to me. They will shout, ‘Go, you and all the people who follow you!’ After that I will go out.” Then he went out from Pharaoh in great anger.
Exo 11:9 Yehowah said to Moses, “Pharaoh will not listen to you. This is so that I will do many amazing things in the land of Egypt.”
Exo 11:10 Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh. But Yehowah hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and Pharaoh did not let the people of Israel go out of his land.

Exodus Chapter 12

Exo 12:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,
Exo 12:2 “For you, this month will be the start of months, the first month (Abib, Exo. 13:4) of the year (Gen. 8:13; begins at Spring Equinox).
Exo 12:3 Tell the congregation of Israel, ‘On the tenth of this month they must each take a lamb or young goat for themselves, each family doing this, a lamb for each household.
Exo 12:4 If the household is too small for a lamb, the man and his next door neighbor are to take lamb or young goat meat that will be enough for the number of the people. It should be enough for everyone to eat, so they must take enough meat to feed them all.
Exo 12:5 Your lamb or young goat must be without blemish, a one-year-old male. You may take one of the sheep or goats.
Exo 12:6 You must keep it until the fourteenth day of that month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel must kill these animals between the two evenings (Deut. 16:6).
Exo 12:7 You must take some of the blood and put it on the two side doorposts and on the tops of the door frames of the houses in which you will eat the meat.
Exo 12:8 You must eat the meat that night, after first roasting it over a fire. Eat it with unleavened bread, along with bitter herbs.
Exo 12:9 Do not eat it raw or boiled in water. Instead, roast it over fire with its head, legs, and inner parts.
Exo 12:10 You must not let any of it be left over until dawn (Abib 15). You must burn whatever is left over at dawn.
Exo 12:11 This is how you must eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your trekking pole in your hand. You must eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of Yehowah.
Exo 12:12 Yehowah declares this: I will go through the land of Egypt in that night and attack all the firstborn of man and animal in the land of Egypt. I will bring punishment on all the deities of Egypt. I am Yehowah.
Exo 12:13 The blood will be a sign on your houses for my coming to you. When I see the blood, I will pass over you, when I attack the land of Egypt. This plague will not come on you and destroy you.
Exo 12:14 This day will become a memorial day for you, which you must observe as a feast for Yehowah. It will always be a law for you, throughout your people’s generations, that you must observe this feast by an ordinance forever.
Exo 12:15 You will eat unleavened bread during seven days. On the headmost day (Passover, the 14th), you will remove the yeast from your houses. Whoever

eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person must be cut off from Israel.
Exo 12:16 On the first day (15th), there will be an assembly that is set apart to me, and on the seventh day there will be another set-apart gathering. No work will be done on these days, except the cooking for everyone to eat. That must be the only work that may be done by you.
Exo 12:17 You must observe this Festival of Unleavened Bread, because it is on this day that I will have brought your people, armed force by armed force, out of the land of Egypt. So you must observe this day throughout your people's generations. This will always be a law for you.
Exo 12:18 You must eat unleavened bread from dusk of the fourteenth day in the first month of the year, through dusk of the twenty-first day of the month.
Exo 12:19 During these seven days, no yeast must be found in your houses. Whoever eats bread made with yeast must be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether that person is a sojourning foreigner or someone born in your land.
Exo 12:20 You must eat nothing made with yeast. Wherever you live, you must eat unleavened bread.'"
Exo 12:21 Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs or kids that will be enough to feed your families and kill the Passover.
Exo 12:22 Then take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that will be in a basin. Apply the blood in the basin to the top of the doorframe and the two doorposts. None of you is to go out of the door of his house until dawn.
Exo 12:23 For Yehowah will pass through to attack the Egyptians. When he sees the blood on the top of the doorframe and on the two doorposts, Yehowah will pass over your door and not permit the destroyer to come into your houses to attack you.
Exo 12:24 You must observe this event. This will always be a law for you and your descendants.
Exo 12:25 When you enter the land that Yehowah will give you, just as he has promised to do, you must observe this act of worship.
Exo 12:26 When your children ask you, 'What does this act of worship mean?'
Exo 12:27 Then you must answer, 'It is the sacrifice of the Passover of Yehowah, because he passed over the Israelis' houses in Egypt when he attacked the Egyptians. He set our households free.'" Then the people bowed down and worshiped.
Exo 12:28 The Israelis went and did exactly as Yehowah had commanded Moses and Aaron.

Exo 12:29 It happened at midnight, that Yehowah attacked all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on his throne, to the firstborn of the person in prison and all the firstborn of livestock.
Exo 12:30 Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, all his servants, and all the Egyptians. There was loud lamenting in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not someone dead.
Exo 12:31 Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron in the night and said, “Get up, get out from among my people, you and the Israelis. Go, worship Yehowah, as you have said you wanted to do.
Exo 12:32 Take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and go, and also bless me.”
Exo 12:33 The Egyptians were in a great hurry to send them out of the land, for they said, “We are all dead people.”
Exo 12:34 So the people took their dough without adding any yeast. Their kneading bowls were already tied up in their clothes and on their shoulders.
Exo 12:35 Now the people of Israel did as Moses told them. They asked the Egyptians for articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing.
Exo 12:36 Yehowah made the Egyptians eager to please the Israelis. So the Egyptians gave them whatever they asked for. In this way, the Israelis plundered the Egyptians.
Exo 12:37 The Israelis journeyed from Rameses to Succoth (Num 33:5). They numbered about 600,000 men on foot, in addition to the women and children.
Exo 12:38 A multitude of ethnicities also went with them, together with flocks and herds, a substantially large number of livestock.
Exo 12:39 They baked unleavened bread from the dough that they brought from Egypt. It was without yeast, because they had been driven out of Egypt and could not delay to prepare food.
Exo 12:40 Now the Israelis and their father (Abraham) had lived in (Haran), Canaan, and Egypt for 430 years.
Exo 12:41 At the end of 430 years (c. 1650 BC), on that same day (Abib 15, Gen. 15:18; Num. 33:3; Gal. 3:16-18), all of the armed forces of Yehowah went out from the land of Egypt.
Exo 12:42 This was a night to stay awake, for Yehowah to bring them out from the land of Egypt. This was the night of Yehowah to be observed by all the Israelis throughout their people’s generations.
Exo 12:43 Yehowah said to Moses and Aaron, “Here is the rule for the Passover: No foreigner may share in eating it.
Exo 12:44 However, every Israeli’s slave, bought with money, may eat it after you have circumcised him.
Exo 12:45 Resident foreigners and hired servants must not eat any of the food.

Exo 12:46 The food must be eaten in one house. You must not carry any of the meat out of the house, and you must not break any bone of it.
Exo 12:47 All the congregation of Israel must observe the festival.
Exo 12:48 If a sojourning foreigner lives with you and wants to observe the Passover to Yehowah, all his male relatives must be circumcised. Then he may come and observe it. He will become like the people who were born in the land. However, no uncircumcised person may eat any of the food.
Exo 12:49 This same law will apply to both the native born and to the sojourning foreigner who lives among you.”
Exo 12:50 So all the Israelis did exactly as Yehowah had commanded Moses and Aaron.
Exo 12:51 It came about on that same day (Abib 15), that Yehowah brought Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armed forces.

Exodus Chapter 13

Exo 13:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Exo 13:2 “Set apart to me all the firstborn, every firstborn male among the Israelis, both of people and animals. The firstborn belongs to me.”
Exo 13:3 Moses said to the people, “Call this day to mind, the day on which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by the strong hand of Yehowah, he brought you out from this place. No bread with yeast may be eaten.
Exo 13:4 You are going out of Egypt on this (15th) day, in the month of Abib.
Exo 13:5 When Yehowah brings you into the land of the Canaanites, Hethites, Amorites, Hivites, and the Jebusites, the land that he swore to your ancestors to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, then you must observe this act of worship in this month.
Exo 13:6 For seven days you must eat unleavened bread; on the seventh day there will be a feast to honor Yehowah.
Exo 13:7 Unleavened bread must be eaten throughout the seven days; no bread with yeast may be seen among you. No yeast may be seen with you within any of your borders.
Exo 13:8 On that day, you are to say to your children, ‘This is because of what Yehowah did for me when I came out of Egypt.’
Exo 13:9 This will be a reminder for you on your hand and a reminder on your forehead (tefillin). This is so the Law of Yehowah may be in your mouth, for with a strong hand Yehowah brought you out of Egypt.
Exo 13:10 Therefore, you must keep this statute at its appointment calendar time from year to year.
Exo 13:11 When Yehowah brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and to your ancestors to do, and when he gives the land to you,
Exo 13:12 you must set apart for him every firstborn child and the first offspring of your animals. The males belong to Yehowah.
Exo 13:13 Every firstborn of a donkey you must buy back with a lamb. If you do not buy it back, then you must break its neck. But each of your firstborn males among all your sons, you must buy them back.
Exo 13:14 When your son asks you later, ‘What does this mean?’ Then you are to tell him, ‘It was by a strong hand that Yehowah brought us out from Egypt, from the house of slavery.
Exo 13:15 When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, Yehowah killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of people and the firstborn of animals. That is why I sacrifice to Yehowah the firstborn male of every animal, and why I buy back the firstborn of my sons.’

Exo 13:16 This will become a reminder on your hands and a reminder on your forehead (tefillin), for it was by a strong hand Yehowah brought us out of Egypt.”
Exo 13:17 When Pharaoh let the people go, the Almighty did not lead them by the road (Way of Horus) to the land of the Philistines, although that land was nearby. For the Almighty said, “Perhaps the people will change their minds when they experience war and will then return to Egypt.”
Exo 13:18 So the Almighty led the people around through the wilderness to the SEA (Sea of the End or Annihilation). The Israelis went up out of the land of Egypt armed for battle.
Exo 13:19 Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for Joseph had made the Israelis solemnly swear, “The Almighty will surely rescue you, and you must carry away my bones with you.”
Exo 13:20 The Israelis journeyed from Succoth and camped at Etham on the edge of the wilderness (of Shur, or Etham; Num. 33:6, 8; Exo. 15:22).
Exo 13:21 Yehowah went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them on the way. By night he went in a pillar of fire to give them light. In this way, they could travel by day and by night.
Exo 13:22 He did not take away from before the people the daytime pillar of cloud or the nighttime pillar of fire.

Exodus Chapter 14

Exo 14:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Exo 14:2 “Say to the Israelis that they should turn back and camp before Pi Hahiroth (house of Hathor), between Migdol (modern Slaves Hill) and the SEA, before Baal Zephon (deity of the north). You are to camp by the SEA opposite Pi Hahiroth (Num. 33:7).
Exo 14:3 Pharaoh will say about the Israelis, ‘They are wandering in the land. The wilderness has closed in on them.’
Exo 14:4 I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will pursue them. I will get honor because of Pharaoh and all his military force. The Egyptians will know that I am Yehowah.” So the Israelis camped as they were instructed.
Exo 14:5 When the king of Egypt was told that the Israelis had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his servants turned against the people. They asked, “What have we done in letting Israel go free from working for us?”
Exo 14:6 Then Pharaoh harnessed his chariots and took his military force with him.
Exo 14:7 He took six hundred chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers on all of them.
Exo 14:8 Yehowah hardened the heart of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and the king pursued the Israelis. Now the Israelis had gone away in triumph.
Exo 14:9 But the Egyptians pursued them, together with all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots, his cavalry, and his army. They overtook the Israelis camping by the SEA, beside Pi Hahiroth, before Baal Zephon.
Exo 14:10 When Pharaoh came close, the Israelis looked up and were surprised. The Egyptians were marching after them, and they were terrified. The Israelis cried out to Yehowah!
Exo 14:11 They asked Moses, “Is it because there were no graves in Egypt, that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you treated us like this, bringing us out of Egypt?
Exo 14:12 Is this not what we told you in Egypt? We said to you, ‘Leave us alone, so we can work for the Egyptians.’ It would have been better for us to work for them than to die in the wilderness.”
Exo 14:13 Moses ordered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand still and see the rescue (Aleph Tav Y’shua) that Yehowah will provide for you today. For you will never see again the Egyptians whom you see today.
Exo 14:14 Yehowah will fight for you, and you will only have to stand still.”
Exo 14:15 Then Yehowah spoke to Moses, “Why are you, Moses, continuing to call out to me? Tell the Israelis to go forward.

Exo 14:16 Lift up your trekking pole, reach out with your hand over the SEA and divide it, so that the people of Israel may go through the SEA on dry ground.
Exo 14:17 Be aware that I will harden the Egyptians' hearts, so they will go after them. I will get honor because of Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his cavalry.
Exo 14:18 Then the Egyptians will know that I am Yehowah, when I have gained honor because of Pharaoh, his chariots, and his cavalry."
Exo 14:19 The angel of the Almighty, who went before the Israeli host, moved and went behind them. The pillar of cloud moved from before them and went to stand behind them.
Exo 14:20 The cloud came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel. It was a dark cloud to the Egyptians, but it lit the night for the Israelis, so one side did not come near the other all night.
Exo 14:21 Moses reached out with his hand over the SEA. Yehowah drove the SEA back by a strong east wind all that night and made the SEA into dry land. In this way, the waters were divided.
Exo 14:22 The Israelis went into the middle of the SEA on dry ground. The waters formed a wall for them on their right hand and on their left.
Exo 14:23 The Egyptians pursued them. They went after them into the middle of the SEA, all Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and cavalry.
Exo 14:24 But in the morning watch, Yehowah looked down on the Egyptian military force through the pillar of fire and cloud. He caused panic among the Egyptian military.
Exo 14:25 Their chariot wheels spun off, so the charioteers drove with difficulty. So the Egyptians shouted, "Let us flee from Israel, for Yehowah is fighting for them against us!"
Exo 14:26 Yehowah spoke to Moses, "Reach out with your hand over the SEA, so that the waters may come back onto the Egyptians, their chariots, and their cavalry."
Exo 14:27 So Moses reached out with his hand over the SEA, and it returned to its normal course when dawn appeared. The Egyptians fled straight into the SEA, and Yehowah drove the Egyptians into the middle of it.
Exo 14:28 The waters came back and covered Pharaoh's chariots, cavalry, and his entire army that had followed the chariots into the SEA. No one survived.
Exo 14:29 However, the Israelis walked on dry land in the middle of the SEA. The waters were a wall for them on their right hand and on their left.
Exo 14:30 So Yehowah saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw dead Egyptians on the seashore.
Exo 14:31 When Israel saw the great power that Yehowah used against the Egyptians, the people revered Yehowah, and they trusted in Yehowah and in his servant Moses.

Exodus Chapter 15

Exo 15:1 Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to Yehowah: “I will sing to Yehowah, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and its rider he has thrown into the SEA.
Exo 15:2 Yah is my strength and song, and he has become my salvation (Psa. 118:14; Isa. 12:2). This is my Almighty, and I will praise him, my father’s Divine One, and I will exalt him.
Exo 15:3 Yehowah is a warrior; Yehowah is his name.
Exo 15:4 He has thrown Pharaoh’s chariots and military force into the SEA. Pharaoh’s chosen officers were drowned in the SEA.
Exo 15:5 The depths covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone.
Exo 15:6 Your right hand, Yehowah, is glorious in power; your right hand, Yehowah, has shattered the enemy.
Exo 15:7 In great majesty you overthrew those who rose up against you. You sent out your wrath; it consumed them like stubble.
Exo 15:8 By the blast of your nostrils the waters were piled up; the flowing waters stood upright in a heap; the deep water was congealed in the heart of the SEA.
Exo 15:9 The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake, I will share out the plunder; my desire will be satisfied on them; I will draw my sword; my hand will destroy them.’
Exo 15:10 But you blew with your wind, and the SEA covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters.
Exo 15:11 Who is like you, Yehowah, among the deities? Who is like you, majestic in set-apartness, honored in praises, doing miracles?
Exo 15:12 You reached out with your right hand, and the earth swallowed them.
Exo 15:13 In your covenant loyalty you have led the people you have redeemed. In your strength you have led them to the Set-apart Place where you live.
Exo 15:14 The people will hear, and they will tremble; terror will seize the inhabitants of Philistia.
Exo 15:15 Then the chiefs of Edom will fear; the soldiers of Moab will shake; all the inhabitants of Canaan will melt away.
Exo 15:16 Terror and dread will fall on them. Because of your arm’s power, they will become as still as a stone, until your people pass by, Yehowah, until the people you have redeemed pass by.
Exo 15:17 You will bring them and plant them on the mountain of your inheritance, the place, Yehowah, that you have made to live in, the sanctuary, Lord, that your hands have built.
Exo 15:18 Yehowah will reign forever and ever!”

Exo 15:19 For Pharaoh's horse went with his chariots and cavalry into the SEA. Yehowah brought back the waters of the SEA on them. But the Israelis walked on dry land in the middle of the SEA.
Exo 15:20 Miriam the prophetess, sister of Aaron, picked up a tambourine, and all the women went out with tambourines, dancing along with her.
Exo 15:21 Miriam sang to them: "Sing to Yehowah, for he has triumphed gloriously. The horse and his rider he has thrown into the SEA!"
Exo 15:22 Then Moses led Israel onward from the SEA. They went out into the wilderness of Shur. They traveled for three days into the wilderness and found no water.
Exo 15:23 Then they came to Marah (modern Ein Ma'arif), but they could not drink the water there, because it was bitter. So they called that place Marah.
Exo 15:24 So the people complained to Moses and asked, "What can we drink?"
Exo 15:25 Moses cried out to Yehowah, and Yehowah showed him a tree. Moses threw it into the water, and the water became sweet to drink. It was there that Yehowah gave them a strict law, and it was there that he tested them.
Exo 15:26 He said, "If you carefully listen to the voice of Yehowah your Divine One, and do what is right in his eyes, and if you give ear to his commands and obey all his laws, I will put on you none of the diseases that I put on the Egyptians, for I am Yehowah Who Heals you."
Exo 15:27 Then the people came to Elim (modern Ein Zik), where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees (Num. 33:9). They camped there by the water.

Exodus Chapter 16

Exo 16:1 The people journeyed on from Elim (modern Ein Zik), and all the congregation of Israelis came to the wilderness of Sin (just east of Mt. Sin), which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month (c. 1650 BC), after their departure from the land of Egypt.
Exo 16:2 The whole congregation of Israelis complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.
Exo 16:3 The Israelis said to them, "If only we had died by the of hand of Yehowah in the land of Egypt, when we were sitting by the pots of meat and were eating bread to the full. For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill our whole congregation with hunger."
Exo 16:4 Then Yehowah said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from Heaven for you. The people will go out and gather a day's portion every day, so that I may test them, to see whether or not they will walk in my law.
Exo 16:5 It will come about on the sixth day, that they will gather twice as much as what they gathered every day before, and they will prepare what they bring in."
Exo 16:6 Then Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At dusk you will know that it is Yehowah who has brought you out from the land of Egypt.
Exo 16:7 At dawn you will see the glory of Yehowah, for he hears your complaining against Yehowah. Who are we for you to complain against us?"
Exo 16:8 Moses also said, "You will know this when Yehowah gives you meat at dusk and bread at dawn to the full, for Yehowah has heard the complaints that you speak against him. Who are Aaron and I? Your complaints are not against us; they are against Yehowah."
Exo 16:9 Moses said to Aaron, "Order all the congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before Yehowah, for he has heard your complaints.'"
Exo 16:10 It came about, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of Yehowah appeared in the cloud.
Exo 16:11 Then Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Exo 16:12 "I have heard the complaints of the people of Israel. Speak to them, 'At dusk you will eat meat, and at dawn you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am Yehowah your Divine One.'"
Exo 16:13 Before sunset, quails came up and covered the camp. At dawn the dew lay round about the camp.
Exo 16:14 When the dew was gone, there on the surface of the wilderness were thin flakes like frost on the ground.

Exo 16:15 When the people of Israel saw it, they asked one another, “What is it?” They did not know what manna was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that Yehowah has given you to eat.
Exo 16:16 This is the command that Yehowah has given: ‘You must gather, each one of you, the amount you need to eat, 2.2 liters for each person of the number of your people. This is how you will gather it: Gather enough to eat for every person who lives in your tent.’”
Exo 16:17 The people of Israel did so. Some gathered more, some gathered less.
Exo 16:18 When they measured it with a 2.2 liter measure, those who had gathered much had nothing left over, and those who had gathered little had no lack. Each person gathered enough to meet their need.
Exo 16:19 Then Moses commanded them, “No one must leave any of it until dawn.”
Exo 16:20 However, they did not listen to Moses. Some of them left some of it until dawn, but it bred worms and became foul. Then Moses became angry with them.
Exo 16:21 They gathered it dawn by dawn. Each person gathered enough to eat for that day. When the sun became hot, it melted.
Exo 16:22 It came about that on the sixth day, they gathered twice as much bread, 4.4 liters for each person. All the leaders of the congregation came and told this to Moses.
Exo 16:23 He said to them, “This is what Yehowah has declared: ‘Tomorrow is a special sabbatism (holiday), a set-apart Sabbath (c. 1650 BC) to honor Yehowah. Bake what you want to bake, and boil what you want to boil. All that remains over, set it aside for yourselves until dawn.’”
Exo 16:24 So they set it aside until dawn, as Moses had instructed. It did not become foul, nor was there any worm in it.
Exo 16:25 Moses said, “Eat that food today, for today is a day reserved as a Sabbath to honor Yehowah. Today you will not find it in the fields.
Exo 16:26 You will gather it during six days, but on the seventh day Sabbath, there will be none.”
Exo 16:27 It came about on the seventh day, that some of the people went out to gather manna, but they found none.
Exo 16:28 Then Yehowah said to Moses, “How long will you refuse to keep my commandments and my law?
Exo 16:29 See, Yehowah has given you the Sabbath. So on the sixth day, he is giving you bread for two days. Each of you must stay in his own place; no one must go out from his place on the seventh day.”
Exo 16:30 So the people rested on the seventh day.
Exo 16:31 The people of Israel called that food “manna.” It was white like coriander seed, and its taste was like wafers made with honey.

Exo 16:32 Moses said, “This is what Yehowah has commanded: ‘Let 2.2 liters of manna be kept throughout your people’s generations, so that your descendants might see the bread with which I fed you in the wilderness, after I brought you out from the land of Egypt.’”
Exo 16:33 Moses ordered Aaron, “Take a pot and put 2.2 liters of manna into it. Preserve it before Yehowah to be kept throughout the people’s generations.”
Exo 16:34 As Yehowah commanded Moses, Aaron stored it beside the covenant decrees in the ark.
Exo 16:35 The people of Israel ate manna forty years (c. 1650 – 1611 BC), until they came to inhabited land. They ate it, until they came to the borders of the land of Canaan.
Exo 16:36 Now 2.2 liters (an omer) is a tenth of an ephah (22 liters, Eze. 45:11).

Exodus Chapter 17

Exo 17:1 The whole congregation of the Israelis journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, following the instructions of Yehowah. They camped at Rephidim (modern Be'er Resisim), but there was no water for the people to drink.
Exo 17:2 So the people blamed Moses for their situation and demanded, "Give us water to drink!" Moses asked, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test Yehowah?"
Exo 17:3 The people were thirsty, and they complained against Moses. They asked, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt? To kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"
Exo 17:4 Then Moses cried out to Yehowah, "What should I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me!"
Exo 17:5 Yehowah answered Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take with you some elders of Israel. Take with you the trekking pole with which you struck the river, and go.
Exo 17:6 I will stand before you there on the rock in the dried up wadi bed, and you will strike the rock. Water will come out of it for the people to drink." Then Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel (Num. 20:11; Psa. 105:41).
Exo 17:7 He called that place Massah and Meribah because of the Israelis' complaining, and because they had tested Yehowah by asking, "Is Yehowah among us or not?"
Exo 17:8 Then a military force of the Amalekite people came and attacked Israel at Rephidim (modern Be'er Resisim).
Exo 17:9 So Moses ordered Joshua (Yehoshua; Neh. 8:17), "Choose some men and go out. Fight with Amalek. Tomorrow, I will stand on top of the hill with the trekking pole of the Almighty in my hand."
Exo 17:10 So Joshua fought Amalek as Moses had instructed, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.
Exo 17:11 While Moses was holding his hands up, Israel was winning; when he let his hands rest, Amalek would begin to win.
Exo 17:12 When Moses' hands became heavy, Aaron and Hur took a stone and put it under him for him to sit on. At the same time, Aaron and Hur held his hands up, one person on one side of him, and the other person on the other side. So Moses' hands were held steady, until the sun went down.
Exo 17:13 So Joshua defeated the people of Amalek with the sword.
Exo 17:14 Yehowah spoke to Moses, "Write this memorandum in a Book and read it in Joshua's hearing, because I will completely blot out the memory of Amalek from under the skies."
Exo 17:15 Then Moses built an altar, and he called it, "Yehowah is my Banner".

Exo 17:16 He said, “For a hand was lifted up to the throne of Yah, that Yehowah will wage war with Amalek from generation to generation.”

Exodus Chapter 18

Exo 18:1 Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that the Almighty had done for Moses and for Israel his people. He heard that Yehowah had brought Israel out of Egypt.
Exo 18:2 Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her home,
Exo 18:3 and her two sons; the name of the one son was Gershom, for Moses had said, "I have been a sojourning foreigner in an alien land."
Exo 18:4 The name of the other was Eliezer, for Moses had said, "My ancestor's Divine One was my help. He rescued me from Pharaoh's sword."
Exo 18:5 Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with Moses' sons and his wife to Moses in the wilderness, where he was camped at the mountain of the Almighty.
Exo 18:6 He said to Moses, "I, your father-in-law, Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons."
Exo 18:7 Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, bowed down, and kissed him. They asked about each other's welfare and then went into the tent.
Exo 18:8 Moses told his father-in-law all that Yehowah had done to Pharaoh and the Egyptians for Israel's sake, about all the hardships that had come to them along the way, and how Yehowah had rescued them.
Exo 18:9 Jethro rejoiced over all the good that Yehowah had done for Israel, in that he had rescued them from the hand of the Egyptians.
Exo 18:10 Jethro said, "Bless Yehowah, for he has rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of Pharaoh, and delivered the people from the hand of the Egyptians!
Exo 18:11 Now I know that Yehowah is greater than all the deities, because when the Egyptians treated the Israelis arrogantly, the Almighty rescued his people!"
Exo 18:12 Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and sacrifices for the Almighty. Aaron and all the elders of Israel came to eat a meal before the Almighty with Moses' father-in-law.
Exo 18:13 On the next day, Moses sat down to judge the people. The people stood around him from dawn until dusk.
Exo 18:14 When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did for the people, he asked, "What is this that you are doing with the people? Why is it that you sit alone, and all the people stand about you from dawn until dusk?"
Exo 18:15 Moses answered his father-in-law, "The people come to me to ask for direction from Almighty.
Exo 18:16 When they have a dispute, they come to me. I decide between one person and another, and I teach them the statutes and law of the Almighty."
Exo 18:17 Moses' father-in-law replied to him, "What you are doing is not good.

Exo 18:18 You will surely wear yourselves out, you and the people who are with you. This burden is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it by yourself.
Exo 18:19 Listen to me. I will give you advice, and the Almighty will be with you, because you are the people's representative to the Almighty, and you bring their disputes to him.
Exo 18:20 You must teach them his statutes and law. You must show them the Way to walk and the work to do.
Exo 18:21 Furthermore, you must choose capable men from all the people, men who honor the Almighty, men of truth who hate unjust gain. You must put them over the people, to be leaders in charge of thousands, hundreds, fifties, and of tens.
Exo 18:22 They will judge the people in all routine cases, but the difficult cases they will bring to you. As for all the lesser cases, they can judge those themselves. In that way, it will be easier for you, and they will carry the burden with you.
Exo 18:23 If you do this, and if the Almighty commands you to do so, then you will be able to endure, and the entire people will be able to go home satisfied."
Exo 18:24 So Moses listened to his father-in-law's words and did everything that he had said.
Exo 18:25 Moses chose capable men from all Israel and made them heads over the people, leaders in charge of thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens.
Exo 18:26 They judged the people in normal circumstances. The difficult cases they brought to Moses, but they themselves judged all the lesser cases (first Beit Din).
Exo 18:27 Then Moses let his father-in-law leave, and Jethro went back into his own land.

Exodus Chapter 19

Exo 19:1 In the third month after the people of Israel had gone out from the land of Egypt, on the same day (15th of the month, Num. 33:3), they came to the wilderness of Sinai.
Exo 19:2 After they left Rephidim (modern Be'er Resisim) and came to the wilderness of Sinai, they camped in the wilderness in front of the mountain.
Exo 19:3 Moses went up to the Almighty. Yehowah called to him from the mountain, "You must tell the house of Jacob, the people of Israel:
Exo 19:4 You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself (Rev. 12:14; Isa. 40:31)!
Exo 19:5 Now then, if you obediently listen to my voice and keep my covenant, then you will be my special possession from among all people, for all the earth is mine.
Exo 19:6 You will be a kingdom of priests and a set-apart nation for me. These are the words that you must speak to the people of Israel."
Exo 19:7 So Moses came and summoned the elders of the people. He set before them all these words that Yehowah had commanded him.
Exo 19:8 All the people answered together, "We will do everything that Yehowah has said." Then Moses came to report the people's words to Yehowah.
Exo 19:9 Yehowah said to Moses, "I will come to you in a thick cloud, so that the people may hear when I speak with you and may also believe you forever." Then Moses told the people's words to Yehowah.
Exo 19:10 Yehowah spoke to Moses, "Go to the people. Today and tomorrow you must set them apart to me, and make them wash their garments.
Exo 19:11 Be ready for the third day, for the third day Yehowah will come down visibly before all the people onto Mount Sinai.
Exo 19:12 You must set boundaries all around the mountain for the people. Command them, 'Be careful that you do not go up the mountain or touch its border. Whoever touches the mountain will surely be executed.'
Exo 19:13 No one's hand must touch such a person. Instead, he must certainly be executed by stoning or shot. Whether it is a person or an animal, he must be put to death. When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they may come up to the foot of the mountain."
Exo 19:14 Then Moses went down from the mountain to the people. He set apart the people to Yehowah, and they washed their garments.
Exo 19:15 He ordered the people, "Be ready on the third day; do not make love to your wives."

Exo 19:16 On the third day at dawn, there were thunderings, lightning bolts, and a thick cloud on the mountain, and the sound of an extremely loud trumpet. All the people in the camp trembled.
Exo 19:17 Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet the Almighty, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.
Exo 19:18 Mount Sinai was completely covered with smoke, because Yehowah descended on it in fire and smoke. The smoke went up like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain shook violently.
Exo 19:19 When the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and the Almighty answered him in a voice.
Exo 19:20 Yehowah came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain, and he summoned Moses to the top. So Moses went up.
Exo 19:21 Yehowah spoke to Moses, “Go down and warn the people not to break through to me to look, or many of them will perish.
Exo 19:22 Let the priests also, who come near to me, set themselves apart, prepare themselves for my coming, so that I do not attack them.”
Exo 19:23 Moses replied to Yehowah, “The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for you commanded us: ‘Set boundaries around the mountain and set it apart to Yehowah.’”
Exo 19:24 Yehowah ordered him, “Go, get down the mountain, and bring up Aaron with you, but do not let the priests and the people break through the barrier to come up to Yehowah, or I will attack them.”
Exo 19:25 So Moses went down to the people and spoke to them.

Exodus Chapter 20

Exo 20:1 The Almighty spoke all these words:
Exo 20:2 "I am Yehowah your Divine One, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery (1st Commandment: Believe in Yehowah; Heb. 11:6).
Exo 20:3 You must have no other deities before me (2nd Commandment: No idolatry).
Exo 20:4 You must not make for yourself a carved figure nor the likeness of anything that is in the heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water below;
Exo 20:5 you must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, Yehowah your Divine One, am a jealous Almighty (El Qanna). I punish the ancestors' wickedness by bringing punishment on the descendants, to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me.
Exo 20:6 But I show covenant faithfulness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.
Exo 20:7 You must not swear an oath in the name of Yehowah your Divine One without keeping it, for Yehowah will not hold guiltless anyone who swears an oath in my name and then does not keep it (3rd Commandment: No false oaths; Mat. 5:33; Eccl. 5:1-7).
Exo 20:8 Remember the Sabbath day, to set it apart to me (4th).
Exo 20:9 You must labor and do all your work for six days.
Exo 20:10 But the seventh day is a Sabbath for me, Yehowah your Divine One. On it you must not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your livestock, nor your sojourning alien who is within your gates.
Exo 20:11 For in six days Yehowah made the heavens, earth, and sea, and everything that is in them, and then rested on the seventh day (Gen. 2:2-3). Therefore, Yehowah blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart to myself.
Exo 20:12 Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live a long time in the land which Yehowah, your Divine One, is giving you (5th).
Exo 20:13 You must not murder anyone (6th).
Exo 20:14 You must not commit adultery (7th Commandment: No sexual immorality).
Exo 20:15 You must not steal from anyone (8th).
Exo 20:16 You must not give false testimony against your neighbor (9th).
Exo 20:17 You must not covet your neighbor's house; you must not covet your neighbor's wife, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor" (10th).

Exo 20:18 All the people saw the thundering and the lightning, and heard the sound of the trumpet, and saw the mountain smoking. When the people saw it, they trembled and stood far off.
Exo 20:19 They said to Moses, “Speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let the Almighty speak to us, or we will die.”
Exo 20:20 Moses responded to the people, “Do not be afraid, for the Almighty has come to test you, so that reverence for him may be in you, and so that you do not sin.”
Exo 20:21 So the people stood far off, and Moses approached the thick darkness where the Almighty was.
Exo 20:22 Yehowah spoke to Moses, “This is what you must tell the Israelis: ‘You yourselves have seen that I have talked with you from Heaven.
Exo 20:23 You will not make for yourselves false deities alongside me, deities of silver or deities of gold.
Exo 20:24 You must make an earthen altar for me, and you must sacrifice on it your burnt offerings, peace offerings, sheep, and oxen. In every place where I cause my name to be remembered, I will come to you and bless you.
Exo 20:25 If you make me an altar of stone, you must not build it of cut stones, for if you use your tools on it, you will have defiled it.
Exo 20:26 You must not go up by steps to my altar; this is to keep you from exposing your private parts.’”

Exodus Chapter 21

Exo 21:1 “Now these are the decrees that you must set before them:
Exo 21:2 ‘If you buy a Hebrew servant, he is to serve for six years, and in the seventh year he will go free without paying anything.
Exo 21:3 If he came by himself, he must go free by himself; if he is married, then his wife must go free with him.
Exo 21:4 If his master gave him a wife, and she bore him sons or daughters, the wife and her children will belong to her master, and he must go free by himself.
Exo 21:5 But if the servant plainly says, “I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,”
Exo 21:6 then his master must bring him to the Almighty. The master must bring him to a door or doorpost, and his master must bore his ear through with an awl. Then the servant will serve him for the rest of his life.
Exo 21:7 If a man sells his daughter as a female servant, she must not go free as the male servants do.
Exo 21:8 If she does not please her master, who has designated her for himself, then he must let her be bought back. He has no right to sell her to a foreign people. He has no such right, since he has treated her deceitfully.
Exo 21:9 If her master designates her as a wife for his son, he must treat her the same as if she were his daughter.
Exo 21:10 If he takes another wife for himself, he must not diminish her food, clothing, or her marital rights.
Exo 21:11 But if he does not provide these three things for her, then she can go free without paying any money.
Exo 21:12 Whoever strikes a man so that he dies, that person must surely be executed.
Exo 21:13 If the man did not do it with premeditation, but instead the Almighty delivered him into his hand, then I will fix a place to where he can flee.
Exo 21:14 If a man willfully attacks his neighbor and murders him according to a cunning plan, then you must take him, even if he is at my altar, so that he may be executed.
Exo 21:15 Whoever hits his father or mother must surely be executed.
Exo 21:16 Whoever kidnaps a person and sells him, or the person is found in his possession, that kidnapper must surely be executed.
Exo 21:17 Whoever curses his father or his mother must surely be executed.
Exo 21:18 If men fight and one hits the other with a stone or with his fist, and that person does not die, but is confined to his bed;
Exo 21:19 then if he recovers and is able to walk about using his trekking pole, the man who struck him must pay for the loss of his time; he must also pay for

his complete recovery. But that man is not guilty of murder.
Exo 21:20 If a man hits his male servant or his female servant with a trekking pole, and if the servant dies as a result of the blow, then that man must surely be punished.
Exo 21:21 However, if the servant lives for a day or two, the master must not be punished, for he will have suffered the loss of the servant.
Exo 21:22 If men fight together and hurt a pregnant woman, so that she gives birth prematurely, but there is no other injury, then the guilty man must surely be fined as the woman's husband demands it from him, and he must pay as the judges determine.
Exo 21:23 But if there is serious injury (i.e., that causes a miscarriage), then you must give a life for a life,
Exo 21:24 an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a hand for a hand, a foot for a foot,
Exo 21:25 a burn for a burn, a wound for a wound, or a bruise for a bruise.
Exo 21:26 If a man hits the eye of his male servant or of his female servant and destroys it, then he must let the servant go free in compensation for his eye.
Exo 21:27 If he knocks out a tooth of his male servant or female servant, he must let the servant go free as compensation for the tooth.
Exo 21:28 If an ox gores a man or a woman to death, the ox must surely be stoned, and its flesh must not be eaten; but the ox's owner must be acquitted of guilt.
Exo 21:29 But if the ox had a habit of goring in the past, and its owner was warned but did not keep it in, and the ox has killed a man or a woman, that ox must be stoned, and its owner also must be executed.
Exo 21:30 If a payment is required for his life, he must pay whatever he is required to pay.
Exo 21:31 If the ox has gored a man's son or daughter, the ox's owner must do what this decree requires him to do.
Exo 21:32 If the ox gores a male servant or a female servant, the ox's owner must pay 30-weight silver-currency to the servant's master, and the ox must be stoned.
Exo 21:33 If a man opens a pit, or if a man digs a pit and does not cover it, and an ox or a donkey falls into it,
Exo 21:34 the owner of the pit must repay the loss. He must give money to the dead animal's owner, and the dead animal will become his.
Exo 21:35 If one man's ox hurts another man's ox so that it dies, then they must sell the live ox and divide its price, and they must also divide the dead ox.
Exo 21:36 But if it was known that the ox had a habit of goring in time past, and its owner has not kept it in, he must surely pay ox for ox, and the dead animal will become his own.

Exodus Chapter 22

Exo 22:1 If a man steals an ox or a sheep and kills it or sells it, then he must pay five oxen for one ox, and four sheep for one sheep.
Exo 22:2 If a thief is found breaking in, and if he is struck so that he dies, in that case no guilt for murder will attach to anyone on his account.
Exo 22:3 But if the sun has risen before he breaks in, guilt for murder will attach to the person who kills him. A thief must make restitution. If he has nothing, then he must be sold for his theft.
Exo 22:4 If the stolen animal is found alive in his possession, whether it is an ox, a donkey, or a sheep, he must pay back double.
Exo 22:5 If a man grazes his livestock in a field or vineyard and lets his animal loose, and it grazes in another man's field, he must make restitution from the best of his own field and from the best of his own vineyard.
Exo 22:6 If a fire breaks out and spreads in thorns so that stacked grain, or standing grain, or a field is consumed, the one who started the fire must surely make restitution.
Exo 22:7 If a man gives money or goods to his neighbor for safe keeping, and if it is stolen out of the man's house, if the thief is found, that thief must pay double.
Exo 22:8 But if the thief is not found, then the owner of the house must come before the judges to see whether he has put his own hand on his neighbor's property.
Exo 22:9 For every dispute about something, whether it is an ox, a donkey, a sheep, clothing, or any other missing thing about which one says, "This belongs to me," the claim of both parties must come before the judges. The man whom the judges find guilty must pay double to his neighbor.
Exo 22:10 If a man gives his neighbor a donkey, an ox, a sheep, or any animal to keep, and if it dies or is hurt or is carried away without anyone seeing it,
Exo 22:11 an oath to Yehowah must be taken by them both, as to whether or not one person has put his hand on his neighbor's property. The owner must accept this, and the other will make no restitution.
Exo 22:12 But if it was stolen from him, the other must make restitution to the owner for it.
Exo 22:13 If an animal was torn in pieces, let the other man bring the animal as evidence. He will not have to pay for what was torn.
Exo 22:14 If a man borrows any animal from his neighbor, and the animal is injured or dies without the owner being with it, the other man must surely make restitution.

Exo 22:15 But if the owner was with it, the other man will not have to pay; if the animal was hired, it will be paid for by its hiring fee.
Exo 22:16 If a man seduces a virgin who is not engaged, and if he rapes her, he must surely make her his wife by paying the bride price required for this.
Exo 22:17 If her father completely refuses to give her to him, he must pay money equal to the bride price of virgins.
Exo 22:18 You must not allow a sorceress to live.
Exo 22:19 Whoever has sex with a beast must surely be executed.
Exo 22:20 Whoever sacrifices to any deity except to Yehowah must be completely destroyed.
Exo 22:21 You must not wrong a sojourning foreigner or oppress him, for you were foreigners in the land of Egypt.
Exo 22:22 You must not mistreat any widow or fatherless child.
Exo 22:23 If you afflict them at all, and if they call out to me, Yehowah, I will surely hear their call.
Exo 22:24 My anger will burn, and I will kill you with the sword; your wives will become widows, and your children will become fatherless.
Exo 22:25 If you lend money to any of my people among you who are poor, you must not be like a moneylender to him or charge him interest.
Exo 22:26 If you take your neighbor’s garment in pledge, you must return it to him before the sun goes down,
Exo 22:27 for that is his only covering; it is his garment for his body. What else can he sleep in? When he calls out to me, I will hear him, for I am compassionate.
Exo 22:28 You must not blaspheme me, the Almighty, nor curse a ruler of your people.
Exo 22:29 You must not hold back offerings from your harvest or your winepresses. You must give to me the firstborn of your sons.
Exo 22:30 You must also do the same with your oxen and your sheep. For seven days they may remain with their mothers, but on the eighth day you must give them to me.
Exo 22:31 You will be people that are set apart for me. So you must not eat any meat that was torn by animals in the field. Instead, you must throw it to the dogs.

Exodus Chapter 23

Exo 23:1 You must not give a false report about anyone. Do not join with a wicked man to be a dishonest witness.
Exo 23:2 You must not follow a crowd to do evil, nor may you bear witness while siding with the crowd, in order to pervert justice.
Exo 23:3 You must not favor a poor man in his lawsuit.
Exo 23:4 If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you must bring it back to him.
Exo 23:5 If you see the donkey of someone who hates you fallen to the ground under its load, you must not leave that person. You must surely help him with his donkey.
Exo 23:6 You must not pervert justice when it should go to your poor people in a poor man's lawsuit.
Exo 23:7 Do not join others in making false accusations, and do not murder the innocent or righteous, for I will not acquit the wicked.
Exo 23:8 Never take a bribe, for a bribe blinds those who see and perverts honest people's words.
Exo 23:9 You must not oppress a sojourning foreigner, since you know the life of a sojourner, for you were foreigners in the land of Egypt.
Exo 23:10 For six years, you will sow seed on your land and gather in its produce.
Exo 23:11 But in the seventh year, you will leave it unplowed and fallow, so that the poor among your people may eat. What they leave, the wild animals will eat. You will do the same with your vineyards and olive orchards.
Exo 23:12 During six days, you will do your work, but on the seventh day you must rest (Shabbat). Do this, so that your ox and your donkey may have rest, and so that your female slave's son and any sojourning alien may rest and be refreshed.
Exo 23:13 Pay attention to everything that I have said to you. Do not mention the names of false deities, nor let their names be heard from your mouth.
Exo 23:14 You must travel to hold a feast for me three times every year.
Exo 23:15 You are to observe the Festival of Unleavened Bread. As I commanded you, you will eat unleavened bread for seven days. At that appointment calendar festival, you will appear before me in the month of Abib. It was in this month that you came out from Egypt. But you must not appear before me empty-handed.
Exo 23:16 You must observe the Festival of Harvest (Shavuot, Omer day 50), the firstfruits of your labors when you sowed seed in the fields. Also, you must

observe the Festival of Ingathering (Sukkot/Tabernacles) at the end of the year (Exo. 34:22), when you gather in your produce from the fields.
Exo 23:17 All your males must appear before Lord Yehowah three times every year.
Exo 23:18 You must not offer the blood from sacrifices made to me with bread containing yeast (unleavened bread only). The fat from the sacrifices at my feasts must not remain all night until dawn.
Exo 23:19 You must bring the first of the firstfruits from your land into my house, the tabernacle of Yehowah your Divine One. You must not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.
Exo 23:20 I am going to send an angel before you to guard you on the way, and to bring you to the place that I have prepared.
Exo 23:21 Be attentive to him and obey him. Do not provoke him, for he will not pardon your transgressions. My Name is in him.
Exo 23:22 If you indeed obey his voice and do everything that I tell you, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.
Exo 23:23 My angel will go before you and bring you to the Amorites, Hethites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hivites, and the Jebusites. I will destroy them.
Exo 23:24 You must not bow down to their deities, worship them, or do as they do. Instead, you must completely overthrow them and smash their stone pillars in pieces.
Exo 23:25 You must worship me, Yehowah your Divine One. If you do, I will bless your bread and water. I will remove sickness from among you.
Exo 23:26 No woman will be barren or will miscarry her young in your land. I will give you long lives.
Exo 23:27 I will send fear of myself on those into whose land you advance. I will kill all the people whom you meet. I will make all your enemies turn their backs to you in fright.
Exo 23:28 I will send hornets before you that will drive out the Hivites, Canaanites, and the Hethites from before you.
Exo 23:29 I will not drive them out from before you in one year, or the land would become abandoned, and the wild animals would become too many for you.
Exo 23:30 Instead, I will drive them out little by little from before you, until you become fruitful and inherit the land.
Exo 23:31 I will fix your borders from the End Salt Sea (Gulf of Aqaba) to the Sea of the Philistines (Mediterranean Sea), and from the wilderness to the Euphrates River. I will give you victory over the land's inhabitants. You will drive them out before yourselves.
Exo 23:32 You must not make a covenant with them or with their deities.

Exo 23:33 They must not live in your land, or they would make you sin against me. If you worship their deities, this will surely become a trap for you.’”

Exodus Chapter 24

Exo 24:1 Then Yehowah commanded Moses, “Come up to me, you, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of Israel’s elders, and worship me at a distance.
Exo 24:2 Moses alone may come near to Yehowah. The others must not come near, nor may the people come up with him.”
Exo 24:3 Moses went and told the people all of the words and decrees of Yehowah. All the people answered with one voice, “We will do all the words that Yehowah has spoken.”
Exo 24:4 Then Moses wrote down all of the words of Yehowah. At daybreak, Moses built an altar at the foot of the mountain and arranged twelve stone pillars, so that the stones would represent the twelve tribes of Israel.
Exo 24:5 He sent some Israeli young men to offer burnt offerings and sacrifice peace offerings of oxen to Yehowah.
Exo 24:6 Moses took half of the blood and put it into basins; he sprinkled the other half onto the altar.
Exo 24:7 He took the Book of the Covenant and read it aloud to the people. They promised, “We will do all that Yehowah has spoken. We will be obedient.”
Exo 24:8 Then Moses took the blood and sprinkled it onto the people. He said, “This is the blood of the covenant that Yehowah has made with you by giving you this promise with all these words.”
Exo 24:9 Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of Israel’s elders went up the mountain.
Exo 24:10 They saw the Mighty One of Israel. Under his feet there was a pavement made of sapphire stone, as clear as the sky itself.
Exo 24:11 He did not lay a hand in anger on the Israeli leaders. They saw the Almighty, and they ate and drank.
Exo 24:12 Yehowah said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay there. I will give you the tablets of stone and the law and commandments that I have written, so that you may teach them.”
Exo 24:13 So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua and went up the mountain of the Almighty.
Exo 24:14 Moses had said to the elders, “Stay here and wait for us, until we come to you. Aaron and Hur are with you. If anyone has a dispute, let him go to them.”
Exo 24:15 So Moses went up the mountain, and the cloud covered it.
Exo 24:16 The glory of Yehowah settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day, he called to Moses from within the cloud.
Exo 24:17 The glory of Yehowah looked like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the Israelis.

Exo 24:18 Moses entered the cloud and went up the mountain. He was up the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Exodus Chapter 25

Exo 25:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Exo 25:2 “Tell the Israelis to collect an offering for me from every person who is motivated by a willing heart. You must receive these offerings for me.
Exo 25:3 These are the offerings that you must receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze;
Exo 25:4 blue, purple, and scarlet material; fine linen; goats’ hair;
Exo 25:5 ram skins dyed red and antelope hides; acacia wood;
Exo 25:6 oil for the sanctuary lamps; spices for the anointing oil and the fragrant incense;
Exo 25:7 onyx stones and other precious stones to be set for the ephod and breastpiece.
Exo 25:8 Let them make me a sanctuary, so that I may live in their midst.
Exo 25:9 You must make it exactly as I will show you in the plans for the tabernacle and for all its equipment.
Exo 25:10 They are to make an ark of acacia wood. Its length must be one meter; its width will be three-quarters of a meter; and its height will be three-quarters of a meter.
Exo 25:11 You must cover it inside and out with pure gold, and you must make on it a border of gold around its top.
Exo 25:12 You must cast four rings of gold for it, and put them on the ark’s four feet, with two rings on one side of it, and two rings on the other side.
Exo 25:13 You must make poles of acacia wood and cover them with gold.
Exo 25:14 You must put the poles into the rings on the ark’s sides, in order to carry the ark.
Exo 25:15 The poles must remain in the rings of the ark; they must not be taken from it.
Exo 25:16 You must put into the ark the covenant decrees that I will give you.
Exo 25:17 You must make an atonement lid of pure gold. Its length must be one meter, and its width must be three-quarters of a meter.
Exo 25:18 You must make two cherubim of hammered gold for the two ends of the atonement lid.
Exo 25:19 Make one cherub for one end of the atonement lid and the other cherub for the other end. They must be made as one piece with the atonement lid.
Exo 25:20 The cherubim must spread out their wings upward and overshadow the atonement lid with them. The cherubim must face one another and look toward the center of the atonement lid.
Exo 25:21 You must put the atonement lid on top of the ark, and you must put

into the ark the covenant decrees that I am giving you.
Exo 25:22 It is at the ark that I will meet with you. I will speak with you from my position above the atonement lid. It will be from between the two cherubim over the Ark of the Testimony, that I will speak to you about all the commands I will give you for the Israelis.
Exo 25:23 You must make a table of acacia wood. Its length must be one meter; its width must be one-half meter, and its height must be three-quarters of a meter.
Exo 25:24 You must cover it with pure gold and put a border of gold around the top.
Exo 25:25 You must make a surrounding frame for it one-fifth of a meter wide, with a surrounding border of gold for the frame.
Exo 25:26 You must make for it four rings of gold and attach the rings to the four corners, where the four feet are.
Exo 25:27 The rings must be attached to the frame to provide places for the poles, in order to carry the table.
Exo 25:28 You must make the poles out of acacia wood and cover them with gold, so that the table may be carried with them.
Exo 25:29 You must make the dishes, spoons, pitchers, and bowls to be used to pour out drink offerings. You must make them of pure gold.
Exo 25:30 You must regularly set the bread of the presence on the table before me.
Exo 25:31 You must make a menorah of pure hammered gold. The menorah is to be made with its base and shaft. Its cups, its leafy bases, and its flowers are to be all made of one piece with it.
Exo 25:32 Six branches must extend out from its sides, three branches must extend from one side of the menorah, and three branches of the menorah must extend from the other side.
Exo 25:33 The first branch must have three cups made like almond blossoms, with a leafy base and a flower, and three cups made like almond blossoms in the other branch, with a leafy base and a flower. It must be the same for all six branches extending out from the menorah.
Exo 25:34 On the menorah itself, the central shaft, there must be four cups made like almond blossoms, with their leafy bases and the flowers.
Exo 25:35 There must be a leafy base under the first pair of branches, made as one piece with it, and a leafy base under the second pair of branches, also made as one piece with it. In the same way, there must be a leafy base under the third pair of branches, made as one piece with it. It must be the same for all six branches extending out from the menorah.
Exo 25:36 Their leafy bases and branches must all be one piece with it, one beaten piece of work of pure gold.

Exo 25:37 You must make the menorah and its seven lamps, and set up its lamps for them to give light from it.
Exo 25:38 The tongs and their trays must be made of pure gold.
Exo 25:39 Use thirty-three kilograms of pure gold to make the menorah and its accessories.
Exo 25:40 Be sure to make them after the pattern that you are being shown on the mountain (Heb. 8:5).

Exodus Chapter 26

Exo 26:1 You must make the tabernacle with ten curtains made from fine linen and blue, purple, and scarlet wool with the designs of cherubim. This will be the work of an inventive skilled craftsman.
Exo 26:2 The length of each curtain must be twelve and one-half meters, the width one and one-fifth meters. All the curtains must be of the same size.
Exo 26:3 Five curtains must be joined to each other, and the other five curtains must also be joined to each other.
Exo 26:4 You must make loops of blue along the outer edge of the end curtain of one set. In the same way, you must do the same along the outer edge of the end curtain in the second set.
Exo 26:5 You must make fifty loops on the first curtain, and you must make fifty loops on the end curtain in the second set. Do this, so that the loops will be opposite to each other.
Exo 26:6 You must make fifty clasps of gold and join the curtains together with them, so that the tabernacle becomes united.
Exo 26:7 You must make curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle. You must make eleven of these curtains.
Exo 26:8 The length of each curtain must be thirteen and one-half meters, and the width of each curtain must be one and one-fifth meters. Each of the eleven curtains must be of the same size.
Exo 26:9 You must join five curtains to each other and the other six curtains to each other. You must double over the sixth curtain in the front of the tent.
Exo 26:10 You must make fifty loops on the edge of the end curtain of the first set, and fifty loops on the edge of the end curtain that joins the second set.
Exo 26:11 You must make fifty bronze clasps and put them into the loops. Then you join the tent together, so that it may be one piece.
Exo 26:12 The leftover half curtain, that is, the overhanging part remaining from the tent's curtains, must hang at the back of the tabernacle.
Exo 26:13 There must be a half-meter of curtain on one side, and a half-meter of curtain on the other side, that which is left over of the length of the tent's curtains must hang over the sides of the tabernacle on one side and on the other side, to cover it.
Exo 26:14 You must make for the tabernacle a covering of ram skins dyed red and another covering of fine antelope leather to go above that.
Exo 26:15 You must make upright frames out of acacia wood for the tabernacle.
Exo 26:16 The length of each frame must be four and one-half meters, and its width must be three-quarters of a meter.

Exo 26:17 There must be two wooden pegs in each frame for joining the frames to each other. You are to make all the tabernacle's frames in this way.
Exo 26:18 When you make the frames for the tabernacle, you must make twenty frames for the south side.
Exo 26:19 You must make forty silver bases to go under the twenty frames. There must be two bases under the first frame to be its two pedestals, and also two bases under each of the other frames for their two pedestals.
Exo 26:20 For the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, you must make twenty frames
Exo 26:21 and their forty silver bases. There must be two bases under the first frame, two bases under the next frame, and so on.
Exo 26:22 For the back side of the tabernacle on the west side, you must make six frames.
Exo 26:23 You must make two frames for the back corners of the tabernacle.
Exo 26:24 These frames must be separate at the bottom but joined at the top to the same ring. It must be this way for both of the back corners.
Exo 26:25 There must be eight frames, together with their silver bases. There must be sixteen bases in all, two bases under the first frame, two bases under the next frame, and so on.
Exo 26:26 You must make crossbars of acacia wood, five for the frames of the one side of the tabernacle,
Exo 26:27 five crossbars for the frames of the other side of the tabernacle, and five crossbars for the frames for the back side of the tabernacle to the west.
Exo 26:28 The crossbar in the center of the frames, that is, halfway up, must reach from end to end.
Exo 26:29 You must cover the frames with gold. You must make their rings of gold, for them to serve as holders for the crossbars, and you must cover the bars with gold.
Exo 26:30 You must set up the tabernacle by following the plan you were shown on the mountain.
Exo 26:31 You must make a curtain of blue, purple, and scarlet wool, and of fine linen, with designs of cherubim, the work of a skillful workman.
Exo 26:32 You must hang it on four pillars of acacia wood covered with gold. These pillars must have hooks of gold set on four silver bases.
Exo 26:33 You must hang up the curtain under the clasps, and you must bring in the Ark of the Testimony. The curtain is to separate the Set-apart Place from the Most Set-apart Place.
Exo 26:34 You must put the atonement lid on the Ark of the Testimony, which is in the Most Set-apart Place.

Exo 26:35 You must place the table outside the curtain. You must place the menorah opposite the table on the south side of the tabernacle. The table must be on the north side.
Exo 26:36 You must make a hanging for the tent entrance. You must make it out of blue, purple, and scarlet material and fine twined linen, the work of an embroiderer.
Exo 26:37 For the hanging, you must make five pillars of acacia and cover them with gold. Their hooks must be of gold, and you must cast five bronze bases for them.

Exodus Chapter 27

Exo 27:1 You must make the altar of acacia wood, two and one-tenth meters long and two and one-tenth meters wide. The altar must be square and one and one-third meters high.
Exo 27:2 You must make extensions of its four corners shaped like ox horns. The horns will be made as one piece with the altar, and you must cover them with bronze.
Exo 27:3 You must make equipment for the altar: pots for ashes, and also shovels, basins, meat forks, and firepans. You must make all these utensils with bronze.
Exo 27:4 You must make a grate for the altar, a network of bronze. Make a bronze ring for each of the grate's four corners.
Exo 27:5 You must put the grate under the ledge of the altar, halfway down to the bottom.
Exo 27:6 You must make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and you must cover them with bronze.
Exo 27:7 The poles must be put into the rings, and the poles must be on the two sides of the altar, to carry it.
Exo 27:8 You must make the altar hollow, out of planks. You must make it in the way you were shown on the mountain.
Exo 27:9 You must make a courtyard for the tabernacle. There must be hangings on the south side of the courtyard, hangings of fine twined linen forty-four meters long.
Exo 27:10 The hangings must have twenty posts, with twenty bronze bases. There must also be hooks attached to the posts, as well as silver rods.
Exo 27:11 Likewise, along the north side, there must be hangings forty-four meters long with twenty posts, twenty bronze bases, hooks attached to the posts, and silver rods.
Exo 27:12 Along the courtyard on the west side there must be a curtain twenty-two meters long. There must be ten posts and ten bases.
Exo 27:13 The courtyard must also be twenty-two meters long on the east side.
Exo 27:14 The hangings for one side of the entrance must be seven meters long. They must have three posts with three bases.
Exo 27:15 The other side must also have hangings seven meters long. They must have their three posts and three bases.
Exo 27:16 The courtyard gate must be a curtain nine meters long. The curtain must be made of blue, purple, and scarlet material and fine twined linen, the work of an embroiderer. It must have four posts with four bases.

Exo 27:17 All the courtyard posts must have silver rods, silver hooks, and bronze bases.
Exo 27:18 The length of the courtyard must be forty-six meters, the width twenty-three meters, and the height two and one-third meters with fine twined linen hangings all along, and bases of bronze.
Exo 27:19 All the equipment to be used in the tabernacle, and all the tent pegs for the tabernacle and courtyard must be made of bronze.
Exo 27:20 You must command the people of Israel to bring olive oil, pure and pressed, for the lamps, so they may burn continually.
Exo 27:21 In the Tent of Meeting, outside the curtain that is in front of the tabernacle that contains the Ark of the Testimony, Aaron and his sons must keep the lamps burning before Yehowah, from dusk to dawn. This requirement will be a lasting ordinance throughout the generations of the people of Israel.

Exodus Chapter 28

Exo 28:1 Call to yourself Aaron your brother and his sons, Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar, from among the Israelis, so that they may serve me as priests.
Exo 28:2 You must make for Aaron, your brother, garments that are set apart to me. These garments will be for his honor and splendor.
Exo 28:3 You must speak to all the people who are wise in heart, those whom I have filled with the Ruach of wisdom, so that they may make Aaron's garments to set him apart to serve me as my priest.
Exo 28:4 The garments that they must make are a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a coat of woven work, a turban, and a sash. They must make these garments that are set apart to me. They will be for your brother Aaron and his sons, so that they may serve me as priests.
Exo 28:5 Craftsmen must use fine linen that is gold, blue, purple, and scarlet.
Exo 28:6 They must make the ephod of gold, of blue, purple, and scarlet wool, and of fine twined linen. It must be the work of a skillful craftsman.
Exo 28:7 It must have two shoulder pieces attached to its two upper corners.
Exo 28:8 Its finely woven waistband must be like the ephod; it must be made of one piece with the ephod, made of fine twined linen that is gold, blue, purple, and scarlet.
Exo 28:9 You must take two onyx stones and engrave on them the names of Israel's twelve sons.
Exo 28:10 Six of their names must be on one stone, and six names must be on the other stone, in order of their birth.
Exo 28:11 With the work of an engraver in stone, like the engraving on a signet, you must engrave the two stones with the names of Israel's twelve sons. You must mount the stones in settings of gold.
Exo 28:12 You must put the two stones on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, to be stones to remind Yehowah of Israel's sons. Aaron will carry their names before Yehowah on his two shoulders as a reminder to him.
Exo 28:13 You must make settings of gold
Exo 28:14 and two braided chains of pure gold like cords, and you must attach the chains to the settings.
Exo 28:15 You must make a breastpiece for decision making, the work of a skillful workman, fashioned like the ephod. Make it of gold, of blue, purple, and scarlet wool, and of fine linen.
Exo 28:16 It is to be square. You must fold the breastpiece double. It must be 23 centimeters long and 23 centimeters wide.
Exo 28:17 You must place in it four rows of precious stones. The first row must have a ruby, a topaz, and a garnet.

Exo 28:18 The second row must have an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.
Exo 28:19 The third row must have a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst.
Exo 28:20 The fourth row must have a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper. They must be mounted in gold settings.
Exo 28:21 The stones must be arranged by the names of Israel's twelve sons, each in order by name. They must be like the engraving on a signet ring, each name standing for one of the twelve tribes.
Exo 28:22 You must make on the breastpiece chains like cords, braided work of pure gold.
Exo 28:23 You must make two rings of gold for the breastpiece and must attach them to the two ends of the breastpiece.
Exo 28:24 You must attach the two golden chains to the two corners of the breastpiece.
Exo 28:25 You must attach the other ends of the two braided chains to the two settings. Then you must attach those to the shoulder pieces of the ephod at its front.
Exo 28:26 You must make two rings of gold, and you must put them on the other two corners of the breastpiece, on the edge next to the inner border.
Exo 28:27 You must make two more gold rings, and you must attach them to the bottom of the two shoulder pieces of the front of the ephod, close to its seam above the finely woven waistband of the ephod.
Exo 28:28 They must tie the breastpiece by its rings to the ephod's rings with a blue cord, so that it might be attached just above the ephod's woven waistband. This is so that the breastpiece might not become unattached from the ephod.
Exo 28:29 When Aaron goes into the Set-apart Place, he must carry the names of the people of Israel over his heart in the breastpiece for decision making, as a continuing memorial before Yehowah.
Exo 28:30 You are to put the Urim and the Thummim in the breastpiece for decision making, so they may be over Aaron's heart when he goes in before Yehowah. Thus Aaron will always carry the means for making decisions for the people of Israel over his heart before Yehowah.
Exo 28:31 You must make the robe of the ephod completely of purple fabric.
Exo 28:32 It must have an opening for the head in the middle. The opening must have a woven edge round about, so that it does not tear. This must be the work of a weaver.
Exo 28:33 On the bottom hem, you must make pomegranates of blue, purple, and scarlet yarn all around. Gold bells must be between them all around.
Exo 28:34 There must be a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, and so on, all around the hem of the robe.

Exo 28:35 The robe is to be on Aaron when he serves, so that its sound can be heard when he goes into the Set-apart Place before Yehowah, and when he leaves. This is so that he does not die.
Exo 28:36 You must make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it, like the engraving on a signet, “Set Apart To Yehowah.”
Exo 28:37 You must attach this plate by a blue cord to the front of the turban.
Exo 28:38 It must be on Aaron’s forehead; he must always bear any guilt that might attach to the offering of the set-apart gifts that the Israelis set apart to Yehowah. The turban must be always on his forehead, so that Yehowah may accept their gifts.
Exo 28:39 You must make the coat with fine linen, and you must make a turban of fine linen. You must also make a sash, the work of an embroiderer.
Exo 28:40 For Aaron’s sons you must make coats, sashes, and headbands for their honor and splendor.
Exo 28:41 You must clothe Aaron your brother and his sons with him. You must anoint them, ordain them, and set them apart to me, so that they may serve me as priests.
Exo 28:42 You must make for them linen underwear to cover their naked flesh, that will cover them from the waist to the thighs.
Exo 28:43 Aaron and his sons must wear these garments when they enter the Tent of Meeting, or when they approach the altar to serve in the Set-apart Place. They must do this, so they would not be guilty, or else they would die. This is a permanent statute for Aaron and his descendants after him.

Exodus Chapter 29

Exo 29:1 Now this is what you must do to set them apart to me, so that they may serve me as priests. Take one young bull and two rams without blemish,
Exo 29:2 unleavened bread, cakes without yeast mixed with oil. Also take wafers without yeast rubbed with oil. Make the wafers using fine wheat flour.
Exo 29:3 You must put them into a single basket, bring them in the basket, and present them with the bull and the two rams.
Exo 29:4 You must present Aaron and his sons at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. You must wash Aaron and his sons in water.
Exo 29:5 You must take the garments and clothe Aaron with the coat, the robe of the ephod, the ephod, and the breastpiece, fastening the finely woven waistband of the ephod around him.
Exo 29:6 You must set the turban on his head and put the set-apart crown on the turban.
Exo 29:7 Then take the anointing oil and pour it on his head, and in this way, anoint him.
Exo 29:8 You must bring his sons and put coats on them.
Exo 29:9 You must clothe Aaron and his sons with sashes and put headbands on them. The work of the priesthood will belong to them by permanent law. In this way, you must consecrate Aaron and his sons for them to serve me.
Exo 29:10 You must all bring the bull before the Tent of Meeting, and Aaron and his sons must lay their hands on its head.
Exo 29:11 You must kill the bull before me, Yehowah, at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.
Exo 29:12 You must take some of the bull's blood and put it on the horns of the altar with your finger, and you must pour out the rest of the blood at the base of the altar.
Exo 29:13 You must take all the fat that covers the inner parts, and also take the covering of the liver and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them; burn it all on the altar.
Exo 29:14 But as for the bull's flesh, as well as its skin and dung, you must burn it up outside the camp. It will be a sin offering.
Exo 29:15 You must also take the one ram, and Aaron and his sons must lay their hands on its head.
Exo 29:16 You must kill the ram, then take its blood and sprinkle it on all sides of the altar.
Exo 29:17 You must cut the ram into pieces and wash its inner parts and its legs, and you must put the inner parts, together with its pieces and with its head,

Exo 29:18 on the altar. Then burn the whole ram. It will be a burnt offering to me, Yehowah. It will produce a sweet aroma for me; it will be an offering made to me by fire.
Exo 29:19 You must then take the other ram, and Aaron and his sons must lay their hands on its head.
Exo 29:20 Then you must kill the ram and take some of its blood. Put it on the tip of Aaron's right ear and on the tip of his sons' right ears, on the thumb of their right hands, and on the great toe of their right feet. Then you must sprinkle the blood against the altar on every side.
Exo 29:21 You must take some of the blood that is on the altar and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it all on Aaron and on his garments, and also on his sons and on their garments. Aaron will then be set apart for me, as well as his garments, his sons and his sons' garments with him.
Exo 29:22 You must take the ram's fat, the fat tail, the fat that covers the inner parts, the covering of the liver, the two kidneys and the fat on them, and the right thigh, for this ram is for the priests' consecration to me.
Exo 29:23 Take one loaf of bread, one cake of bread made with oil, and one wafer out of the basket of unleavened bread that will be before me, Yehowah.
Exo 29:24 You must put these in Aaron's hands and in the hands of his sons and wave them before me for a wave offering before Yehowah.
Exo 29:25 You must then take the food from their hands and burn it on the altar with the burnt offering. It will produce a sweet aroma for me; it will be an offering made to me by fire.
Exo 29:26 You must take the breast of Aaron's ram of dedication and wave it for a wave offering before Yehowah, and it will be your share.
Exo 29:27 You must set apart to me the breast of the wave offering that is waved and the thigh that is the contribution for the priests, both the breast that was waved and the thigh that was contributed for Aaron and his sons.
Exo 29:28 These portions of meat given by the Israelis must forever belong to Aaron and his descendants. By the regulations for the peace offerings, these will be offerings for the priests taken from the Israelis' offerings presented to me, Yehowah.
Exo 29:29 The set-apart garments of Aaron must also be reserved for his sons after him. They are to be anointed in them and ordained to me in them.
Exo 29:30 The priest who succeeds him from among his sons, who comes into the Tent of Meeting to serve me in the Set-apart Place, is to wear those garments for seven days.
Exo 29:31 You must take the ram for the installation of the priests to me and boil its meat in a Set-apart Place.
Exo 29:32 Aaron and his sons must eat the ram's meat and the bread that is in the basket at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.

Exo 29:33 They must eat the meat and bread that were given to atone for them and to ordain them, to be set apart to me. No one else may eat that food, because they must treat it as consecrated to me, reserved for me.
Exo 29:34 If any of the meat of the ordination offering, or any of the bread, remains to the next morning, then you must burn it. It must not be eaten, because it has been set apart to me.
Exo 29:35 In this way, by following all that I have commanded you to do, you must treat Aaron and his sons. For seven days you must prepare them.
Exo 29:36 Every day you must offer a bull as a sin offering for atonement. You must purify the altar by making atonement for it, and you must anoint it in order to set it apart to me.
Exo 29:37 For seven days you must make atonement for the altar and set it apart. Then the altar will be completely set apart to me. Whatever touches the altar will be set apart.
Exo 29:38 You must regularly offer on the altar every day two lambs a year old.
Exo 29:39 One lamb you must offer at dawn, and the other lamb you must offer at dusk (Dan. 8:13-14; the twice-daily dawn and dusk burnt offering).
Exo 29:40 With the first lamb, offer two liters of fine flour mixed with 1.5 liters of oil from pressed olives, and 1.5 liters of wine as a drink offering.
Exo 29:41 You must offer the second lamb at dusk. You must offer the same grain offering as at dawn, and the same drink offering. These will produce a sweet aroma for me; it will be an offering made to Yehowah by fire.
Exo 29:42 These must be regular burnt offerings throughout your people's generations. You must do them at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting before me, Yehowah, where I will meet with you to speak to you.
Exo 29:43 That is where I will meet with the Israelis; the tent will be set apart for me by my glory.
Exo 29:44 I will set apart the Tent of Meeting and the altar for these to belong to me alone. I will also set apart Aaron and his sons to serve me as priests.
Exo 29:45 I will live among the Israelis and will be their Divine One.
Exo 29:46 They will know that I am Yehowah, their Divine One, who brought them out from the land of Egypt, so that I might live among them. I am Yehowah their Divine One.

Exodus Chapter 30

Exo 30:1 You must make an altar to burn incense. You must make it with acacia wood.
Exo 30:2 Its length must be one-half meter, and its width one-half meter. It must be square, and its height must be one meter. Its horns must be made as one piece with it.
Exo 30:3 You must cover the incense altar with pure gold, its top, its sides, and its horns. You must make a surrounding border of gold for it.
Exo 30:4 You must make two golden rings to be attached to it under its border on its two opposite sides. The rings must be holders for poles to carry the altar.
Exo 30:5 You must make the poles of acacia wood, and you must cover them with gold.
Exo 30:6 You must put the incense altar before the curtain that is by the Ark of the Testimony. It will be before the atonement lid that is over the Ark of the Testimony, where I will meet with you.
Exo 30:7 Aaron must burn fragrant incense every morning. He must burn it when he tends the lamps.
Exo 30:8 When Aaron lights the lamps at dusk, he must burn incense on the incense altar. This must be a regular burning of incense before me, Yehowah, throughout your people's generations.
Exo 30:9 But you must offer no other incense on the incense altar, nor any burnt offering or grain offering. You must pour no drink offering on it.
Exo 30:10 Aaron must make atonement on the horns of the incense altar once a year. He must do this using the blood of the sin offering of atonements. The high priest must do this throughout your people's generations. This offering will be completely set apart to me, Yehowah."
Exo 30:11 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Exo 30:12 "When you take a census of the Israelis, then each man must give a ransom for his life to Yehowah. You must do this after you count them, so that there will be no plague among them when you count them.
Exo 30:13 Everyone who is counted in the census is to pay one half-weight, according to the weight of the sanctuary scales, one weight (11.5 grams) is the same as twenty small weights. This one half-weight will be an offering to Yehowah (Mat. 17:24-27; 2 Kings 12:4-16).
Exo 30:14 Everyone who is counted, from twenty years old and up, must give this offering to Yehowah.
Exo 30:15 When the people give this offering to Yehowah to make atonement for their lives, the rich must not give more than one half-weight, and the poor must not give less.

Exo 30:16 You must receive the atonement money from the Israelis and you must allocate it to the work of the Tent of Meeting. It must be a reminder to the Israelis before Yehowah, to make atonement for your lives."
Exo 30:17 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Exo 30:18 "You must also make a large bronze basin with a bronze stand, a basin for washing. You must put it between the Tent of Meeting and the altar, and you must put water in it.
Exo 30:19 Aaron and his sons must wash their hands and their feet with the water in it.
Exo 30:20 When they go into the Tent of Meeting, or when they go near to the altar to serve Yehowah by burning an offering, they must wash with water, so that they do not die.
Exo 30:21 They must wash their hands and feet, so that they do not die. This must be a permanent law for Aaron and his descendants throughout their people's generations."
Exo 30:22 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Exo 30:23 "Take these fine spices: six kilograms of flowing myrrh, three kilograms of sweet-smelling cinnamon, three kilograms of sweet-smelling cane,
Exo 30:24 six kilograms of cassia, measured by the weight of the sanctuary scales, and six liters of olive oil.
Exo 30:25 You must make set-apart anointing oil with these ingredients, the work of a perfumer. It will be a set-apart anointing oil, reserved for me.
Exo 30:26 You must anoint the Tent of Meeting with this oil, as well as the Ark of the Testimony,
Exo 30:27 the table and all its utensils, the menorah and its equipment, the incense altar,
Exo 30:28 the altar for burnt offerings with all its equipment, and the basin with its stand.
Exo 30:29 You must set them apart to me, so that they may be consecrated to me. Anything that touches them will also be set apart.
Exo 30:30 You must anoint Aaron and his sons and set them aside to me, so that they may serve me as priests.
Exo 30:31 You must say to the Israelis, 'This must be an anointing oil that is set apart to Yehowah throughout your people's generations.
Exo 30:32 It must not be applied to people's skin, nor must you make any oil like it with the same formula, because it is set apart to Yehowah. You must regard it in this manner.
Exo 30:33 Whoever makes perfume like it, or whoever puts any of it on a profane person, that person must be cut off from his people.'"

Exo 30:34 Yehowah instructed Moses, “Take spices, stacte (balsam), onycha (labdanum), and galbanum, sweet spices along with pure frankincense, each in equal amounts.
Exo 30:35 Make it into the form of incense, blended by a perfumer, seasoned with salt, pure and set apart.
Exo 30:36 You will grind it into a powdery fine mixture. Put part of it in front of the Ark of the Testimony, which is in the Tent of Meeting, where I will meet with you. You will regard it as utterly set apart to me.
Exo 30:37 As for this incense that you will make, you must not make any with the same formula for yourselves. It must be set apart to Yehowah.
Exo 30:38 Whoever makes anything like it to use as a perfume must be cut off from his people.”

Exodus Chapter 31

Exo 31:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Exo 31:2 “See, I have called by name Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur, from the tribe of Judah.
Exo 31:3 I have filled Bezalel with the Ruach of the Almighty, to give him wisdom, understanding, and knowledge, for all kinds of craftsmanship,
Exo 31:4 to make artistic designs and to work in gold, silver, and bronze;
Exo 31:5 also to cut and set stones and to carve wood, to do all kinds of craftsmanship.
Exo 31:6 In addition to him, I have appointed Oholiab son of Ahisamach, from the tribe of Dan. I have put skill into the hearts of all who are wise, so that they may make all that I have commanded you.
Exo 31:7 This includes the Tent of Meeting, the Ark of the Testimony, the atonement lid on the ark, and all the furniture of the tent,
Exo 31:8 the table and its utensils, the pure menorah with all its equipment, the incense altar,
Exo 31:9 the altar for burnt offerings with all its equipment, and the large basin with its base.
Exo 31:10 This also includes the finely-woven garments, the set-apart garments for Aaron the priest and those of his sons, reserved for me, so that they may serve as priests.
Exo 31:11 This also includes the anointing oil and the sweet incense for the Set-apart Place. These craftsmen must make all these things just as I have commanded you.”
Exo 31:12 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Exo 31:13 “Tell the Israelis: ‘You must certainly guard my Sabbaths, for these will be a sign between me and you throughout your people’s generations, so that you may know that I’m Yehowah who consecrates you.
Exo 31:14 So you must guard the Sabbath, for it must be treated by you as set apart, reserved for him. Everyone who defiles it must surely be executed. Whoever works on the Sabbath, that person must surely be cut off from his people.
Exo 31:15 Work will be done for six days, but the seventh day is to be a Sabbath of complete rest, set apart, reserved to honor Yehowah. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day must surely be executed.
Exo 31:16 Therefore, the Israelis must keep the Sabbaths. They must observe them throughout their people’s generations as a permanent covenant.

Exo 31:17 The Sabbath will always be a sign between Yehowah and the Israelis, for in six days Yehowah made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed’” (Gen. 2:2).
Exo 31:18 When he had finished talking with Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him two tablets of covenant decrees, made of stone, written on by the finger of the Almighty.

Exodus Chapter 32

Exo 32:1 When the people saw that Moses delayed in coming down the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and requested of him, “Come, make us an idol that will go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him.”
Exo 32:2 So Aaron commanded them, “Take off the golden rings that are on your wives’ ears, and the ears of your sons and daughters, and bring them to me.”
Exo 32:3 All the people took off the golden rings that were on their ears and brought them to Aaron.
Exo 32:4 He received the gold from them, fashioned it in a mold, and made it into a molded calf. Then the people declared, “Israel, this is your deity who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!”
Exo 32:5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before the calf and made a proclamation, “Tomorrow will be a feast to honor Yehowah!”
Exo 32:6 The people arose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. Then they sat down to eat and to drink, and then rose up to carouse in wild celebration.
Exo 32:7 Then Yehowah spoke to Moses, “Go quickly, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves.
Exo 32:8 They have quickly left the Way that I commanded them. They have molded for themselves a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it. They have said, ‘Israel, this is your deity who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.’”
Exo 32:9 Then Yehowah said to Moses, “I have seen this people. Look, they are a stiff-necked people.
Exo 32:10 Now then, do not try to stop me. My anger will burn hot against them, so I will destroy them. Then I will make a great nation from you.”
Exo 32:11 But Moses tried to calm down Yehowah his Divine One. He asked, “Yehowah, why does your anger burn against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?
Exo 32:12 Why should the Egyptians say, ‘He led them out with evil intent, to kill them in the mountains and to destroy them from the face of the earth?’ Turn from your burning anger and relent from this punishment on your people.
Exo 32:13 Call to mind Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, ‘I will make your descendants as many as the stars in the heavens, and I will give to your descendants all this land of which I have spoken. They will inherit it forever.’”
Exo 32:14 Then Yehowah relented from the punishment that he had said he would inflict on his people.

Exo 32:15 Then Moses turned around and went down the mountain, carrying the two tablets of the covenant decrees in his hand. The tablets were written on both their sides, on both the front and the back.
Exo 32:16 The tablets were the work of the Almighty, and the writing was the writing of the Almighty, engraved on the tablets.
Exo 32:17 When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, “There is the noise of combat in the camp.”
Exo 32:18 But Moses answered, “It is not the sound of a victor, and not the sound of defeated people, but the sound of singing that I hear.”
Exo 32:19 When Moses approached the camp, he saw the calf and the dancing. His anger flamed hot. He threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the bottom of the mountain.
Exo 32:20 He took the calf that the people had made, burned it, ground it to powder, and poured it into the water. Then he made the people of Israel drink it.
Exo 32:21 Then Moses asked Aaron, “What did this people do to you, that you have brought such a great sin on them?”
Exo 32:22 Aaron answered, “Do not let your anger burn hot, my master. You know these people, how they are set on doing evil.
Exo 32:23 They requested of me, ‘Make us a deity who will go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him.’
Exo 32:24 So I told them, ‘Whoever has any gold, let him take it off.’ They gave me the gold, I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf.”
Exo 32:25 Moses saw that the people were running wild, for Aaron had let them get out of control, causing their enemies to mock them.
Exo 32:26 Then Moses stood at the entrance to the camp and ordered, “Whoever is for Yehowah, come to me.” All the Levites gathered around him.
Exo 32:27 He ordered them, “Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, commands this: ‘Let each man fasten his sword on his side and go back and forth from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and kill his brother, his companion, and his neighbor.’”
Exo 32:28 The Levites did what Moses ordered. That day about three thousand of the people died.
Exo 32:29 Moses said to the Levites, “You have been placed into the service of Yehowah today, for each of you has taken action against his son and his brother, so he might give you a blessing today.”
Exo 32:30 The next day, Moses said to the people, “You have committed a great sin. Now I will go up to Yehowah. Perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.”
Exo 32:31 Moses returned to Yehowah and said, “Oh, these people have committed a great sin and made themselves an idol of gold.

Exo 32:32 But now, please forgive their sin; but if you do not, blot me out of the Book that you have written.”
Exo 32:33 Yehowah replied to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against me, that person I will blot out of my Book.
Exo 32:34 So now go, lead the people to the place of which I have spoken to you. See, my angel will go before you. But on the day that I punish them, I will punish them for their sin.”
Exo 32:35 Then Yehowah sent a plague on the people, because they had made the calf, the one that Aaron made.

Exodus Chapter 33

Exo 33:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses, “Go from here, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt. Go to the land about which I made an oath to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, when I promised, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’
Exo 33:2 I will send an angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanites, Amorites, Hethites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites.
Exo 33:3 Go to that land, which is flowing with milk and honey, but I will not go up with you, because you are a stubborn people. I might destroy you on the way.”
Exo 33:4 When the people heard these troubling words, they mourned, and no one put on any jewelry.
Exo 33:5 Yehowah had said to Moses, “Speak to the Israelis, ‘You are a stubborn people. If I went among you for even one moment, I would destroy you. So now, take off your jewelry, so that I may decide what to do with you.’”
Exo 33:6 So the Israelis wore no jewelry from Mount Horeb onward.
Exo 33:7 Moses took a tent and pitched it outside the camp, some distance from the camp. He called it the Tent of Meeting. Everyone who asked Yehowah for anything went out to the Tent of Meeting, outside the camp.
Exo 33:8 When Moses would go out to the tent, all the people would stand up at their tent entrances and look at Moses, until he had gone inside.
Exo 33:9 Whenever Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stand at the tent entrance, and Yehowah would speak with Moses.
Exo 33:10 Whenever all the people saw the pillar of cloud stand at the entrance to the tent, they would get up and worship, every man at his own tent entrance.
Exo 33:11 Yehowah would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua son of Nun, a young man, would stay in the tent.
Exo 33:12 Moses said to Yehowah, “See, you have been saying to me, ‘Take this people on their journey,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found grace in my sight.’
Exo 33:13 Now if I have found grace in your sight, show me your Ways, so that I may know you and continue to find grace in your sight. Remember that this nation is your congregation.”
Exo 33:14 Yehowah answered, “My own presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”
Exo 33:15 Moses replied to him, “If your presence does not go with us, do not take us up from here.

Exo 33:16 For otherwise, how will it be known that I have found grace in your sight, I and your people? Will it not only be if you go with us, so that I and your people are different from all the ethnicities that are on the surface of the earth?”
Exo 33:17 Yehowah said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have requested, for you have found grace in my sight, and I know you by name.”
Exo 33:18 Moses requested, “Please show me your glory.”
Exo 33:19 Yehowah said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim my name ‘Yehowah’ before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will show mercy on whom I will show mercy” (Exo. 34:6-7).
Exo 33:20 But Yehowah said, “You may not see my face, for no one can see me and live.”
Exo 33:21 Yehowah said, “See, here is a place by me; you will stand on this rock.
Exo 33:22 While my glory passes by, I will put you in a crevice of the rock and cover you with my hand, until I have passed by.
Exo 33:23 Then I will take away my hand, and you will see my back, but my face will not be seen.”

Exodus Chapter 34

Exo 34:1 Yehowah said to Moses, “Cut two tablets of stone like the first tablets. I will write on these tablets the words that were on the first tablets, the tablets that you broke.
Exo 34:2 Be ready at dawn and come up Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the mountain top.
Exo 34:3 No one is to come up with you. Do not let anyone else be seen anywhere on the mountain. No flocks or herds are even to graze in front of the mountain.”
Exo 34:4 So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first ones, and he rose up at dawn and went up Mount Sinai, as Yehowah had instructed him. Moses carried the tablets of stone in his hand.
Exo 34:5 Yehowah came down in the cloud and stood with Moses there, and he proclaimed the name “Yehowah.”
Exo 34:6 Yehowah passed by before him and proclaimed, “Yehowah, Yehowah Almighty is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in covenant faithfulness and truth,
Exo 34:7 keeping covenant faithfulness for thousands of generations, forgiving iniquities, transgressions, and sins. But he will by no means clear the guilty. He will bring the punishment for the fathers’ sin on their children and on their children’s children, as far as the third and fourth generations” (Exo. 33:19).
Exo 34:8 Moses quickly bowed his head to the ground and worshiped.
Exo 34:9 Then he said, “If now I have found grace in your sight, Lord, please go among us, for this people is stubborn. Pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as your inheritance.”
Exo 34:10 Yehowah said, “See, I am about to make a covenant. Before all your congregation, I will do marvels such as have not been done in all the earth nor in any ethnicity. All the people among you will see the deeds of Yehowah, for it is a fearful thing that I am doing with you.
Exo 34:11 Guard what I command you today. I am about to drive out before you the Amorites, Canaanites, Hethites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites.
Exo 34:12 Be careful not to make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, or they will become a trap among you.
Exo 34:13 Instead, you must break down their altars, smash their stone pillars, and cut down their Asherah poles.
Exo 34:14 For you must worship no other deity, for I, Yehowah, whose name is ‘Jealous,’ am a jealous Almighty.

Exo 34:15 So be careful not to make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, for they prostitute themselves to their deities, and they sacrifice to their deities. Then one of them will invite you, and you will eat some of his sacrifice,
Exo 34:16 and then you will even take some of his daughters for your sons, and his daughters will prostitute themselves to their deities, and they will make your sons prostitute themselves to their deities.
Exo 34:17 Do not make for yourselves deities of molten metal.
Exo 34:18 You must keep the Festival of Unleavened Bread. As I commanded you, you must eat unleavened bread for seven days at the appointment calendar festival in the month of Abib, for it was in the month of Abib you came out from Egypt.
Exo 34:19 All the firstborn are mine, even every male firstborn of your livestock, both of oxen and sheep.
Exo 34:20 You must buy back the firstborn of a donkey with a lamb, but if you do not buy it back, then you must break its neck. You must buy back all the firstborn of your sons. No one may appear before me empty-handed.
Exo 34:21 You may work for six days, but on the seventh day you must rest. Even at plowing time and in harvest, you must rest.
Exo 34:22 You must observe the Festival of Shavuot with the first yield of the wheat harvest (Omer day 50; Lev. 23:17), and you must observe the Festival of Ingathering (Sukkot/Tabernacles) at the year's end (Exo. 23:16).
Exo 34:23 All your men must appear before me, Lord Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, three times every year.
Exo 34:24 For I will drive out ethnicities before you and expand your borders. No one will desire to invade your land and take it, when you go up to appear before me, Yehowah your Divine One, three times every year.
Exo 34:25 You must not offer the blood of my sacrifice with any yeast, nor may any meat from the sacrifice at the Festival of the Passover be left over until dawn.
Exo 34:26 You must bring the best of the firstfruits from your fields to the tabernacle of Yehowah your Divine One. You must not boil a young goat in its mother's milk."
Exo 34:27 Yehowah spoke to Moses, "Write down these words, for I pledge myself to these words I have spoken, and have made a covenant with you and Israel."
Exo 34:28 Moses was there with Yehowah for forty days and nights; he did not eat any food nor drink any water. He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Words.
Exo 34:29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant decrees in his hand, he did not know that the skin of his face had become radiant while speaking with Yehowah.

Exo 34:30 When Aaron and the Israelis saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him.
Exo 34:31 But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation came up to him. Then Moses spoke with them.
Exo 34:32 After this, all the people of Israel came up to Moses, and he told them all the commands that Yehowah had given him on Mount Sinai.
Exo 34:33 When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.
Exo 34:34 Whenever Moses went before Yehowah to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. When he came out, he would tell the Israelis what he was commanded to say.
Exo 34:35 When the Israelis saw Moses' face shining, he would put the veil over his face again, until he went back in to speak with Yehowah.

Exodus Chapter 35

Exo 35:1 Moses assembled all the congregation of the Israelis and said to them, “These are the words that Yehowah has commanded you to do.
Exo 35:2 On six days work may be done, but for you, the seventh day must be a set-apart Sabbath observance to Yehowah. Whoever does any work on that day must be executed.
Exo 35:3 You must not light a fire in any of your homes on the Sabbath day.”
Exo 35:4 Moses spoke to all the congregation of the Israelis, “This is the thing that Yehowah commanded.
Exo 35:5 Collect an offering for Yehowah, all of you who have a willing heart. Bring an offering to Yehowah, gold, silver-currency, bronze,
Exo 35:6 blue, purple, and scarlet wool and fine linen; goats’ hair;
Exo 35:7 ram skins dyed red and antelope hides; acacia wood;
Exo 35:8 oil for the sanctuary lamps, spices for the anointing oil and the fragrant incense,
Exo 35:9 onyx stones and other precious stones to be set for the ephod and breastpiece.
Exo 35:10 Every skilled man among you is to come and make everything that Yehowah has commanded,
Exo 35:11 the tabernacle with its tent, its covering, its clasps, frames, bars, posts, and bases;
Exo 35:12 also, the ark with its poles, the atonement lid, and the curtain to conceal it.”
Exo 35:13 They brought the table with its poles, all its utensils, and the bread of the presence;
Exo 35:14 the menorah for the lights, with its accessories, its lamps, and the oil for the lamps;
Exo 35:15 the incense altar with its poles, the anointing oil and the fragrant incense; the hanging for the tabernacle entrance;
Exo 35:16 the altar for burnt offerings with its bronze grate, its poles, and utensils; and the large basin with its base.
Exo 35:17 They brought the hangings for the courtyard with its posts and bases, and the curtain for the courtyard entrance;
Exo 35:18 and the tent pegs for the tabernacle and courtyard, together with their ropes.
Exo 35:19 They brought the finely-woven garments for serving in the Set-apart Place, the set-apart garments for Aaron the priest and his sons, for them to serve as priests.

Exo 35:20 Then all the congregation of Israel left and went away from Moses' presence.
Exo 35:21 Everyone whose heart stirred him up and whom his spirit made willing came and brought an offering to Yehowah for the construction of the tabernacle of meeting, for all the items of service in it, and for the set-apart garments.
Exo 35:22 They came, both men and women, all who had a willing heart. They brought brooches, earrings, rings, and ornaments, all kinds of gold jewelry. They all presented offerings of gold as a wave offering to Yehowah.
Exo 35:23 Everyone who had blue, purple, or scarlet wool, fine linen, goat hair, ram skins dyed red, or antelope skins brought them.
Exo 35:24 Everyone making an offering of silver-currency or bronze brought it as an offering to Yehowah, and everyone who had acacia wood for any use in the work brought it.
Exo 35:25 Every skilled woman spun wool with her hands and brought what she had spun, blue, purple, or scarlet wool, or fine linen.
Exo 35:26 All the women whose hearts stirred them up and who had skill spun goats' hair.
Exo 35:27 The leaders brought onyx stones and other gems to be set into the ephod and the breastpiece;
Exo 35:28 they brought spices and oil for the lamps, for the anointing oil, and for the fragrant incense.
Exo 35:29 The Israelis brought a freewill offering to Yehowah; every man and woman whose heart was willing brought materials for all the work that Yehowah had commanded through Moses to be made.
Exo 35:30 Moses said to the Israelis, "See, Yehowah has called by name Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur, from the tribe of Judah.
Exo 35:31 He has filled Bezalel with the Ruach of the Almighty, to give him wisdom, understanding, and knowledge, for all kinds of craftsmanship,
Exo 35:32 to make artistic designs and to work in gold, silver, and bronze;
Exo 35:33 also, to cut and set stones and to carve wood, to do all kinds of design and craftsmanship.
Exo 35:34 He has put it in his heart to teach, both he and Oholiab son of Ahisamach, from the tribe of Dan.
Exo 35:35 He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work, to work as craftsmen, as engravers, as embroiderers in blue, purple, scarlet wool, and fine linen, and as weavers. They are craftsmen in all sorts of work, and they are artistic designers.

Exodus Chapter 36

Exo 36:1 So Bezalel and Oholiab and every skilled person to whom Yehowah has given skill and ability to know how to do any work in the construction of the Set-apart Place are to do the work according to all that Yehowah has commanded."
Exo 36:2 Moses summoned Bezalel, Oholiab, and every skillful person in whose mind Yehowah had given skill, and whose heart stirred within him to come and do the work.
Exo 36:3 They received from Moses all the offerings that the Israelis had brought for constructing the Set-apart Place. The people were still bringing freewill offerings every morning to Moses.
Exo 36:4 So all the skilled people working on the Set-apart Place came from the work that they had been doing.
Exo 36:5 The craftsmen told Moses, "The people are bringing much more than enough for doing the work that Yehowah has commanded us to do."
Exo 36:6 So Moses instructed that no one in the camp should bring any more offerings for the construction of the Set-apart Place. Then the people stopped bringing these gifts.
Exo 36:7 They had more than enough materials for all the work.
Exo 36:8 So all the craftsmen among them constructed the tabernacle with ten curtains made from fine linen and blue, purple, and scarlet wool with the designs of cherubim. This was the work of Bezalel, the highly skilled craftsman.
Exo 36:9 The length of each curtain was twelve and four-fifths meters, the width one and four-fifths meters. All the curtains were of the same size.
Exo 36:10 Bezalel joined five curtains to each other, and the other five curtains he also joined to each other.
Exo 36:11 He made loops of blue along the outer edge of the end curtain of one set, and he did the same along the outer edge of the end curtain in the second set.
Exo 36:12 He made fifty loops on the first curtain and fifty loops on the edge of the end curtain in the second set. So the loops were opposite to each other.
Exo 36:13 He made fifty gold clasps and joined the curtains together with them, so that the tabernacle became united.
Exo 36:14 Bezalel made curtains of goat hair for a tent over the tabernacle; he made eleven of these curtains.
Exo 36:15 The length of each curtain was eighteen and one-third meters, and the width of each curtain was one and four-fifths meters. Each of the eleven curtains was the same size.
Exo 36:16 He joined five curtains to each other and the other six curtains to each other.

Exo 36:17 He made fifty loops on the edge of the end curtain of the first set, and fifty loops along the edge of the end curtain that joined the second set.
Exo 36:18 Bezalel made fifty bronze clasps to join the tent together, so that it might be one piece.
Exo 36:19 He made for the tabernacle a covering of ram skins dyed red, another covering of fine antelope leather to go above that.
Exo 36:20 Bezalel made vertical frames out of acacia wood for the tabernacle.
Exo 36:21 The length of each frame was four and three-fifths meters, and the width of each frame was three-quarters of a meter.
Exo 36:22 Each frame had two wooden pegs for joining the frames together. He did this for all the frames of the tabernacle.
Exo 36:23 He made the frames for the tabernacle in this way: twenty frames for the south side.
Exo 36:24 Bezalel made forty silver bases to go under the twenty frames. There were two bases under one frame to join the frames together, and also two bases under each of the other frames to join frames together.
Exo 36:25 For the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, he made twenty frames
Exo 36:26 and their forty silver bases. There were two bases under the first frame, two bases under the next frame, and so on.
Exo 36:27 For the back of the tabernacle on the west, Bezalel made six frames.
Exo 36:28 He made two frames for the back corners of the tabernacle.
Exo 36:29 These frames were separate at the bottom, but joined at the top in one ring. He made two of them in this way for the two corners.
Exo 36:30 There were eight frames, together with their silver bases. There were sixteen bases in all, two bases under the first frame, two bases under the next frame, and so on.
Exo 36:31 Bezalel made crossbars of acacia wood, five for the frames of the one side of the tabernacle,
Exo 36:32 five crossbars for the frames of the other side of the tabernacle, and five crossbars for the frames for the back side of the tabernacle to the west.
Exo 36:33 He made the crossbar in the center of the frames, that is, halfway up, to reach from end to end.
Exo 36:34 He covered the frames with gold. He made their rings of gold, for them to serve as holders for the crossbars, and he covered the bars with gold.
Exo 36:35 Bezalel made the curtain of blue, purple, and scarlet wool, and of fine linen, with designs of cherubim, the work of a skillful workman.
Exo 36:36 He made for the curtain four pillars of acacia wood, and he covered them with gold. He also made gold hooks for the pillars, and he cast for them four silver bases.

Exo 36:37 He made a hanging for the tent entrance. It was made of blue, purple, and scarlet wool, using fine linen, the work of an embroiderer.
Exo 36:38 He also made the hanging's five pillars with hooks. He covered their tops and their rods with gold. Their five bases were made of bronze.

Exodus Chapter 37

Exo 37:1 Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood. Its length was one meter; its width was three-quarters of a meter; and its height was three-quarters of a meter.
Exo 37:2 He covered it inside and out with pure gold and made for it a border of gold around its top.
Exo 37:3 He cast four rings of gold for its four feet, with two rings on one side of it and two rings on the other side.
Exo 37:4 He made poles of acacia wood and covered them with gold.
Exo 37:5 He put the poles into the rings on the ark's sides, in order to carry the ark.
Exo 37:6 He made an atonement lid of pure gold. Its length was one meter, and its width was three-quarters of a meter.
Exo 37:7 Bezalel made two cherubim of hammered gold for the two ends of the atonement lid.
Exo 37:8 One cherub was for one end of the atonement lid, and the other cherub was for the other end. They were made as one piece with the atonement lid.
Exo 37:9 The cherubim spread out their wings upward and overshadowed the atonement lid with them. The cherubim faced one another and looked toward the center of the atonement lid.
Exo 37:10 Bezalel made the table of acacia wood. Its length was one meter, its width was one-half meter, and its height was three-quarters of a meter.
Exo 37:11 He covered it with pure gold and put a border of pure gold around the top.
Exo 37:12 He made a surrounding frame for it one-fifth of a meter wide, with a surrounding border of gold for the frame.
Exo 37:13 He cast for it four rings of gold and attached the rings to the four corners, where the four feet were.
Exo 37:14 The rings were attached to the frame to provide places for the poles, in order to carry the table.
Exo 37:15 He made the poles out of acacia wood and covered them with gold, in order to carry the table.
Exo 37:16 He made the objects that would be on the table, the dishes, spoons, the bowls, and pitchers to be used to pour out the offerings. He made them out of pure gold.
Exo 37:17 He made the menorah of pure hammered gold. He made the menorah with its base and shaft. Its cups, its leafy bases, and its flowers were all made of one piece with it.

Exo 37:18 Six branches extended out from its sides, three branches extended from one side of the menorah, and three branches of the menorah extended from the other side.
Exo 37:19 The first branch had three cups made like almond blossoms, with a leafy base and a flower, and three cups made like almond blossoms in the other branch, with a leafy base and a flower. It was the same for all six branches extending out from the menorah.
Exo 37:20 On the menorah itself, the central shaft, there were four cups made like almond blossoms, with their leafy bases and the flowers.
Exo 37:21 There was a leafy base under the first pair of branches, made as one piece with it, and a leafy base under the second pair of branches, also made as one piece with it. In the same way there was a leafy base under the third pair of branches, made as one piece with it. It was the same for all six branches extending out from the menorah.
Exo 37:22 Their leafy bases and branches were all one piece with it, one beaten piece of work of pure gold.
Exo 37:23 Bezalel made the menorah and its seven lamps, its tongs and their trays of pure gold.
Exo 37:24 He made the menorah and its accessories with thirty-three kilograms of pure gold.
Exo 37:25 Bezalel made the incense altar. He made it with acacia wood. Its length was one-half meter, and its width one-half meter. It was square, and its height was one meter. Its horns were made as one piece with it.
Exo 37:26 He covered the incense altar with pure gold, its top, its sides, and its horns. He also made a surrounding border of gold for it.
Exo 37:27 He made two golden rings to be attached to it under its border on its two opposite sides. The rings were holders for poles to carry the altar.
Exo 37:28 He made the poles of acacia wood, and he covered them with gold.
Exo 37:29 He made the set-apart anointing oil and the pure fragrant incense, the work of a perfumer.

Exodus Chapter 38

Exo 38:1 Bezalel made the altar for burnt offerings of acacia wood. It was two and one-third meters long and two and one-third meters wide, a square, and one and two-fifths meters high.
Exo 38:2 He made extensions of its four corners shaped like ox horns. The horns were made of one piece with the altar, and he covered it with bronze.
Exo 38:3 He made all the equipment for the altar, pots for ashes, shovels, basins, meat forks, and firepans. He made all this equipment with bronze.
Exo 38:4 He made a grate for the altar, a network of bronze to be placed under the ledge, halfway down to the bottom.
Exo 38:5 He cast four rings for the four corners of the bronze grate, as holders for the poles.
Exo 38:6 Bezalel made poles of acacia wood and covered them with bronze.
Exo 38:7 He put the poles through the rings on the sides of the altar, to carry it. He made the altar hollow, out of planks.
Exo 38:8 Bezalel made the large bronze basin with a bronze stand. He made the basin out of (bronze) mirrors belonging to the women who served at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.
Exo 38:9 He also made the courtyard. The hangings on the south side of the courtyard were of fine linen, forty-five and three-quarters meters long.
Exo 38:10 The hangings had twenty posts, with twenty bronze bases. There were hooks attached to the posts, as well as silver rods.
Exo 38:11 Likewise along the north side, there were hangings forty-five and three-quarters meters long with twenty posts, twenty bronze bases, hooks attached to the posts, and silver rods.
Exo 38:12 The hangings of the west side were twenty-three meters long, with ten posts and bases. The hooks and rods of the posts were silver.
Exo 38:13 The courtyard was also twenty-three meters long on the east side.
Exo 38:14 The hangings for one side of the entrance were seven meters long. They had three posts with three bases.
Exo 38:15 On the other side of the entrance of the court were also hangings seven meters long, with three posts and three bases.
Exo 38:16 All the hangings around the courtyard were made of fine linen.
Exo 38:17 The bases for the posts were made of bronze. The hooks and rods for the posts were made of silver, and the covering for the tops of the posts was also made of silver. All the courtyard posts were covered with silver.
Exo 38:18 The curtain at the courtyard gate was nine meters long. The curtain was made of blue, purple, and scarlet linen, fine twined linen, and was nine meters long. It was nine meters in length and two and one-third meters in

height, like the courtyard curtains.
Exo 38:19 It had four bronze bases and silver hooks. The covering for their tops and its rods were made of silver.
Exo 38:20 All the tent pegs for the tabernacle and courtyard were made of bronze.
Exo 38:21 This is the inventory of the tabernacle, the tabernacle of the covenant decrees, as it was taken following Moses' instructions. It was the work of the Levites under the direction of Ithamar son of Aaron the priest.
Exo 38:22 Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur, from the tribe of Judah, made everything that Yehowah had commanded Moses.
Exo 38:23 Oholiab son of Ahisamach, from the tribe of Dan, worked with Bezalel as an engraver, as a skillful workman, and as an embroiderer in blue, purple, and scarlet wool, and in fine linen.
Exo 38:24 All the gold that was used for the project, in all the work connected with the Set-apart Place, the gold from the wave offering, was 965 kilograms, measured by the standard of the sanctuary scales.
Exo 38:25 The counted congregation gave 301,775-weight silver-currency, according to the sanctuary scales,
Exo 38:26 or one half-weight per man, measured by the sanctuary weight (Exo. 30:13; Mat. 17:24). This figure was reached on the basis of every person who was counted in the census, those twenty years old and older, 603,550 men in all.
Exo 38:27 297,000-weight silver-currency was cast for the bases of the Set-apart Place and the curtain's bases: one hundred bases, 3,000-weight for each base.
Exo 38:28 With the remaining 1,775-weight silver-currency, Bezalel made the hooks for the posts, covered the tops of the posts, and made the rods for them.
Exo 38:29 The bronze from the wave offering weighed 2,300 kilograms.
Exo 38:30 With this he made the bases for the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, the bronze altar, its bronze grate, all the equipment for the altar,
Exo 38:31 the bases for the courtyard, the bases for the courtyard entrance, all the tent pegs for the tabernacle, and all the tent pegs for the courtyard.

Exodus Chapter 39

Exo 39:1 With the blue, purple, and scarlet wool, they made finely-woven garments for service in the Set-apart Place. They made Aaron's garments for the Set-apart Place, as Yehowah had commanded Moses.
Exo 39:2 Bezalel made the ephod of gold, of blue, purple, and scarlet wool, and of fine twined linen.
Exo 39:3 They hammered gold sheets and cut them into wires, to work them into the blue, purple, and scarlet wool, and into the fine linen, the work of a skillful workman.
Exo 39:4 They made shoulder pieces for the ephod, attached at its two upper corners.
Exo 39:5 Its finely-woven waistband was like the ephod; it was made of one piece with the ephod, made of fine twined linen that was gold, blue, purple, and scarlet, just as Yehowah had commanded Moses.
Exo 39:6 They crafted the onyx stones, enclosed in settings of gold, set with engravings as on a signet, and engraved with the names of Israel's twelve sons.
Exo 39:7 Bezalel put them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, as stones to remind Yehowah of Israel's twelve sons, as Yehowah had commanded Moses.
Exo 39:8 He made the breastpiece, the work of a skillful workman, fashioned like the ephod. He made it of gold, of blue, purple, and scarlet wool, and of fine linen.
Exo 39:9 It was square. They folded the breastpiece double. It was twenty-three centimeters long and twenty-three centimeters wide.
Exo 39:10 They set in it four rows of precious stones. The first row had a ruby, a topaz, and a garnet.
Exo 39:11 The second row had an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.
Exo 39:12 The third row had a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst.
Exo 39:13 The fourth row had a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper. The stones were mounted in gold settings.
Exo 39:14 The stones were arranged by the names of Israel's twelve sons, each in order by name. They were like the engraving on a signet ring, each name standing for one of the twelve tribes.
Exo 39:15 On the breastpiece they made chains like cords, braided work of pure gold.
Exo 39:16 They made two settings of gold and two gold rings, and they attached the two rings to the two corners of the breastpiece.
Exo 39:17 They put the two braided chains of gold in the two rings at the corners of the breastpiece.
Exo 39:18 They attached the other two ends of the braided chains to the two settings. They attached them to the shoulder pieces of the ephod at its front.

Exo 39:19 They made two rings of gold and put them on the two other corners of the breastpiece, on the edge next to the inner border.
Exo 39:20 They made two more gold rings and attached them to the bottom of the two shoulder pieces of the front of the ephod, close to its seam above the finely-woven waistband of the ephod.
Exo 39:21 They tied the breastpiece by its rings to the ephod's rings with a blue cord, so that it might be attached just above the ephod's finely-woven waistband. This was so that the breastpiece might not become unattached from the ephod. This was done as Yehowah had commanded Moses.
Exo 39:22 Bezalel made the robe of the ephod completely of purple fabric, the work of a weaver.
Exo 39:23 It had an opening for the head in the middle. The opening had a woven edge round about, so that it did not tear.
Exo 39:24 On the bottom hem, they made pomegranates of blue, purple, and scarlet yarn and of fine linen.
Exo 39:25 They made bells of pure gold, and they put the bells between the pomegranates all around on the bottom edge of the robe, between the pomegranates,
Exo 39:26 a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, on the edge of the robe for Aaron to serve in. This was as Yehowah had commanded Moses.
Exo 39:27 They made the coats of fine linen for Aaron and for his sons.
Exo 39:28 They made the turban of fine linen, the ornate head bands of fine linen, the linen underwear of fine linen,
Exo 39:29 and the sash of fine linen and of blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, the work of an embroiderer. This was as Yehowah had commanded Moses.
Exo 39:30 They made the plate of the set-apart crown of pure gold; they engraved on it, like the engraving on a signet, "Set Apart To Yehowah."
Exo 39:31 They attached to the turban a blue cord to the top of the turban. This was as Yehowah had commanded Moses.
Exo 39:32 So the work on the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting, was finished. The people of Israel did everything. They followed all the instructions that Yehowah had given to Moses.
Exo 39:33 They brought the tabernacle to Moses, the tent and all its equipment, its clasps, frames, bars, posts, and bases;
Exo 39:34 the covering of ram skins dyed red, the covering of antelope leather, and the curtain to conceal
Exo 39:35 the Ark of the Testimony, as well as the poles and the atonement lid.
Exo 39:36 They brought the table, all its utensils, and the bread of the presence;
Exo 39:37 the menorah of pure gold and its lamps in a row, with its accessories and the oil for the lamps;

Exo 39:38 the golden altar, the anointing oil and the fragrant incense; the hanging for the tabernacle entrance;
Exo 39:39 the bronze altar with its bronze grate, its poles and utensils, and the large basin with its base.
Exo 39:40 They brought the hangings for the courtyard with its posts and bases, and the curtain for the courtyard entrance; its ropes and tent pegs; and all the equipment for the service of the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting.
Exo 39:41 They brought the fine woven garments for serving in the Set-apart Place, the set-apart garments for Aaron the priest and his sons, for them to serve as priests.
Exo 39:42 Thus the people of Israel did all the work as Yehowah had commanded Moses.
Exo 39:43 Moses examined all the work, and behold, they had done it. As Yehowah had commanded, in that Way, they did it. Then Moses blessed them.

Exodus Chapter 40

Exo 40:1 Then Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Exo 40:2 “On the first day of the first month you must set up the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting.
Exo 40:3 You must place the Ark of the Testimony in it, and you must shield the ark with the curtain.
Exo 40:4 You must bring in the table and set in order the things that belong on it. Then you must bring in the menorah and set up the lamps.
Exo 40:5 You must put the golden incense altar before the Ark of the Testimony, and you must put the curtain at the entrance to the tabernacle.
Exo 40:6 You must put the altar for burnt offerings in front of the entrance to the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting.
Exo 40:7 You must put the large basin between the Tent of Meeting and the altar, and you must put water in it.
Exo 40:8 You must set up the courtyard around it, and you must hang up the curtain at the courtyard entrance.
Exo 40:9 You must take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and everything that is in it. You must set it apart and all its furnishings to me; then it will be set apart.
Exo 40:10 You must anoint the altar for burnt offerings and all its utensils. You must set apart the altar to me, and it will become utterly set apart to me.
Exo 40:11 You must anoint the bronze basin and its base, and set it apart to me.
Exo 40:12 You are to bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, and you must wash them with water.
Exo 40:13 You are to clothe Aaron with the garments that are set apart to me, anoint him and set him apart, so that he may serve as my priest.
Exo 40:14 You are to bring his sons and clothe them with coats.
Exo 40:15 You must anoint them as you anointed their father, so that they may serve me as priests. Their anointing will make for them a permanent priesthood throughout their people’s generations.”
Exo 40:16 This is what Moses did; he followed all that Yehowah had commanded him. He did all these things.
Exo 40:17 So in the first month in the second year (c. 1649 BC), the tabernacle was set up on the first of the month.
Exo 40:18 Moses set up the tabernacle, put its bases in place, set up its frames, attached its bars, and set up its pillars and posts.
Exo 40:19 He spread the covering over the tabernacle and put the tent over it, as Yehowah had commanded him.

Exo 40:20 He took the covenant decrees and put them into the ark. He also placed the poles on the ark and put the atonement lid on it.
Exo 40:21 He brought the ark into the tabernacle. He set up the curtain for it to shield the Ark of the Testimony, as Yehowah had commanded Moses.
Exo 40:22 He put the table into the Tent of Meeting, on the north side of the tabernacle, outside the curtain.
Exo 40:23 He placed the bread in order on the table before Yehowah, as Yehowah had commanded Moses.
Exo 40:24 He put the menorah into the Tent of Meeting, across from the table, on the south side of the tabernacle.
Exo 40:25 He lit the lamps before Yehowah, as Yehowah had commanded Moses.
Exo 40:26 He put the golden incense altar into the Tent of Meeting in front of the curtain.
Exo 40:27 He burned fragrant incense on it, as Yehowah had commanded Moses.
Exo 40:28 He hung the curtain at the tabernacle entrance.
Exo 40:29 He put the altar for the burnt offering at the entrance to the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting. He offered on it the burnt offering and the grain offering, as Yehowah had commanded Moses.
Exo 40:30 He placed the basin between the Tent of Meeting and the altar, and he put water in it for washing.
Exo 40:31 Moses, Aaron, and his sons washed their hands and their feet from the basin,
Exo 40:32 whenever they would go into the Tent of Meeting, and whenever they would go up to the altar. They washed themselves, as Yehowah had commanded Moses.
Exo 40:33 Moses set up the courtyard around the tabernacle and the altar. He set up the curtain at the courtyard entrance. In this way, Moses finished the work.
Exo 40:34 Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of Yehowah filled the tabernacle.
Exo 40:35 Moses was not able to enter the Tent of Meeting, because the cloud had settled on it, and because the glory of Yehowah filled the tabernacle.
Exo 40:36 Whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out on their journey.
Exo 40:37 But if the cloud did not rise up from the tabernacle, then the people would not travel. They would stay, until the day that it was lifted up.
Exo 40:38 For the cloud of Yehowah was over the tabernacle by day, and his fire was over it by night, in plain view of all the people of Israel throughout their journey.

Book of Leviticus

Leviticus Chapter 1

Lev 1:1 Yehowah called to Moses and spoke to him from the Tent of Meeting,
Lev 1:2 “Speak to the people of Israel and tell them, ‘When any person from among you brings an offering to Yehowah, bring as your offering one of your animals, either from the herd or from the flock.
Lev 1:3 If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he must offer a male without blemish. He is to offer it willingly at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, so that it may be accepted before Yehowah.
Lev 1:4 He is to lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and then it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for himself.
Lev 1:5 Then he must kill the bull before Yehowah. Aaron’s sons, the priests, will present the blood and sprinkle it on the altar that is at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.
Lev 1:6 Then he must skin the burnt offering and cut it to pieces.
Lev 1:7 Then the sons of Aaron the priest will put fire on the altar and place wood to feed the fire.
Lev 1:8 Aaron’s sons, the priests, are to place the pieces, the head and the fat, in order on the wood that is on the fire, which is on the altar.
Lev 1:9 But its inner parts and its legs he must wash with water. Then the priest will burn everything on the altar as a burnt offering. It will produce a sweet aroma for me; it will be an offering made to Yehowah by fire.
Lev 1:10 If his offering for the burnt offering is from the flock, one of the sheep or one of the goats, he must offer a male without blemish.
Lev 1:11 He must kill it on the north side of the altar before Yehowah. Aaron’s sons, the priests, will sprinkle its blood on every side of the altar.
Lev 1:12 Then he must cut it into pieces, with its head and its fat, and the priest will lay them in order on the wood that is on the fire, which is on the altar,
Lev 1:13 but the inner parts and the legs he must wash with water. Then the priest will offer the whole, and burn it on the altar. It is a burnt offering, and it will produce a sweet aroma for Yehowah; it will be an offering made to him by fire.
Lev 1:14 If his offering to Yehowah is to be a burnt offering of birds, then he must bring as his offering either a dove or a young pigeon.
Lev 1:15 The priest must bring it to the altar, wring off its head, and burn it on the altar. Then its blood must be drained out on the side of the altar.

Lev 1:16 He must remove its feathers and crop with its contents, and throw it beside the altar on the east side, in the place for the ashes.
Lev 1:17 He must tear it open by its wings, but he must not divide it into two parts. Then the priest will burn it on the altar, on the wood that is on the fire. It will be a burnt offering, and it will produce a sweet aroma for Yehowah; it will be an offering made to him by fire.

Leviticus Chapter 2

Lev 2:1 When anyone brings a grain offering to Yehowah, his offering must be fine flour, and he will pour oil on it and put incense on it.
Lev 2:2 He is to take the offering to Aaron's sons the priests, and there the priest will take out a handful of the fine flour with the oil and the incense on it. Then the priest will burn the offering on the altar as a memorial offering. It will produce a sweet aroma for Yehowah; it will be an offering made to him by fire.
Lev 2:3 Whatever is left of the grain offering will belong to Aaron and his sons. It is very set apart from the offerings to Yehowah made by fire.
Lev 2:4 When you offer a grain offering that is baked in an oven, it must be soft unleavened bread of fine flour mixed with oil, or hard unleavened bread, which is spread with oil.
Lev 2:5 If your grain offering is baked with a flat iron pan, it must be of unleavened fine flour that is mixed with oil.
Lev 2:6 You are to divide it into pieces and pour oil on it. This is a grain offering.
Lev 2:7 If your grain offering is cooked in a pan, it must be made with fine flour and oil.
Lev 2:8 You must bring the grain offering made from these things to Yehowah, and it will be presented to the priest, who will bring it to the altar.
Lev 2:9 Then the priest will take some from the grain offering as a memorial offering, and he will burn it on the altar. It will be an offering made by fire, and it will produce a sweet aroma for Yehowah.
Lev 2:10 What is left of the grain offering will belong to Aaron and his sons. It is very set apart from the offerings to Yehowah made by fire.
Lev 2:11 No grain offering that you offer to Yehowah is to be made with leaven, for you must burn no yeast nor any honey, as an offering made by fire to Yehowah.
Lev 2:12 You will offer them to Yehowah as an offering of firstfruits, but they will not be used to produce a sweet aroma on the altar.
Lev 2:13 You must season each of your grain offerings with salt. You must never allow the salt of the covenant of your Divine One to be missing from your grain offering. With all your offerings you must offer salt.
Lev 2:14 When (Omer day 1) you present a grain offering of firstfruits to Yehowah, offer pollinated green ears (abib) of barley, threshed new heads of grain, parched by fire, gifting the firstfruits of your field.
Lev 2:15 Then you must put oil and incense on it. This is a grain offering.
Lev 2:16 Then the priest will burn part of the threshed grain, oil, and incense as a memorial offering. This is an offering made by fire to Yehowah.

Leviticus Chapter 3

Lev 3:1 If someone offers a sacrifice, which is a peace offering of an animal from the herd, whether male or female, he must offer an animal without blemish before Yehowah.
Lev 3:2 He will lay his hand on the head of his offering and kill it at the door of the Tent of Meeting. Then Aaron's sons, the priests, will sprinkle its blood on the sides of the altar.
Lev 3:3 The man will offer the sacrifice of a peace offering by fire to Yehowah. The fat that covers or is connected to the inner parts,
Lev 3:4 the two kidneys, the fat that is on them by the loins, and the lobe of the liver, with the kidneys, he will remove all of this.
Lev 3:5 Aaron's sons will burn that on the altar with the burnt offering, which is on the wood that is on the fire. This will produce a sweet aroma for Yehowah; it will be an offering made to him by fire.
Lev 3:6 If the person's sacrifice of a peace offering to Yehowah is from the flock; male or female, he must offer a sacrifice without blemish.
Lev 3:7 If he offers a lamb for his sacrifice, then he must offer it before Yehowah.
Lev 3:8 He will lay his hand on the head of his sacrifice and kill it before the Tent of Meeting. Then Aaron's sons will sprinkle its blood on the sides of the altar.
Lev 3:9 The person will offer the sacrifice of peace offerings as an offering made by fire to Yehowah. The fat, the entire fat tail cut away close to the backbone, the fat that covers the inner parts, all the fat that is near the inner parts,
Lev 3:10 the two kidneys, and the fat that is with them, which is by the loins, and the lobe of the liver, with the kidneys, he will remove all of this.
Lev 3:11 Then the priest will burn it all on the altar as a burnt offering of food to Yehowah.
Lev 3:12 If the person's offering is a goat, then he will offer it before Yehowah.
Lev 3:13 He must lay his hand on the head of the goat and kill it before the Tent of Meeting. Then the sons of Aaron will sprinkle its blood on the sides of the altar.
Lev 3:14 The man will offer his sacrifice made by fire to Yehowah. He will remove the fat that covers the inner parts, and all the fat near the inner parts.
Lev 3:15 He will also remove the two kidneys and the fat that is with them, which is by the loins, and the lobe of the liver with the kidneys, he will remove all of this.
Lev 3:16 The priest will burn all that on the altar as a burnt offering of food, to produce a sweet aroma. All the fat belongs to Yehowah.
Lev 3:17 It will be a permanent statute throughout your people's generations in every place you make your home, that you must not eat fat or blood.'"

Leviticus Chapter 4

Lev 4:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Lev 4:2 “Tell the people of Israel, ‘When anyone sins without wanting to sin, doing any of the things that Yehowah has commanded not to be done, and if he does something that is prohibited, the following must be done:
Lev 4:3 If it is the high priest who sins, so as to bring guilt on the people, then let him offer for his sin which he has committed, a young bull without blemish to Yehowah as a sin offering.
Lev 4:4 He must bring the bull to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting before Yehowah, lay his hand on its head, and kill the bull before Yehowah.
Lev 4:5 The anointed priest will take some of the blood of the bull and take it to the Tent of Meeting.
Lev 4:6 The priest will dip his finger into the blood and sprinkle some of it seven times before Yehowah, before the curtain of the Most Set-apart Place.
Lev 4:7 Then the priest will put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of fragrant incense before Yehowah, which is in the Tent of Meeting, and he will pour out all the rest of the blood of the bull at the base of the altar for burnt offerings, which is at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.
Lev 4:8 He will cut away all the fat of the bull of the sin offering; the fat that covers the inner parts, all the fat that is attached to the inner parts,
Lev 4:9 the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the lobe of the liver, with the kidneys, he will cut away all this.
Lev 4:10 He will cut it all away, just as he cuts it off from the bull of the sacrifice of peace offerings. Then the priest will burn these parts on the altar for burnt offerings.
Lev 4:11 The skin of the bull and any remaining meat, with its head and with its legs and its inner parts and its dung,
Lev 4:12 all the rest of the parts of the bull, he will carry all these parts outside the camp to a place that they have cleansed for me, where they pour out the ashes; they will burn those parts there on wood. They must burn those parts where they pour out the ashes.
Lev 4:13 If the whole congregation of Israel sins without wanting to sin, and the congregation is unaware that they have sinned and done any of the things which Yehowah has commanded not to be done, and if they are guilty,
Lev 4:14 then when the sin they have committed becomes known, the congregation must offer a young bull for a sin offering and bring it before the Tent of Meeting.
Lev 4:15 The elders of the congregation will lay their hands on the head of the bull before Yehowah, and the bull will be killed before Yehowah.

Lev 4:16 The anointed priest will bring some of the blood of the bull to the Tent of Meeting,
Lev 4:17 and the priest will dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle it seven times before Yehowah, before the curtain.
Lev 4:18 He will put some of the blood on the horns of the altar that is before Yehowah, which is in the Tent of Meeting, and he will pour out all the blood at the base of the altar for burnt offerings, which is at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.
Lev 4:19 He will cut off all the fat from it and burn it on the altar.
Lev 4:20 That is what he must do with the bull. Just as he did with the bull of the sin offering, so will he also do with this bull, and the priest will make atonement for the people, and they will be forgiven.
Lev 4:21 He will carry the bull outside the camp and burn it as he burned the first bull. This is the sin offering for the congregation.
Lev 4:22 When a ruler sins without intending to sin, doing any one of all the things that Yehowah his Divine One has commanded not to be done, and he is guilty,
Lev 4:23 when his sin which he has committed is made known to him, he must bring for his sacrifice a goat, a male without blemish.
Lev 4:24 He will lay his hand on the head of the goat and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering before Yehowah. This is a sin offering.
Lev 4:25 The priest will take the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar for burnt offerings, and he will pour out its blood at the base of the altar of burnt offering.
Lev 4:26 He will burn all the fat on the altar, just like the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings. The priest will make atonement for the ruler concerning his sin, and the ruler will be forgiven.
Lev 4:27 If anyone of the common people sins without intending to sin, doing any of the things which Yehowah has commanded not to be done, and when he realizes his guilt,
Lev 4:28 when his sin which he has committed is made known to him, he will bring a goat for his sacrifice, a female without blemish, for the sin that he has committed.
Lev 4:29 He will lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and kill the sin offering at the place of burnt offering.
Lev 4:30 The priest will take some of the blood with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar for burnt offerings. He will pour out all the rest of the blood at the base of the altar.
Lev 4:31 He will cut away all the fat, just as the fat is cut away from off the sacrifice of peace offerings. The priest will burn it on the altar to produce a

sweet aroma for Yehowah. The priest will make atonement for the person, and he will be forgiven.
Lev 4:32 If the person brings a lamb as his sacrifice for a sin offering, he will bring a female without blemish.
Lev 4:33 He will lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and kill it for a sin offering at the place where they kill the burnt offering.
Lev 4:34 The priest will take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar for burnt offerings, and he will pour out all its blood at the base of the altar.
Lev 4:35 He will cut away all the fat, just as the fat of the lamb is cut away from the sacrifice of peace offerings, and the priest will burn it on the altar on top of the offerings of Yehowah made by fire. The priest will make atonement for him for the sin he has committed, and the person will be forgiven.

Leviticus Chapter 5

Lev 5:1 If anyone sins because he does not testify when he has witnessed something about which he is required to testify, whether he has seen it or heard about it, he will be responsible.
Lev 5:2 Or if anyone touches anything Yehowah has designated as unclean, whether it be the carrion of an unclean wild animal or the carrion of any livestock that has died, or creeping animal, even if the person did not intend to touch it, he is unclean and guilty.
Lev 5:3 Or if he touches the uncleanness of someone, whatever that uncleanness is, and if he is unaware of it, then he will be guilty when he learns about it.
Lev 5:4 Or if anyone swears rashly with his lips to do evil, or to do good, whatever it is that a person swears rashly with an oath, even if he is unaware of it, when he learns about it, then he will be guilty, in any of these things.
Lev 5:5 When someone is guilty in any of these things, he must confess whatever sin he has committed.
Lev 5:6 Then he must bring his guilt offering to Yehowah for the sin that he has committed, a female animal from the flock, either a lamb or a goat, for a sin offering, and the priest will make atonement for him concerning his sin.
Lev 5:7 If he cannot afford to buy a lamb, then he can bring as his guilt offering for his sin two doves or two young pigeons to Yehowah, one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering.
Lev 5:8 He must bring them to the priest, who will offer one for the sin offering first, he will wring off its head from its neck but will not remove it completely from the body.
Lev 5:9 Then he will sprinkle some of the blood of the sin offering on the side of the altar, and he will drain the rest of the blood out at the base of the altar. This is a sin offering.
Lev 5:10 Then he must offer the second bird as a burnt offering, as described in the instructions, and the priest will make atonement for him for the sin that he has committed, and the person will be forgiven.
Lev 5:11 But if he cannot afford to buy two doves or two young pigeons, then he must bring as his sacrifice for his sin two liters of fine flour for a sin offering. He must not put oil or any incense on it, for it is a sin offering.
Lev 5:12 He must bring it to the priest, and the priest will take a handful of it as a memorial offering and then burn it on the altar, on top of the offerings made by fire for Yehowah. This is a sin offering.
Lev 5:13 The priest will make atonement for any sin that the person has committed, and that person will be forgiven. The leftovers from the offering will belong to the priest, as with the grain offering.'"

Lev 5:14 Then Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Lev 5:15 “If anyone violates a command and sins against the things that belong to Yehowah, but did so unintentionally, then he must bring his guilt offering to Yehowah. This offering must be a ram without blemish from the flock; its value must be appraised weighed silver-currency, the weight of the sanctuary, as a guilt offering.
Lev 5:16 He must satisfy Yehowah for what he had done wrong in connection with what is set apart, and he must add one-fifth to it and give it to the priest. Then the priest will make atonement for him with the ram of the guilt offering, and that person will be forgiven.
Lev 5:17 If anyone sins and does anything that Yehowah has commanded not to be done, even if he was unaware of it, he is still guilty and must carry his own guilt.
Lev 5:18 He must bring a ram without blemish out of the flock, worth the current value, as a guilt offering to the priest. Then the priest will make atonement for him concerning the sin he has committed, of which he was unaware, and he will be forgiven.
Lev 5:19 It is a guilt offering, and he is certainly guilty before Yehowah.”

Leviticus Chapter 6

Lev 6:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Lev 6:2 “If anyone sins and breaks a command against Yehowah, such as dealing falsely with his neighbor regarding something entrusted to him, or if he cheats or robs him, or has oppressed his neighbor,
Lev 6:3 or has found something that his neighbor lost and lies about it, and swears to the lie, or in matters like these in which people sin,
Lev 6:4 then it will come about, if he has sinned and is guilty, that he must restore whatever he took by robbery or oppression or taking what was entrusted to him, or the lost thing that he found.
Lev 6:5 Or if he lied about any matter, he must restore it in full and must add one-fifth more to pay him to whom it is owed, on the day that he is found guilty.
Lev 6:6 Then he must bring his guilt offering to Yehowah: a ram without blemish from the flock that is worth the current value, as a guilt offering to the priest.
Lev 6:7 The priest will make atonement for him before Yehowah, and he will be forgiven concerning whatever he has become guilty of doing.”
Lev 6:8 Then Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Lev 6:9 “Command Aaron and his sons, ‘This is the law of the burnt offering: The burnt offering must be on the grate of the altar all night until dawn, and the fire of the altar will be kept burning.
Lev 6:10 The priest will put on his linen clothes, and he will also put on his linen underwear. He will pick up the ashes that are left after the fire has consumed the burnt offering on the altar, and he will put the ashes beside the altar.
Lev 6:11 He will take off his garments and put on other garments to carry the ashes outside the camp to a place that is clean.
Lev 6:12 The fire on the altar will be kept burning. It must not go out, and the priest will burn wood on it every morning. He will arrange the burnt offering as required on it, and he will burn on it the fat of the peace offerings.
Lev 6:13 Fire must be kept burning on the altar continually. It must not go out.
Lev 6:14 This is the law of the grain offering. The sons of Aaron will offer it before Yehowah before the altar.
Lev 6:15 The priest will take up a handful of fine flour of the grain offering, of the oil, and the incense which is on the grain offering, and he will burn it on the altar to produce a sweet aroma as a memorial offering to Yehowah.
Lev 6:16 Aaron and his sons will eat whatever is left of the offering. It must be eaten with unleavened bread in a Set-apart Place. They will eat it in the courtyard of the Tent of Meeting.

Lev 6:17 It must not be baked with yeast. I have given it as their part of my offerings made by fire. It is most set apart, as the sin offering and the guilt offering.
Lev 6:18 For all time to come throughout your people's generations, any male descended from Aaron may eat it as his share, taken from the offerings of Yehowah made by fire. Whoever touches them will become set apart.'"
Lev 6:19 So Yehowah spoke to Moses again,
Lev 6:20 "This is the offering of Aaron and his sons, which they will offer to Yehowah on the day when each son is anointed: two liters of fine flour as a regular grain offering, half of it at dawn and half of it at dusk.
Lev 6:21 It will be made with oil in a baking pan. When it is soaked, you will bring it in. In baked pieces you will offer the grain offering to produce a sweet aroma for Yehowah.
Lev 6:22 The son of the high priest who is becoming the new high priest from among his sons will offer it. As commanded forever, all of it will be burned to Yehowah.
Lev 6:23 Every grain offering of the priest will be completely burned up. It must not be eaten."
Lev 6:24 Yehowah spoke to Moses again,
Lev 6:25 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, 'This is the law of the sin offering: The sin offering must be killed at the place where the burnt offering is killed before Yehowah. It is most set apart.
Lev 6:26 The priest who offers it for sin will eat it. It must be eaten in a Set-apart Place in the courtyard of the Tent of Meeting.
Lev 6:27 Whatever touches its meat will become set apart, and if the blood is sprinkled on any garment, you must wash it, the part that was sprinkled on, in a Set-apart Place.
Lev 6:28 But the clay pot in which it is boiled must be broken. If it is boiled in a bronze pot, it must be scrubbed and rinsed clean in water.
Lev 6:29 Any male among the priests may eat some of it, because it is most set apart.
Lev 6:30 But any sin offering whose blood is brought into the Tent of Meeting to make atonement in the Set-apart Place must not be eaten. It must be burned.

Leviticus Chapter 7

Lev 7:1 This is the law of the guilt offering. It is most set apart.
Lev 7:2 They must kill the guilt offering in the place for killing it, and they must sprinkle its blood against every side of the altar.
Lev 7:3 All the fat in it will be offered: The fat tail, the fat that is over the inner parts,
Lev 7:4 the two kidneys and the fat on them, which is next to the loins, and what covers the liver, with the kidneys, all this must be removed.
Lev 7:5 The priest must burn these parts on the altar as an offering made with fire to Yehowah. This is the guilt offering.
Lev 7:6 Every male among the priests may eat part of this offering. It must be eaten in a Set-apart Place, because it is most set apart.
Lev 7:7 The sin offering is like the guilt offering. The same law applies to both of them. They belong to the priest who makes atonement with them.
Lev 7:8 The priest who offers anyone's burnt offering may have for himself the hide of that offering.
Lev 7:9 Every grain offering that is baked in an oven, and every such offering that is cooked in a frying pan or in a baking pan will belong to the priest who offers it.
Lev 7:10 Every grain offering, either dry or mixed with oil, will belong equally to all the descendants of Aaron.
Lev 7:11 This is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which people will offer to Yehowah.
Lev 7:12 If anyone offers it in order to give thanks, then he must offer it with a sacrifice made of unleavened cakes, but mixed with oil, made of unleavened wafers, but spread with oil, and of cakes made with fine flour that is mixed with oil.
Lev 7:13 Also, for the purpose of giving thanks, he must offer with his peace offering cakes of bread made with yeast.
Lev 7:14 He is to offer one of each kind of these sacrifices as an offering presented to Yehowah. It will belong to the priests who sprinkle the blood of the peace offerings onto the altar.
Lev 7:15 The person presenting a peace offering for the purpose of giving thanks must eat the meat of his offering on the day of the sacrifice. He must not leave any of it until dawn.
Lev 7:16 But if the sacrifice of his offering is for the purpose of a vow, or for the purpose of a freewill offering, the meat must be eaten on the day that he offers his sacrifice, but whatever remains of it may be eaten on the next day.
Lev 7:17 However, whatever meat of the sacrifice remains on the third day must

be burned.
Lev 7:18 If any of the meat of the sacrifice of one's peace offering is eaten on the third day, it will not be accepted, neither will it be credited to the one who offered it. It will be a disgusting thing, and the person who eats it will carry the guilt of his sin.
Lev 7:19 Any meat that touches an unclean thing must not be eaten. It must be burned. As for the rest of the meat, anyone who is clean may eat it.
Lev 7:20 However, an unclean person who eats any meat from the sacrifice of a peace offering that belongs to Yehowah, that person must be cut off from his people.
Lev 7:21 If anyone touches any unclean thing, whether uncleanness of man, or of an unclean beast, or of some unclean and disgusting thing, and if he then eats some of the meat of a sacrifice of a peace offering that belongs to Yehowah, that person must be cut off from his people.'"
Lev 7:22 Then Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Lev 7:23 "Speak to the people of Israel, 'You must eat no fat of an ox or a sheep or a goat.
Lev 7:24 The fat of an animal that died without being a sacrifice, or the fat of an animal torn by wild animals, may be used for other purposes, but you must certainly not eat it.
Lev 7:25 Whoever eats the fat of an animal that men can offer as a sacrifice by fire to Yehowah, that person must be cut off from his people.
Lev 7:26 You must eat no blood whatsoever in any of your houses, whether it is from a bird or an animal.
Lev 7:27 Whoever eats any blood, that person must be cut off from his people.'"
Lev 7:28 So Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Lev 7:29 "Speak to the people of Israel, 'He who offers the sacrifice of a peace offering to Yehowah must bring part of his sacrifice to Yehowah.
Lev 7:30 The offering for Yehowah to be made by fire, his own hands must bring it. He must bring the fat with the breast, so that the breast may be waved as a wave offering before Yehowah.
Lev 7:31 The priest must burn the fat on the altar, but the breast will belong to Aaron and his descendants.
Lev 7:32 You must give the right thigh to the priest as an offering presented out of the sacrifice of your peace offerings.
Lev 7:33 The priest, one of Aaron's descendants, who offers the blood of the peace offerings and the fat, he will have the right thigh as his share of the offering.
Lev 7:34 For I have taken from the people of Israel, the breast of the wave offering, and the thigh that is the contribution, and they have been given to Aaron the priest and his sons as their regular share.

Lev 7:35 This is the share for Aaron and his descendants from the offerings for Yehowah made by fire, on the day when Moses presented them to serve Yehowah in the work of priest.
Lev 7:36 This is the share that Yehowah commanded to be given them from the people of Israel, on the day that he anointed the priests. It will always be their share throughout all generations.
Lev 7:37 This is the law of the burnt offering, of the grain offering, of the sin offering, of the guilt offering, of the consecration offerings, and of the sacrifice of peace offerings,
Lev 7:38 about which Yehowah gave commands to Moses on Mount Sinai, on the day that he commanded the people of Israel to offer their sacrifices to Yehowah in the wilderness of Sinai.'"

Leviticus Chapter 8

Lev 8:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Lev 8:2 “Take Aaron and his sons with him, the garments and the anointing oil, the bull for the sin offering, the two rams, and the basket of unleavened bread.
Lev 8:3 Assemble all the congregation at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.”
Lev 8:4 So Moses did as Yehowah commanded him, and the congregation came together at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.
Lev 8:5 Then Moses said to the congregation, “This is what Yehowah has commanded to be done.”
Lev 8:6 Moses brought Aaron and his sons and washed them with water.
Lev 8:7 He put on Aaron the tunic and tied the sash around his waist, clothed him with the robe and put the ephod on him, and then he tied the ephod around him with the finely-woven waistband and bound it to him.
Lev 8:8 He placed the breastpiece on him, and in the breastpiece he put the Urim and the Thummim.
Lev 8:9 He set the turban on his head, and on the turban, in front, he set the golden plate, the set-apart crown, as Yehowah had commanded him.
Lev 8:10 Moses took the anointing oil, anointed the tabernacle and everything in it and set them apart to Yehowah.
Lev 8:11 He sprinkled the oil on the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all its utensils, and the washbasin and its base, to set them apart to Yehowah.
Lev 8:12 He poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron’s head and anointed him to set him apart.
Lev 8:13 Moses brought Aaron’s sons and clothed them with tunics. He tied sashes around their waists and wrapped linen cloth around their heads, as Yehowah had commanded him.
Lev 8:14 Moses brought the bull for the sin offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bull that they had brought for the sin offering.
Lev 8:15 He killed it, and he took the blood and put it on the horns of the altar with his finger, purified the altar, poured out the blood at the base of the altar, and set it apart for Yehowah in order to make atonement for it.
Lev 8:16 He took all the fat that was on the inner parts, the covering of the liver, the two kidneys and their fat, and Moses burned it all on the altar.
Lev 8:17 But the bull, its hide, its meat, and its dung he burned outside the camp, as Yehowah had commanded him.
Lev 8:18 Moses presented the ram for the burnt offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram.
Lev 8:19 He killed it and sprinkled its blood against every side of the altar.
Lev 8:20 He cut the ram into pieces, burned the head, the pieces, and the fat.

Lev 8:21 He washed the inner parts and the legs with water, and he burned the whole ram on the altar. It was a burnt offering and produced a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to Yehowah, as Yehowah had commanded Moses.
Lev 8:22 Then Moses presented the other ram, the ram of consecration, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram.
Lev 8:23 Aaron killed it, and Moses took some of its blood and put it on the tip of Aaron's right ear, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.
Lev 8:24 He brought Aaron's sons, and he put some of the blood on the tip of their right ear, on the thumb of their right hand, and on the big toe of their right foot. Then Moses sprinkled its blood against every side of the altar.
Lev 8:25 He took the fat, the fat tail, all the fat that was on the inner parts, the covering of the liver, the two kidneys and their fat, and the right thigh.
Lev 8:26 Out of the basket of unleavened bread that was before Yehowah, he took one unleavened loaf, one loaf of oiled bread, and one wafer, and placed them on the fat and on the right thigh.
Lev 8:27 He put it all in the hands of Aaron and in the hands of his sons and waved them before Yehowah as a wave offering.
Lev 8:28 Then Moses took them from off their hands and burned them on the altar for the burnt offering. They were a consecration offering and produced a sweet aroma. It was an offering made by fire to Yehowah.
Lev 8:29 Moses took the breast and waved it as a wave offering to Yehowah. It was Moses' share of the ram for the priests' ordination, as Yehowah had commanded him.
Lev 8:30 Moses took some of the anointing oil and the blood that was on the altar; he sprinkled these on Aaron, on his clothes, on his sons, and on his sons' clothes with him. In this way, he set apart Aaron and his clothes, and his sons and their clothes to Yehowah.
Lev 8:31 So Moses said to Aaron and to his sons, "Boil the meat at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, and there eat it and the bread that is in the basket of consecrations, as I commanded, 'Aaron and his sons will eat it.'
Lev 8:32 Whatever remains of the meat and of the bread you must burn.
Lev 8:33 You must not go out from the entrance to the Tent of Meeting for seven days, until the days of your ordination are fulfilled. For he will consecrate you for seven days.
Lev 8:34 What has been done this day, Yehowah has commanded to be done to make atonement for you.
Lev 8:35 You will stay day and night for seven days at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, and keep the command of Yehowah, so you will not die, because this is what I have been commanded."

Lev 8:36 So Aaron and his sons did all the things which Yehowah had commanded them through Moses.

Leviticus Chapter 9

Lev 9:1 On the eighth day, Moses called Aaron, his sons, and the elders of Israel.
Lev 9:2 He said to Aaron, “Take a calf from the herd for a sin offering, and a ram without blemish for a burnt offering, and offer them before Yehowah.
Lev 9:3 You must speak to the people of Israel, ‘Take a male goat for a sin offering, a calf, and a lamb, both a year old and without blemish, for a burnt offering;
Lev 9:4 also, take an ox and a ram for peace offerings to sacrifice before Yehowah, and a grain offering mixed with oil, because today, Yehowah will appear to you.’”
Lev 9:5 So they brought all that Moses commanded to the Tent of Meeting, and all the congregation of Israel approached and stood before Yehowah.
Lev 9:6 Then Moses said, “This is what Yehowah commanded you to do, so that the glory of Yehowah may appear to you.”
Lev 9:7 Moses ordered Aaron, “Come near the altar and offer your sin offering and burnt offering, and make atonement for yourself and for the people, and offer the sacrifice for the people to make atonement for them, as Yehowah has commanded.”
Lev 9:8 So Aaron went near the altar and killed the calf for the sin offering, which was for himself.
Lev 9:9 The sons of Aaron presented the blood to him, and he dipped his finger into it and put it on the horns of the altar; then he poured out the blood at the base of the altar.
Lev 9:10 However, he burned the fat, the kidneys, and the covering of the liver on the altar as a sin offering, as Yehowah had commanded Moses.
Lev 9:11 The meat and the hide he burned outside the camp.
Lev 9:12 Aaron killed the burnt offering, and his sons gave him the blood, which he splashed against every side of the altar.
Lev 9:13 Then they gave him the burnt offering, piece by piece, together with the head, and he burned them on the altar.
Lev 9:14 He washed the inner parts and the legs and burned them on top of the burnt offering on the altar.
Lev 9:15 Aaron presented the people’s sacrifice, a goat, then took it as the sacrifice for their sin and killed it; he sacrificed it for sin, as he had done with the first goat.
Lev 9:16 He presented the burnt offering and offered it as Yehowah had commanded.
Lev 9:17 He presented the grain offering; he filled his hand with it and burned it on the altar, along with the dawn burnt offering.

Lev 9:18 He also killed the ox and the ram, the sacrifice for the peace offering, which was for the people. Aaron's sons gave him the blood, which he sprinkled against every side of the altar.
Lev 9:19 However, they cut out the fat of the bull and the ram, the fat tail, the fat that covers the inner parts, the kidneys, and the covering of the liver.
Lev 9:20 They took the parts that were cut out and put these on the breasts, and then Aaron burned the fat on the altar.
Lev 9:21 Aaron waved the breasts and the right thigh as a wave offering before Yehowah, as Moses had commanded.
Lev 9:22 Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them; then he came down from offering the sin offering, the burnt offering, and the peace offering.
Lev 9:23 Moses and Aaron went into the Tent of Meeting, then came out again and blessed the people, and the glory of Yehowah appeared to all the people!
Lev 9:24 Fire came out from Yehowah and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. When all the people saw this, they shouted and lay facedown!

Leviticus Chapter 10

Lev 10:1 Nadab and Abihu, sons of Aaron, each took his censer, put fire in it, and then incense. Then they offered unapproved fire before Yehowah, which he had not commanded them to offer.
Lev 10:2 So fire came out from before Yehowah and devoured them, and they died before Yehowah.
Lev 10:3 Then Moses said to Aaron, “This is what Yehowah was talking about when he said, ‘I will reveal my consecration to those who come near me. I will be glorified before all the people.’” Aaron did not say anything.
Lev 10:4 Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and ordered them, “Come here and carry your brothers out of the camp from before the tabernacle.”
Lev 10:5 So they came near and carried them, still wearing their priestly tunics, out of the camp, as Moses had instructed.
Lev 10:6 Then Moses said to Aaron, to Eleazar, and to Ithamar, his sons, “Do not let your hair on your heads hang loosely, and do not tear your clothes, so that you may not die, and so that Yehowah may not be angry with all the congregation. But allow your relatives, the entire house of Israel, to mourn for those whom the fire of Yehowah has set ablaze.
Lev 10:7 You must not go out from the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, or you will die, for the anointing oil of Yehowah is on you.” So they acted according to Moses’ instructions.
Lev 10:8 Yehowah spoke to Aaron,
Lev 10:9 “Do not drink wine or beer (false doctrine), you, or your sons who remain with you, when you go into the Tent of Meeting, so you will not die. This will be a permanent statute throughout your people’s generations,
Lev 10:10 to distinguish between the set apart and the profane, and between the unclean and the clean,
Lev 10:11 so that you may teach the people of Israel all the statutes that Yehowah has commanded through Moses.”
Lev 10:12 Moses spoke to Aaron, to Eleazar, and to Ithamar, his remaining sons, “Take the grain offering that remains from the offerings to Yehowah made by fire, and eat it without yeast beside the altar, for it is most set apart.
Lev 10:13 You must eat it in a set-apart place, because it is your share and your sons’ share of the offerings to Yehowah made by fire, for this is what I have been commanded to tell you.
Lev 10:14 The breast that is waved and the thigh that is presented to Yehowah, you must eat in a clean place acceptable to Yehowah. You and your sons and daughters with you should eat those portions, for they are given as your share

and your sons' share out of the sacrifices of the peace offerings of the people of Israel.
Lev 10:15 The thigh that is presented and the breast that is waved, they must bring with the offerings of fat made by fire, to wave before Yehowah. They will be yours and your sons' with you as a share forever, as Yehowah has commanded."
Lev 10:16 Then Moses diligently searched for the goat of the sin offering, and found that it was burned up. So he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the remaining sons of Aaron; he asked,
Lev 10:17 "Why have you not eaten the sin offering in the area of the tabernacle, since it is most set apart, and since Yehowah has given it to you to take away the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before Yehowah?
Lev 10:18 Look, its blood was not brought inside the tabernacle, so you should certainly have eaten it in the tabernacle area, as I commanded."
Lev 10:19 Then Aaron answered Moses, "See, today they made their sin offering and burnt offering before Yehowah, and this thing has happened to me today. If I had eaten the sin offering today, would it have been pleasing in the sight of Yehowah?"
Lev 10:20 When Moses heard that, he was satisfied.

Leviticus Chapter 11

Lev 11:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses and Aaron,
Lev 11:2 “Speak to the people of Israel, ‘These are the living things which you may eat among all the animals that are on the earth.
Lev 11:3 You may eat any animal that has a split hoof and that also chews the cud.
Lev 11:4 However, some animals either chew the cud or have a split hoof, and you must not eat them, animals such as the camel, because it chews the cud but does not have a split hoof. So the camel is unclean for you.
Lev 11:5 Also the rock badger, because it chews the cud but does not have a split hoof, it is also unclean for you.
Lev 11:6 The hare, because it chews the cud but does not have a split hoof, is unclean for you.
Lev 11:7 The pig, although it has a split hoof, does not chew the cud, is unclean for you.
Lev 11:8 You must not eat any of their meat nor touch their carrion. They are unclean for you.
Lev 11:9 The animals living in the water that you may eat are all those that have fins and scales, whether in the ocean or in the rivers.
Lev 11:10 But all living creatures that do not have fins and scales in the ocean or rivers, including all that move in the water and all the living creatures that are in the water, they must be detested by you.
Lev 11:11 Since they must be detested, you must not eat of their meat; also, their carrion must be detested.
Lev 11:12 Whatever has no fins or scales in the water must be detested by you.
Lev 11:13 The birds you must detest, and that you must not eat are these: the Tawny Eagle, the Griffon Vulture, the Short-toed Eagle,
Lev 11:14 the Black Kite, the Peregrine Falcon,
Lev 11:15 the Fan-tailed Raven,
Lev 11:16 the Desert Owl and the Short-eared Owl, the Black-headed Gull, and the Eurasian Hobby.
Lev 11:17 You must also detest the Tawny Owl and the Great Cormorant, the Spotted Eagle Owl,
Lev 11:18 the Greater Flamingo and the Great White Pelican, the Common Crane,
Lev 11:19 the Egyptian Ibis, the Grey Heron, the Eurasian Hoopoe, and also the bat.
Lev 11:20 All winged insects that walk on four legs are detestable to you.
Lev 11:21 Yet, you may eat any of the flying insects that also walk on four legs, if they have jointed legs for hopping on the ground.

Lev 11:22 You may also eat any kind of locust, katydid, cricket, or grasshopper.
Lev 11:23 But all the flying insects that have four feet must be detested by you.
Lev 11:24 You will become unclean until dusk by these animals, if you touch a carcass of one of them.
Lev 11:25 Whoever picks up one of their carrion must wash his clothes and remain unclean until dusk.
Lev 11:26 Every animal which has a split hoof that is not completely divided or which does not chew the cud is unclean for you. Everyone who touches them will be unclean.
Lev 11:27 Whatever walks on its paws among all the animals that walk on all four legs, they are unclean for you. Whoever touches such a carrion will be unclean until dusk.
Lev 11:28 Whoever picks up such a carrion must wash his clothes and be unclean until dusk. These animals will be unclean for you.
Lev 11:29 Of the animals that creep on the ground, these are the animals that will be unclean for you: the weasel, the rat, every kind of large lizard,
Lev 11:30 the gecko, the Monitor Lizard, the lizard, the skink, and the chameleon.
Lev 11:31 Of all the animals that creep, these are the animals which will be unclean for you. Whoever touches them, when they are dead, will be unclean until dusk.
Lev 11:32 If any of them dies and falls on anything, that thing will be unclean, whether it is made of wood, cloth, leather, or sackcloth. Whatever it is and whatever it is used for, it must be put into water; it will be unclean until dusk. Then it will be clean.
Lev 11:33 For every clay pot into or onto which any unclean animal falls, whatever is in the pot will become unclean, and you must destroy that pot.
Lev 11:34 All food which is clean and permitted to be eaten, but on which water from an unclean pot has fallen, will then be unclean. Anything that may be drunk from every such a pot will become unclean.
Lev 11:35 Everything on which any part of the carrion of an unclean animal falls will then be unclean, whether it is an oven or cooking pots. It must be broken to pieces. It is unclean and must be unclean for you.
Lev 11:36 A spring or cistern where drinking water is collected will stay clean if such a creature falls into it. But if anyone touches the carrion of an unclean animal in the water, he will be unclean.
Lev 11:37 If any part of an unclean carrion falls upon any seeds for planting, those seeds will still be clean.
Lev 11:38 But if water is put on the seeds, and if any part of an unclean carrion falls on them, then they will be unclean for you.
Lev 11:39 If any animal that you may eat dies, then he who touches the carcass will be unclean until dusk.

Lev 11:40 Whoever eats any of that carcass must wash his clothes and be unclean until dusk. Anyone who picks up such a carcass will wash his clothes and be unclean until dusk.
Lev 11:41 Every animal that creeps on the ground is to be detested; it must not be eaten.
Lev 11:42 Whatever crawls on its belly, and whatever walks on all four legs, or whatever has many feet, all the animals that creep on the ground, these you must not eat, for they are to be detested.
Lev 11:43 You must not make yourselves unclean with any living creatures that creep; you must not make yourselves unclean with them, that you should be made impure by them.
Lev 11:44 For I am Yehowah your Divine One. You are to keep yourselves consecrated, therefore, and be set apart, because I am set apart. You must not defile yourselves with any kind of animal that moves about on the ground (1 Pet. 1:16).
Lev 11:45 For I am Yehowah, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your Divine One. You must therefore be set apart, for I am set apart.
Lev 11:46 This is the law regarding the animals, the birds, every living creature that moves in the waters, and of every creature that creeps on the ground,
Lev 11:47 for which a distinction is to be made between the unclean and the clean, and between the living things that may be eaten, and the living things that may not be eaten.'"

Leviticus Chapter 12

Lev 12:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Lev 12:2 “Speak to the people of Israel, ‘If a woman conceives and gives birth to a male child, then she will be unclean for seven days, just as she is unclean during the days of her monthly period.
Lev 12:3 On the eighth day, the flesh of a baby boy’s foreskin must be circumcised.
Lev 12:4 Then the mother’s purification from her bleeding will continue for thirty-three days. She must not touch any set-apart thing or come into the tabernacle area, until the days of her purification are finished.
Lev 12:5 But if she gives birth to a female child, then she will be unclean for two weeks, as she is during her period. Then the mother’s purification will continue for sixty-six days.
Lev 12:6 When the days of her purification are finished, for a son or for a daughter, she must bring a one year old lamb as a burnt offering, and a young pigeon or dove as a sin offering, at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, to the priest.
Lev 12:7 Then he will offer it before Yehowah and make atonement for her, and she will be cleansed from the flow of her blood. This is the law regarding a woman who gives birth to either a male or a female child.
Lev 12:8 If she is not able to afford a lamb, then she must take two doves or two young pigeons, one as a burnt offering and the other as a sin offering, and the priest will make atonement for her; then she will be clean.’”

Leviticus Chapter 13

Lev 13:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses and Aaron,
Lev 13:2 “When anyone has on the skin of his body a swelling, scab, or a bright spot, and it becomes infected, there is a skin disease in his body, then he must be brought to Aaron the high priest or to one of his sons the priests.
Lev 13:3 Then the priest will examine the disease in the skin of his body. If the hair in the diseased area has turned white, and if the disease appears to be deeper than just on the skin, then it is an infectious disease. After the priest examines him, he must pronounce him unclean.
Lev 13:4 If the bright spot in his skin is white, and the appearance of it is no deeper than the skin, and if the hair in the diseased area has not turned white, then the priest must quarantine the one with the disease for seven days.
Lev 13:5 On the seventh day, the priest must examine him to see if in his opinion the disease is not any worse, and if it has not spread in the skin. If it has not, then the priest must quarantine him seven days more.
Lev 13:6 The priest will examine him again on the seventh day to see if the disease is better and has not spread farther in the skin. If it has not, then the priest will pronounce him clean. It is a rash. He must wash his clothes, and then he is clean.
Lev 13:7 But if the rash has spread in the skin after he has shown himself to the priest for his cleansing, he must then show himself to the priest again.
Lev 13:8 The priest will examine him to see if the rash has spread farther in the skin. If it has spread, then the priest must pronounce him unclean. It is an infectious disease.
Lev 13:9 When an infectious skin disease is in someone, then he must be brought to the priest.
Lev 13:10 The priest will examine him to see if there is a white swelling in the skin, if the hair has turned white, or if there is raw flesh in the swelling.
Lev 13:11 If there is, then it is a chronic skin disease, and the priest must pronounce him unclean. He will not quarantine him, because he is already unclean.
Lev 13:12 If the disease breaks out widely in the skin and covers all the skin of the person with the disease from his head to his feet, as far as it appears to the priest,
Lev 13:13 then the priest must examine him to see if the disease has covered all his body. If it has, then the priest must pronounce the person who has the disease as clean. If it has all turned white, then he is clean.
Lev 13:14 But if raw flesh appears on him, he will be unclean.

Lev 13:15 The priest must look at the raw flesh and pronounce him unclean, because the raw flesh is unclean. It is an infectious disease.
Lev 13:16 But if the raw flesh turns white again, then the person must go to the priest.
Lev 13:17 The priest will examine him to see if the flesh has turned white. If it has, then the priest will pronounce that person to be clean.
Lev 13:18 When a person has a boil on the skin, and it has healed,
Lev 13:19 and in place of the boil there is white swelling or a bright spot, reddish-white, then it must be shown to the priest.
Lev 13:20 The priest will examine it to see if it appears deeper under the skin, and if the hair there has turned white. If so, then the priest must pronounce him unclean. It is an infectious disease, if it has developed in the place where the boil was.
Lev 13:21 But if the priest examines it and sees that there is no white hair in it, and that it is not under the skin but has faded, then the priest must quarantine him for seven days.
Lev 13:22 If it spreads widely in the skin, then the priest must pronounce him unclean. It is an infectious disease.
Lev 13:23 But if the bright spot stays in its place and has not spread, then it is the scar of the boil, and the priest must pronounce him clean.
Lev 13:24 When the skin has a burn, and the raw flesh of the burn has become a reddish-white or white spot,
Lev 13:25 then the priest will examine it to see if the hair in that spot has turned white, and if it appears to be deeper than the skin. If it has, then it is an infectious disease. It has broken out in the burn, and the priest must pronounce him unclean. It is an infectious disease.
Lev 13:26 But if the priest examines it and finds that there is no white hair in the spot, and it is not under the skin but has faded, then the priest must quarantine him for seven days.
Lev 13:27 Then the priest must examine him on the seventh day. If it has spread widely in the skin, then the priest must pronounce him unclean. It is an infectious disease.
Lev 13:28 If the spot stays in its place and has not spread in the skin but has faded, then it is a swelling from the burn, and the priest must pronounce him clean, for it is nothing more than the scar of the burn.
Lev 13:29 If a man or woman has an infectious disease on the head or chin,
Lev 13:30 then the priest must examine the person for an infectious disease to see if it appears to be deeper than the skin, and if there is yellow, thin hair in it. If there is, then the priest must pronounce him unclean. It is an itch, an infectious disease on the head or the chin.

Lev 13:31 If the priest examines the itching disease and sees that it is not under the skin, and if there is no black hair in it, then the priest will quarantine the person with the itching disease for seven days.
Lev 13:32 On the seventh day, the priest will examine the disease to see if it has spread. If there is no yellow hair, and if the disease appears to be only skin deep,
Lev 13:33 then he must be shaved, but the diseased area must not be shaved, and the priest must quarantine the person with the itching disease for seven more days.
Lev 13:34 On the seventh day, the priest will examine the disease to see if it has stopped spreading in the skin. If it appears to be no deeper than the skin, then the priest must pronounce him clean. The person must wash his clothes, and then he will be clean.
Lev 13:35 But if the itching disease has spread widely in the skin after the priest said he was clean,
Lev 13:36 then the priest must examine him again. If the disease has spread in the skin, the priest does not need to seek for yellow hair. The person is unclean.
Lev 13:37 But if in the priest's view the itching disease has stopped spreading, and black hair has grown in the area, then the disease has healed. He is clean, and the priest must pronounce him clean.
Lev 13:38 If a man or a woman has white spots on the skin,
Lev 13:39 then the priest must examine the person to see if the spots are a dull white, which is only a rash that has broken out in the skin. He is clean.
Lev 13:40 If a man's hair has fallen out of his head, he is bald, but he is clean.
Lev 13:41 If his hair has fallen out of the front part of his head, and if his forehead is bald, he is clean.
Lev 13:42 But if there is a reddish-white sore on his bald head or forehead, it is an infectious disease that has broken out.
Lev 13:43 Then the priest must examine him to see if the swelling of the diseased area on his bald head or forehead is reddish-white, like the appearance of an infectious disease in the skin.
Lev 13:44 If it is, then he a leprous man, and he is unclean. The priest must surely pronounce him unclean because of his disease on his head.
Lev 13:45 The person who has leprosy must wear torn clothes, his hair must hang loosely, and he must cover his face up to his nose and call out, 'Unclean, unclean!'
Lev 13:46 All the days that he has the infectious disease, he will be unclean. Because he is unclean with a disease that can spread, he must live alone. He must live outside the camp.
Lev 13:47 A garment that is contaminated with mildew, whether it is a wool or linen garment,

Lev 13:48 or anything woven or knitted from wool or linen, or leather or anything made with leather,
Lev 13:49 if there is a greenish or reddish contamination in the garment, the leather, the woven or knitted material, or anything made of leather, then it is a mildew that spreads; it must be shown to the priest.
Lev 13:50 The priest must examine the item for mildew; he must isolate anything that has mildew for seven days.
Lev 13:51 He must examine the mildew again on the seventh day. If it has spread in the garment or anything woven or knitted from wool or linen material, or leather or anything in which leather is used, then it is harmful mildew, and the item is unclean.
Lev 13:52 He must burn the garment, or anything woven or knitted from wool or linen material, or leather or anything made with leather, anything in which the harmful mildew is found, for it can lead to disease. The item must be completely burned up.
Lev 13:53 If the priest examines the item and sees that the mildew has not spread in the garment or material woven or knitted from wool or linen, or leather goods,
Lev 13:54 then he will command them to wash the item in which the mildew was found, and he must isolate it for seven more days.
Lev 13:55 Then the priest will examine the item after the mildewed item was washed. If the mildew has not changed its color, even though it has not spread, it is unclean. You must burn the item, no matter where the mildew has contaminated it.
Lev 13:56 If the priest examines the item, and if the mildew has faded after it was washed, then he must tear out the contaminated part from the garment or from the leather, or from the woven or knitted material.
Lev 13:57 If the mildew still appears in the garment, either in the woven or knitted material, or in anything made of leather, it is spreading. You must burn any item that has the mildew.
Lev 13:58 The garment or anything woven or knitted from wool or linen material, or leather or anything made with leather, if you wash the item and the mildew is gone, then the item must be washed a second time, and it will be clean.
Lev 13:59 This is the law about mildew in a garment of wool or linen, or anything woven or knitted from wool or linen material, or leather or anything made with leather, so that you may pronounce it clean or unclean.”

Leviticus Chapter 14

Lev 14:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Lev 14:2 “This will be the law for the leper on the day of his cleansing. He must be brought to the priest.
Lev 14:3 The priest will go out of the camp to examine the person, to see if the leprosy is healed in the leper.
Lev 14:4 Then the priest will command that the one to be cleansed must take two live, clean birds, cedar wood, scarlet yarn, and hyssop.
Lev 14:5 The priest will command him to kill one of the birds over fresh water that is in a clay pot.
Lev 14:6 The priest will then take the live bird, the cedar wood, the scarlet yarn, and the hyssop, and he will dip all these things, including the live bird, in the blood of the bird that was killed over the fresh water.
Lev 14:7 Then the priest will sprinkle this water seven times onto the person who is to be cleansed from the disease, and then the priest will pronounce him to be clean. Then the priest will release the living bird into the open fields.
Lev 14:8 The person who is being cleansed will wash his clothes, shave off all his hair, and bathe himself in water, and then he will be clean. After that, he must come into the camp, but he will live outside his tent for seven days.
Lev 14:9 On the seventh day, he must shave all his hair off his head, and he must also shave off his beard and eyebrows. He must shave off all his hair, and he must wash his clothes and bathe himself in water; then he will be clean.
Lev 14:10 On the eighth day, he must take two male lambs without blemish, one female lamb a year old without blemish, and 6.5 liters of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering, and one-third liter of oil.
Lev 14:11 The priest who cleanses him will stand the person who is to be cleansed, along with those things, before Yehowah at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.
Lev 14:12 The priest will take one of the male lambs and offer it as a guilt offering, together with one-third liter of oil; he will wave them for a wave offering before Yehowah.
Lev 14:13 He must kill the male lamb in the place where they kill the sin offerings and the burnt offerings, in the area of the tabernacle, for the sin offering belongs to the priest, as does the guilt offering, because it is most set apart.
Lev 14:14 The priest will take some of the blood of the guilt offering and put it on the tip of the right ear of the person who is to be cleansed, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.
Lev 14:15 Then the priest will take the one-third liter of oil and pour it into the palm of his own left hand,

Lev 14:16 and dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand, and sprinkle some of the oil with his finger seven times before Yehowah.
Lev 14:17 The priest will put the rest of the oil in his hand on the tip of the right ear of the person to be cleansed, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot. He must put this oil on top of the blood from the guilt offering.
Lev 14:18 As for the rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand, he will put it on the head of the person who is to be cleansed, and the priest will make atonement for him before Yehowah.
Lev 14:19 Then the priest will offer the sin offering and make atonement for him who is to be cleansed because of his uncleanness, and afterward he will kill the burnt offering.
Lev 14:20 Then the priest will offer the burnt offering and the grain offering on the altar. The priest will make atonement for the person, and then he will be clean.
Lev 14:21 However, if the person is poor and cannot afford these sacrifices, then he may take one male lamb as a guilt offering to be waved, to make atonement for himself, and two liters of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering, and one-third liter of oil,
Lev 14:22 together with two doves or two young pigeons, such as he is able to get; one bird will be a sin offering and the other a burnt offering.
Lev 14:23 On the eighth day, he must bring them for his cleansing to the priest, at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, before Yehowah.
Lev 14:24 The priest will take the lamb for an offering, and he will take with it one-third liter of olive oil, and he will lift them high as he presents them to Yehowah.
Lev 14:25 He will kill the lamb for the guilt offering, and he will take some of the blood of the guilt offering and put it on the tip of the right ear of the one who is to be cleansed, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.
Lev 14:26 Then the priest will pour some of the oil into the palm of his own left hand,
Lev 14:27 and he will sprinkle with his right finger some of the oil that is in his left hand seven times before Yehowah.
Lev 14:28 The priest will then put some of the oil that is in his hand on the tip of the right ear of the one who is to be cleansed, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, the same places where he put the blood of the guilt offering.
Lev 14:29 He will put the rest of the oil that is in his hand on the head of the one who is to be cleansed, to make atonement for him before Yehowah.

Lev 14:30 He must offer one of the doves or young pigeons, such as the person has been able to get,
Lev 14:31 one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering, along with the grain offering. Then the priest will make atonement for the one who is to be cleansed before Yehowah.
Lev 14:32 This is the law for a person in whom there is an infectious skin disease, who is not able to afford the standard offerings for his cleansing."
Lev 14:33 Yehowah spoke to Moses and Aaron,
Lev 14:34 "When you have come into the land of Canaan which I gave to you as a possession, and if I put mildew that spreads in a house in the land of your possession,
Lev 14:35 then he who owns the house must come and tell the priest. He must say, 'There seems to me to be something like mildew in my house.'
Lev 14:36 Then the priest will command that they empty the house before he goes in to see the evidence of mildew, so that nothing in the house will be made unclean. Afterward, the priest must go in to see the house.
Lev 14:37 He must examine the mildew to see if it is in the house walls, and to see whether it appears greenish or reddish in the depressions in the wall's surface.
Lev 14:38 If the house does have mildew, then the priest will go out of the house and shut the door to the house for seven days.
Lev 14:39 Then the priest will return again on the seventh day and examine it to see if the mildew has spread in the walls of the house.
Lev 14:40 If it has, then the priest will command that they take out the stones in which the mildew has been found and throw them into an unclean place outside the city.
Lev 14:41 He will require all the inside walls of the house to be scraped, and they must take the contaminated material that is scraped off outside the city and dump it into the unclean place.
Lev 14:42 They must take other stones and put them in the place of the stones that were removed, and they must use new clay to plaster the house.
Lev 14:43 If mildew comes again and breaks out in the house in which the stones have been taken away, and the walls have been scraped and then replastered,
Lev 14:44 then the priest must come in and examine the house to see if mildew has spread in the house. If it has, then it is harmful mildew, and the house is unclean.
Lev 14:45 The house must be torn down. The stones, timber, and all the plaster in the house must be carried away out of the city to the unclean place.
Lev 14:46 In addition, whoever goes into the house during the time it is closed up will be unclean until dusk.

Lev 14:47 Anyone who slept in the house must wash his clothes, and anyone who ate in the house must wash his clothes.
Lev 14:48 If the priest enters the house to examine it, to see whether the mildew has spread in the house after the house was plastered, then if the mildew is gone, he will pronounce the house clean.
Lev 14:49 Then the priest must take two birds to cleanse the house, cedar wood, scarlet yarn, and hyssop.
Lev 14:50 He will kill one of the birds over fresh water in a clay jar.
Lev 14:51 He will take the cedar wood, the hyssop, the scarlet yarn, and the live bird, and dip them in the blood of the killed bird, into the fresh water, and sprinkle the house seven times.
Lev 14:52 He will cleanse the house with the blood of the bird and with the fresh water, with the live bird, the cedar wood, the hyssop, and the scarlet yarn.
Lev 14:53 But he will let the live bird go out of the city into the open fields. In this way, he must make atonement for the house, and it will be clean.
Lev 14:54 This is the law for all types of infectious skin disease and things that cause such disease, and for an itch,
Lev 14:55 and for mildew in clothing and in a house,
Lev 14:56 for swelling, for a rash, and for a bright spot,
Lev 14:57 to determine when any of these cases is unclean or when it is clean. This is the law for infectious skin diseases and mildew.”

Leviticus Chapter 15

Lev 15:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses and Aaron,
Lev 15:2 “Speak to the people of Israel, ‘When any man has an infected fluid that comes out of his body, he becomes unclean.
Lev 15:3 His uncleanness is due to this infected fluid. Whether his body flows with fluid or is stopped up, it is unclean.
Lev 15:4 Every bed on which he lies will be unclean, and everything on which he sits will be unclean.
Lev 15:5 Whoever touches his bed must wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until dusk.
Lev 15:6 Anyone who sits on anything on which the man with the flow of infected fluid sat, that person must wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and he will be unclean until dusk.
Lev 15:7 Anyone who touches the body of the one who has a flow of infected fluid must wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until dusk.
Lev 15:8 If the person who has such a flow of fluid spits on someone who is clean, then that person must wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and he will be unclean until dusk.
Lev 15:9 Any saddle which he who has a flow rides upon will be unclean.
Lev 15:10 Whoever touches anything that was under that person will be unclean until dusk, and anyone who carries those things must wash his clothes and bathe himself in water; he will be unclean until dusk.
Lev 15:11 Whomever he who has such a flow touches without first having rinsed his hands in water, the person who was touched must wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and he will be unclean until dusk.
Lev 15:12 Any clay pot that the one with such a flow of fluid touches must be broken, and every container of wood must be rinsed in water.
Lev 15:13 When he who has a flow is cleansed from his flow, then he must count for himself seven days for his cleansing; then he must wash his clothes and bathe his body in running water. Then he will be clean.
Lev 15:14 On the eighth day, he must take two doves or two young pigeons and come before Yehowah at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting; there he must give the birds to the priest.
Lev 15:15 The priest must offer them, one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering, and the priest must make atonement for him before Yehowah for his flow.
Lev 15:16 If any man ejaculates during the sex act, then he must bathe his whole body in water; he will be unclean until dusk.

Lev 15:17 Every garment or leather on which there is semen from copulation must be washed with water; it will be unclean until dusk.
Lev 15:18 If a woman and a man have sex and there is a transfer of semen to her, they must both bathe themselves in water; they will be unclean until dusk.
Lev 15:19 When a woman menstruates, her impurity will continue for seven days, and whoever touches her will be unclean until dusk.
Lev 15:20 Everything she lies on during her period will be unclean; everything that she sits on will also be unclean.
Lev 15:21 Whoever touches her bed must wash his clothes and bathe himself in water; that person will be unclean until dusk.
Lev 15:22 Whoever touches anything that she sits on must wash his clothes and bathe himself in water; that person will be unclean until dusk.
Lev 15:23 Whether it is on the bed or on anything on which she sits, if he touches it, that person will be unclean until dusk.
Lev 15:24 If any man has sex with her, and if her impure flow touches him, he will be unclean for seven days. Every bed on which he lies will be unclean.
Lev 15:25 If a woman has a flow of blood for many days that is not in the time of her menstruation, or if she has a flow beyond the time of her menstruation, during all the days of the flow of her uncleanness, she will be as if she were in the days of her period. She is unclean.
Lev 15:26 Every bed on which she lies all during her flow of blood will be to her just like the bed on which she lies during her menstruation, and everything on which she sits will be unclean, just like the uncleanness of her menstruation.
Lev 15:27 Whoever touches any of those things will be unclean; he must wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and he will be unclean until dusk.
Lev 15:28 But if she is cleansed from her flow of blood, then she will count for herself seven days, and after that she will be clean.
Lev 15:29 On the eighth day, she will take to her two doves or two young pigeons and bring them to the priest at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.
Lev 15:30 The priest will offer one bird as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering, and he will make atonement for her before Yehowah for her unclean flow of blood.
Lev 15:31 This is how you must separate the people of Israel from their uncleanness, so they will not die due to their uncleanness, by defiling my tabernacle, where I live among them.
Lev 15:32 This is the law for anyone who has a flow of fluid, for any man who ejaculates and becomes unclean,
Lev 15:33 for any woman who has a menstrual period, for anyone with a flow of fluid, whether male or female, and for any man who has sex with an unclean woman.'"

Leviticus Chapter 16

Lev 16:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses, this was after the death of Aaron's two sons, when they had gone near to Yehowah and then died.
Lev 16:2 Yehowah said to Moses, "Speak to Aaron your brother and tell him not to come at just any time into the Most Set-apart Place inside the curtain before the atonement lid that is on the ark. If he does, he will die, because I appear in the cloud over the atonement lid.
Lev 16:3 So here is how Aaron must come into the Most Set-apart Place. He must enter with a young bull as a sin offering and a ram as a burnt offering.
Lev 16:4 He must put on the set-apart linen tunic, and he must put the linen underwear on himself, and he must wear the linen sash and linen turban. These are the set-apart garments. He must bathe his body in water and then dress himself with these clothes.
Lev 16:5 He must take from the congregation of the people of Israel two male goats as a sin offering and one ram as a burnt offering.
Lev 16:6 Then Aaron must present the bull as the sin offering, which will be for himself, to make atonement for himself and his family.
Lev 16:7 Then he must take the two goats and set them before Yehowah at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.
Lev 16:8 Then Aaron must cast lots for the two goats, one lot for Yehowah, and the other lot for the departing goat.
Lev 16:9 Aaron must then present the goat on which the lot fell for Yehowah, and offer that goat as a sin offering.
Lev 16:10 But the goat on which the lot fell for the departing goat must be brought alive before Yehowah, to make atonement by sending him away as a departing goat into the wilderness.
Lev 16:11 Then Aaron must present the bull for the sin offering, which will be for himself. He must make atonement for himself and for his family, so he must kill the bull as a sin offering for himself.
Lev 16:12 Aaron must take a censer full of coals of fire from off the altar before Yehowah, with his hands full of finely ground sweet incense, and bring these things inside the curtain.
Lev 16:13 There he must put the incense on the fire before Yehowah, so that the cloud from the incense may cover the atonement lid over the covenant decrees. He must do this, so he will not die.
Lev 16:14 Then he must take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the east side of the atonement lid. He must sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times before the atonement lid.

Lev 16:15 Then he must kill the goat for the sin offering that is for the people and bring its blood inside the curtain. There he must do with the blood as he did with the blood of the bull: He must sprinkle it on the atonement lid and then before the atonement lid.
Lev 16:16 He must make atonement for the Set-apart Place because of the unclean actions of the people of Israel, and because of their rebellion and all their sins. He must also do this for the Tent of Meeting, where Yehowah lives among them, in the presence of their unclean actions.
Lev 16:17 No one must be in the Tent of Meeting when Aaron enters it to make atonement in the Most Set-apart Place, and until he comes out and has finished making atonement for himself and for his family, and for all the congregation of Israel.
Lev 16:18 He must go out to the altar that is before Yehowah and make atonement for it, and he must take some of the bull's blood and some of the goat's blood and put it on the horns of the altar all around.
Lev 16:19 He must sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times to cleanse it and set it apart to Yehowah, away from the unclean actions of the people of Israel.
Lev 16:20 When he has finished atoning for the Most Set-apart Place, the Tent of Meeting, and the altar, he must present the live goat.
Lev 16:21 Aaron must lay both his hands on the head of the live goat and confess over him all the wickedness of the people of Israel, all their rebellion, and all their sins. Then he must put that sinfulness on the head of the goat and send the goat away in the care of a man who is ready to lead the goat into the wilderness.
Lev 16:22 The goat must carry on himself all the people's wickedness to a solitary place. There in the wilderness, the man must let the goat go free.
Lev 16:23 Then Aaron must go back into the Tent of Meeting and take off the linen garments that he had put on before going into the Most Set-apart Place, and he must leave those garments there.
Lev 16:24 He must bathe his body in water in a Set-apart Place, and put on his normal garments; then he must go out and offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering for the people, and in this way, make atonement for himself and for the people.
Lev 16:25 He must burn the fat of the sin offering on the altar.
Lev 16:26 The man who let the departing goat go free must wash his clothes and bathe his body in water; after that, he may come back into the camp.
Lev 16:27 The bull for the sin offering and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the Set-apart Place, must be carried outside the camp. There they must burn their hides, flesh, and dung.

Lev 16:28 The man who burns those parts must wash his clothes and bathe his body in water; after that, he may come back into the camp.
Lev 16:29 It will always be a statute for you that on the tenth of the seventh month (Day of Atonements), you must deny yourselves and do no work, whether the native born or a sojourning foreigner who is living among you.
Lev 16:30 This is because on this day, atonement will be made for you to cleanse you from all your sins, so you will be clean before Yehowah.
Lev 16:31 It is a Sabbath holiday for you, and you must deny yourselves and do no work. This will always be a statute among you.
Lev 16:32 The high priest, the one who will be anointed and ordained to be high priest in his father's place, he must make this atonement and put on the linen garments, that is, the set-apart garments.
Lev 16:33 He must make atonement for the Most Set-apart Place; he must make atonement for the Tent of Meeting and for the altar, and he must make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the congregation.
Lev 16:34 This will always be a statute for you, to make atonement for the people of Israel because of all their sins, once in every year." This was done as Yehowah commanded Moses.

Leviticus Chapter 17

Lev 17:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Lev 17:2 “Speak to Aaron and to his sons, and to all the people of Israel. Tell them what Yehowah has commanded:
Lev 17:3 ‘Any man from Israel who kills an ox, lamb, or goat in the camp, or who kills it outside the camp, in order to sacrifice it,
Lev 17:4 if he does not bring it to the entrance to the Tent of Meeting to offer it as a sacrifice to Yehowah before his tabernacle, that man is guilty of bloodshed. He has shed blood, and that man must be cut off from among his people.
Lev 17:5 The purpose of this command is so that the people of Israel will bring their sacrifices to Yehowah at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, to the priest, to be sacrificed as peace offerings to Yehowah, instead of offering sacrifices in an open field.
Lev 17:6 The priest will sprinkle the blood on the altar of Yehowah at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting; he will burn the fat for it to produce a sweet aroma for Yehowah.
Lev 17:7 The people must no longer offer their sacrifices to goat idols, for which they act as prostitutes. This will be a permanent statute for them throughout their people’s generations.’
Lev 17:8 You must say to them, ‘Any man of Israel, or any sojourning alien who lives among them, who offers a burnt offering or sacrifice
Lev 17:9 and does not bring it to the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, in order to sacrifice it to Yehowah, that man must be cut off from his people.
Lev 17:10 If any person of the house of Israel, or any sojourning alien who lives among them consumes any blood, I will set my face against that person who consumes blood, and I will cut him off from among his people.
Lev 17:11 For the life of an animal is in its blood. I have given its blood to you to make atonement on the altar for your lives, because it is the blood that makes atonement, for it is the blood that atones for the life.
Lev 17:12 Therefore, I said to the people of Israel that no one among you must eat blood, neither may any sojourning alien who lives among you eat blood.
Lev 17:13 Any one of the people of Israel, or any of the sojourning aliens who live among them, who hunts and kills an animal or bird that may be eaten, that person must pour out its blood and cover the blood with earth.
Lev 17:14 For the life of each creature is its blood. That is why I said to the people of Israel, “You must not eat the blood of any creature, for the life of every living creature is its blood. Whoever eats it must be cut off.”
Lev 17:15 Every person who eats an animal that has died or that has been torn by wild animals, whether that person is native born or a sojourning foreigner

living among you, he must wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and he will be unclean until dusk. Then he will be clean.
Lev 17:16 But if he does not wash his clothes or bathe his body, then he must carry his guilt.’”

Leviticus Chapter 18

Lev 18:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Lev 18:2 “Speak to the people of Israel, ‘I am Yehowah your Divine One.
Lev 18:3 You must not do the things that the people do in Egypt, where you lived previously. You must not do the things that the people do in Canaan, the land to which I am taking you. Do not follow their customs.
Lev 18:4 My laws are what you must do, and my commandments are what you must keep, so that you walk in them, because I am Yehowah your Divine One.
Lev 18:5 Therefore, you must keep my decrees and my laws. If a person obeys them, he will live because of them. I am Yehowah.
Lev 18:6 No one may have sex with anyone to whom he is closely related. I am Yehowah.
Lev 18:7 Do not dishonor your father by having sex with your mother. She is your mother! You must not dishonor her.
Lev 18:8 Do not have sex with any of your father’s wives; you must not dishonor your father like that.
Lev 18:9 Do not have sex with any sister of yours, whether she is the daughter of your father or the daughter of your mother, whether she was raised at your home or distant from you. You must not have sex with your sisters.
Lev 18:10 Do not have sex with your son’s daughter or with your daughter’s daughter. That would be your own shame.
Lev 18:11 Do not have sex with your father’s wife’s daughter, who was born of your father. She is your sister, and you must not have sex with her.
Lev 18:12 Do not have sex with your father’s sister. She is a close relative to your father.
Lev 18:13 Do not have sex with your mother’s sister. She is a close relative to your mother.
Lev 18:14 Do not dishonor the brother of your father by having sex with his wife. Do not go near her for that purpose; she is your aunt.
Lev 18:15 Do not have sex with your daughter-in-law. She is your son’s wife; do not have sex with her.
Lev 18:16 Do not have sex with your brother’s wife; do not dishonor him in this way.
Lev 18:17 Do not have sex with a woman and her daughter, or with her son’s daughter or her daughter’s daughter. They are close relatives to her, and having sex with them would be wicked.
Lev 18:18 You must not marry your wife’s sister as a second wife and have sex with her while your first wife is alive.

Lev 18:19 Do not have sex with a woman during her menstruation. She is unclean during that time.
Lev 18:20 Do not have sex with your neighbor’s wife and defile yourself with her in this way.
Lev 18:21 You must not give any of your children to put them into the fire, so that you sacrifice them to Molech, because you must not profane the name of your Divine One. I am Yehowah.
Lev 18:22 Do not have sex with other men as with a woman. This would be wicked.
Lev 18:23 Do not have sex with any animal and defile yourself with it. No woman must consider having sex with any animal. This would be perversion.
Lev 18:24 Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, for in all these ways the ethnicities are defiled, the ethnicities that I will drive out from before you.
Lev 18:25 The land became defiled, so I punished their sin, and the land vomited out its inhabitants.
Lev 18:26 You, therefore, must keep my commandments and decrees, and you must not do any of these detestable things, neither the native-born Israeli nor the sojourning foreigner who lives among you.
Lev 18:27 For this is the wickedness that the people in the land have committed, those who lived here before you, and now the land is defiled.
Lev 18:28 Therefore, be careful, so that the land does not vomit you up also, after you have defiled it, as it vomited out the people who were before you.
Lev 18:29 Whoever does any of these detestable things, the persons who do such things, will be cut off from among their people.
Lev 18:30 Therefore, you must keep my command not to practice any of these detestable customs which were practiced here before you, so that you do not defile yourselves by them. I am Yehowah your Divine One.’”

Leviticus Chapter 19

Lev 19:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Lev 19:2 “Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel, ‘You must be set apart, for I, Yehowah your Divine One, am set apart.
Lev 19:3 Everyone must respect his mother and his father, and you must keep my Sabbaths. I am Yehowah your Divine One.
Lev 19:4 Do not turn to worthless idols, nor make for yourselves deities out of metal. I am Yehowah your Divine One.
Lev 19:5 When you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to Yehowah, you must offer it that you may be accepted.
Lev 19:6 It must be eaten the same day you offer it, or on the next day. If anything remains until the third day, it must be burned.
Lev 19:7 If it is eaten at all on the third day, it is defiled. It will not be accepted,
Lev 19:8 but everyone who eats it must carry his own guilt, because he has dishonored what was set apart to Yehowah. That person must be cut off from his people.
Lev 19:9 When you reap the harvest of your land, you must not completely reap the corners of your field, neither will you gather all the produce of your harvest.
Lev 19:10 You must not gather every grape from your vineyard, nor gather the grapes that have fallen on the ground in your vineyard. You must leave them for the poor and for the sojourning foreigner. I am Yehowah your Divine One.
Lev 19:11 Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not deceive each other.
Lev 19:12 Do not swear an oath by my name falsely and profane the name of your Divine One (Exo. 20:7). I am Yehowah.
Lev 19:13 Do not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant must not stay with you all night until dawn.
Lev 19:14 Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind. Instead, you must fear your Divine One. I am Yehowah.
Lev 19:15 Do not cause judgment to be false. You must not show favoritism to someone because he is poor, and you must not show favoritism to someone because he is important. Instead, judge your neighbor righteously.
Lev 19:16 Do not walk around slandering among your people, but seek to protect your neighbor’s life. I am Yehowah.
Lev 19:17 Do not hate your brother in your heart. You must honestly rebuke your neighbor so as not to share in sin because of him (Luke 17:3; 1 Cor. 5:10-12; Prov. 9:8).
Lev 19:18 Do not take vengeance or hold any grudge against any of your people, but instead love your neighbor as yourself (Mat. 22:39; Luke 10:27; John 13:34-35). I am Yehowah.

Lev 19:19 You must keep my commands. Do not try to breed your animals with different kinds of animals. Do not mix two different kinds of seeds when planting your field. Do not wear clothing made of two kinds of material mixed together.
Lev 19:20 Whoever has sex with a slave girl who is promised to a husband, but who has not been ransomed or given her freedom, they must be punished. They must not be executed, because she was not free.
Lev 19:21 A man must bring his guilt offering to Yehowah at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, a ram as a guilt offering.
Lev 19:22 Then the priest will make atonement for him with the ram for the guilt offering before Yehowah, for the sin that he has committed. Then the sin which he has committed will be forgiven.
Lev 19:23 When you come into the land and have planted all kinds of trees for food, then you must regard the fruit they produce as forbidden to be eaten. The fruit must be forbidden to you for three years. It must not be eaten.
Lev 19:24 But in the fourth year, all the fruit will be set apart, an offering of praise to Yehowah!
Lev 19:25 In the fifth year, you may eat the fruit, having waited, so that the trees might produce more. I am Yehowah your Divine One.
Lev 19:26 Do not eat any meat with blood still in it. Do not consult spirits about the future, and do not seek to control others by supernatural powers.
Lev 19:27 Do not follow pagan habits such as shaving the sides of your head or cutting off edges from your beard.
Lev 19:28 Do not cut your body for the dead or put tattoo markings on your body (Rev. 13:16-17). I am Yehowah.
Lev 19:29 Do not disgrace your daughter by making her a prostitute, or the land will fall to prostitution, and the land will become full of wickedness.
Lev 19:30 You must keep my Sabbaths and honor the sanctuary of my tabernacle. I am Yehowah.
Lev 19:31 Do not turn to necromancers or wizards who conjure up dead spirits, or they will defile you. I am Yehowah your Divine One.
Lev 19:32 You must rise before the gray-headed person and honor the presence of an old man. You must fear your Divine One. I am Yehowah.
Lev 19:33 If a sojourning foreigner lives among you in your land, you must not do him any wrong.
Lev 19:34 The sojourning foreigner who lives with you must be to you like the native-born Israeli who lives among you, and you must love him as yourself, because you were foreigners in the land of Egypt. I am Yehowah your Divine One.
Lev 19:35 Do not use false measures when measuring length, weight, or quantity.

Lev 19:36 You must use just scales, just weights, a just dry measure, and a just liquid measure. I am Yehowah your Divine One, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.
Lev 19:37 You must obey all my decrees and all my laws, and do them. I am Yehowah.’”

Leviticus Chapter 20

Lev 20:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Lev 20:2 “Say to the people of Israel, ‘Anyone among the people of Israel, or any sojourning alien who lives in Israel who gives any of his children to Molech, must certainly be executed. The people in the land must stone him with stones.
Lev 20:3 I also will set my face against that man and will cut him off from among his people, because he has given his child to Molech, so as to defile my Set-apart Place and profane my set-apart name.
Lev 20:4 If the people of the land close their eyes to that man when he gives any of his children to Molech, if they do not execute him,
Lev 20:5 then I myself will set my face against that man and his clan, and I will cut him off from among his people, and everyone else who prostitutes himself in order to play the harlot with Molech.
Lev 20:6 The person who turns to necromancers and wizards who conjure up dead spirits, so as to prostitute themselves with them, I will set my face against that person; I will cut him off from among his people.
Lev 20:7 Therefore, consecrate yourselves and be set apart, because I am Yehowah your Divine One.
Lev 20:8 You must keep my commands and carry them out. I am Yehowah who sets you apart as pure.
Lev 20:9 Everyone who curses his father or his mother must surely be executed. He has cursed his father or his mother, so he is guilty and deserves to die.
Lev 20:10 The man who commits adultery with another man’s wife, that is, anyone who commits adultery with his neighbor’s wife, the adulterer and the adulteress must both certainly be executed.
Lev 20:11 The man who lies down with his father’s wife to have sex with her has disgraced his own father. Both the son and his father’s wife must certainly be executed. They are guilty and deserve to die.
Lev 20:12 If a man has sex with his daughter-in-law, both of them must certainly be executed. They have committed perversion. They are guilty and deserve to die.
Lev 20:13 If a man has sex with another man, as with a woman, both of them have done something detestable. They must surely be executed. They are guilty and deserve to die.
Lev 20:14 If a man marries a woman and also marries her mother, this is wickedness. They must be executed by burning, both he and the women, so that there will be no wickedness among you.
Lev 20:15 If a man has sex with an animal, he must surely be executed, and you must kill the animal.

Lev 20:16 If a woman approaches any animal to have sex with it, you must kill the woman and the animal. They must certainly be executed. They are guilty and deserve to die.
Lev 20:17 If a man has sex with his sister, either his father's daughter or his mother's daughter, if he has sex with her and she with him, it is a shameful thing. They must be cut off from the presence of their people, because he has had sex with his sister. He must carry his guilt.
Lev 20:18 If a man has sex with a woman during her menstrual period, he has uncovered the flow of her blood, the source of her blood. Both the man and woman must be cut off from among their people.
Lev 20:19 You must not have sex with your mother's sister, or with your father's sister, because you would disgrace your close relative. You must carry your own guilt.
Lev 20:20 If a man has sex with his aunt, he has dishonored his uncle. When they die, I will punish both of them, and when they die, I will take away any inheritance their children might receive from their parents.
Lev 20:21 If a man marries his brother's wife while his brother is still living, that is disgraceful. He has dishonored his brother, and I will take away from their children any property they may have inherited from their parents.
Lev 20:22 You must therefore keep all my statutes and all my decrees; you must obey them, so that the land into which I am bringing you to live will not vomit you up.
Lev 20:23 You must not walk in the customs of the ethnicities that I will drive out before you, for they have done all these things, and I detest them.
Lev 20:24 I promised you, "You will inherit their land; I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey. I am Yehowah your Divine One, who has separated you from the people.
Lev 20:25 You must therefore distinguish between the clean animals and the unclean, and between the unclean birds and the clean. You must not defile yourselves with unclean animals or birds or with any creature that crawls along the ground, which I have separated as unclean from you.
Lev 20:26 You must be set apart, for I, Yehowah, am set apart, and I have separated you from the people, for you belong to me.
Lev 20:27 A man or a woman who is a necromancer or wizard conjuring up dead spirits must certainly be executed. The people must stone them with stones. They are guilty and deserve to die."""

Leviticus Chapter 21

Lev 21:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses, “Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, ‘No one among you will make himself unclean for those who die among his people,
Lev 21:2 except for his closest relatives, his mother, his father, his son, his daughter, his brother,
Lev 21:3 or his virgin sister who is dependent on him, since she has no husband, for her he may make himself unclean.
Lev 21:4 But he must not make himself unclean for other relatives and so defile himself, since he is a leader among his people.
Lev 21:5 Priests must not shave their heads or shave off the corners of their beards, nor cut their bodies.
Lev 21:6 They must be set apart to their Divine One and not disgrace the name of their Divine One, because the priests offer the food offerings of Yehowah made by fire, the bread of their Divine One. Therefore, the priests must be set apart.
Lev 21:7 They must not marry any woman who is a prostitute, and who is defiled, and they must not marry a woman divorced from her husband, for they are set apart for their Divine One.
Lev 21:8 You will set him apart, for he is the one who offers bread to your Divine One. He must be set apart to you, because I, Yehowah, who makes you set apart, I also am set apart.
Lev 21:9 Any daughter of any priest who defiles herself by becoming a prostitute disgraces her father. She must be executed by burning.
Lev 21:10 The one who is the high priest among his brothers, on whose head the anointing oil has been poured, and who has been consecrated to wear the special garments of the high priest, must not wear his hair loose or tear his clothes.
Lev 21:11 He must not go anywhere that a dead body is present and defile himself, even for his father or his mother.
Lev 21:12 The high priest must not leave the sanctuary area of the tabernacle or profane the sanctuary of his Divine One, because he has been consecrated as high priest by the anointing oil of his Divine One. I am Yehowah.
Lev 21:13 The high priest must marry a virgin as his wife.
Lev 21:14 He must not marry a widow, a divorced woman, or a woman who is a prostitute. He will not marry these kinds of women. He may only marry a virgin from his own people,
Lev 21:15 so he will not defile his children among his people, for I am Yehowah, who makes him clean.’”
Lev 21:16 Yehowah spoke to Moses,

Lev 21:17 “Speak to Aaron and tell him, ‘Whoever of your descendants throughout their generations has a bodily defect, he must not approach to offer the food to his Divine One.
Lev 21:18 Any man who has a bodily defect must not approach Yehowah, such as a blind man or a man who is unable to walk, one who is disfigured or deformed,
Lev 21:19 a man with a crippled hand or foot,
Lev 21:20 a man who has a hump in his back or is abnormally thin or short, or a man with a defect in his eyes, or with a disease, sore, scabs, or whose testicles have been crushed.
Lev 21:21 No man among the descendants of Aaron the priest with a bodily defect may come near to perform the offerings made by fire for Yehowah. Such a man has a bodily defect; he must not come near to offer the bread of his Divine One.
Lev 21:22 He may eat the food of his Divine One, whether some of the most set apart or some of the set apart.
Lev 21:23 However, he must not enter inside the curtain or come near the altar, because he has a bodily defect, so that he does not defile my sanctuary, for I am Yehowah, who makes them clean.’”
Lev 21:24 So Moses spoke these words to Aaron, to his sons, and to all the people of Israel.

Leviticus Chapter 22

Lev 22:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Lev 22:2 “Speak to Aaron and to his sons, tell them to keep away from the set-apart things of the people of Israel, which they set apart to me. They must not profane my set-apart name. I am Yehowah.
Lev 22:3 Say to them, ‘If any of your descendants throughout your generations approaches the set-apart things that the people of Israel have set apart to Yehowah, while he is unclean, that person must be cut off from before me: I am Yehowah.
Lev 22:4 None of the descendants of Aaron who is a leper, or has an infection flowing from his body, may eat any of the sacrifices made to Yehowah, until he is clean. Whoever touches anything unclean through contact with the dead, or by contact with a man who has a flow of semen,
Lev 22:5 or whoever touches any creeping animal that makes him unclean, or any person who makes him unclean, whatever kind of uncleanness it may be,
Lev 22:6 then the priest who touches anything unclean will be unclean until dusk. He must not eat any of the set-apart things, unless he has bathed his body in water.
Lev 22:7 When the sun has set, he will then be clean. After sunset, he may eat from the set-apart things, because they are his food.
Lev 22:8 He must not eat anything found dead or killed by wild animals, by which he would defile himself. I am Yehowah.
Lev 22:9 The priests must follow my instructions, or they will be guilty of sin and could die for profaning me. I am Yehowah who makes them clean.
Lev 22:10 No one outside the priest’s family, including resident alien guests of a priest or his hired servants, may eat anything that is set apart.
Lev 22:11 But if a priest buys any slave with his own money, that slave may eat from the things set apart to Yehowah. The priest’s family members and slaves born in his household, they also may eat with him from those things.
Lev 22:12 If a priest’s daughter married a foreign man, she may not eat any of the set apart contribution offerings.
Lev 22:13 But if a priest’s daughter is a widow, or divorced, and if she has no child, and if she returns to live in her father’s house as in her youth, she may eat from her father’s food. But no one who is a foreigner may eat from the priest’s food.
Lev 22:14 If a man eats a set-apart food without knowing it, then he must repay the priest for it; he must add one-fifth to it and give it back to the priest.
Lev 22:15 The people of Israel must not dishonor the set-apart things that they have raised high and presented to Yehowah,

Lev 22:16 and cause themselves to carry the sin that would make them guilty of eating the set-apart food, for I am Yehowah who makes them set apart.'"
Lev 22:17 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Lev 22:18 "Speak to Aaron and his sons, and to all the people of Israel, 'Any Israeli, or a sojourning alien living in Israel, when they present a sacrifice, whether it is to fulfill a vow, or whether it is a freewill offering, or they present to Yehowah a burnt offering,
Lev 22:19 if it is to be accepted, they must offer a male animal without blemish from the cattle, sheep, or goats.
Lev 22:20 But you must not offer whatever has a blemish. I will not accept it on your behalf.
Lev 22:21 Whoever offers a sacrifice of peace offerings from the herd or the flock to Yehowah to fulfill a vow, or as a freewill offering, it must be unblemished to be accepted. There must be no defect in the animal.
Lev 22:22 You must not offer animals that are blind, disabled, or maimed, or that have warts, sores, or scabs. You must not offer these to Yehowah as a sacrifice by fire on the altar.
Lev 22:23 You may present as a freewill offering an ox or a lamb that is deformed or maimed, but an offering like that will not be accepted for a vow.
Lev 22:24 Do not offer any animal to Yehowah that has bruised, crushed, torn, or cut testicles. Do not do this within your land.
Lev 22:25 You must not present the food of your Divine One from the hand of a foreigner. Those animals are deformed and have defects in them, they will not be accepted for you.'"
Lev 22:26 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Lev 22:27 "When a calf or a sheep or a goat is born, it must remain seven days with its mother. Then from the eighth day on, it may be accepted as a sacrifice for an offering made by fire to Yehowah.
Lev 22:28 Do not kill a cow or ewe along with its young, both on the same day.
Lev 22:29 When you sacrifice a thank offering to Yehowah, you must sacrifice it in an acceptable way.
Lev 22:30 It must be eaten on the same day that it is sacrificed. You must leave none of it until dawn. I am Yehowah.
Lev 22:31 So you must keep my commandments and carry them out. I am Yehowah.
Lev 22:32 You must not dishonor my set-apart name. I must be acknowledged as set apart by the people of Israel. I am Yehowah who makes you set apart,
Lev 22:33 who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your Divine One: I am Yehowah."

Leviticus Chapter 23

Lev 23:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Lev 23:2 “Speak to the people of Israel, ‘These are the appointment calendar festivals of Yehowah, which you must proclaim as set-apart assemblies; they are my appointment calendar festivals.
Lev 23:3 You may work for six days, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of complete rest, a set-apart assembly. You must do no work, because it is a Sabbath for Yehowah in all the places where you live.
Lev 23:4 These are the appointment calendar festivals of Yehowah, the set-apart assemblies that you must announce at their appointed times:
Lev 23:5 At dusk on the fourteenth of the first month, is the Passover of Yehowah.
Lev 23:6 On the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread for Yehowah. For seven days you must eat unleavened bread.
Lev 23:7 The first day (Abib 15) you must set apart to gather together; you will not do any of your regular work.
Lev 23:8 You will present a food offering to Yehowah for seven days. The seventh day (Abib 21) is an assembly set apart to Yehowah, and on that day you must not do any regular work.’”
Lev 23:9 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Lev 23:10 “Speak to the people of Israel, ‘When you have come into the land that I will give you, and when you reap its (barley) harvest, then you must bring a sheaf (omer; approx. 2.2 liters) of its firstfruits to the priest.
Lev 23:11 He will raise the sheaf before Yehowah and present it to him, for it to be accepted on your behalf. It is on the day after the Sabbath (Omer day 1, Day of Firstfruits) that the priest will raise it and present it to me.
Lev 23:12 On the day (Omer day 1) when you raise the sheaf and present it to me, you must offer a male lamb one year old and without blemish as a burnt offering to Yehowah.
Lev 23:13 The grain offering must be 4.5 liters of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering made by fire to Yehowah, to produce a sweet aroma, and with it a drink offering of 1.5 liters of wine.
Lev 23:14 You must eat no bread, nor roasted or fresh grain, until the same day (Omer day 1) you have brought this offering to your Divine One. This will be a permanent statute throughout your people’s generations, in every place that you live.
Lev 23:15 Beginning from the day after the Sabbath, that was the day (Omer day 1; Mat. 28:1) you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, count seven entire Sabbaths.

Lev 23:16 You must count fifty days, which would be the day after the seventh Sabbath (Omer day 50, Shavuot, Pentecost). Then you must present an offering of new grain (wheat) to Yehowah (Deut. 26).
Lev 23:17 You must bring out of your houses two loaves of wheat bread made from 4.5 liters of fine flour and baked with yeast; they will be a wave offering of the firstfruits to Yehowah (Exo. 34:22).
Lev 23:18 You must present with the bread seven lambs one year old and without blemish, one young bull, and two rams. They must be a burnt offering to Yehowah, with their grain offering and their drink offerings, an offering made by fire and producing a sweet aroma for Yehowah.
Lev 23:19 You must offer one male goat for a sin offering, and two male lambs a year old for a sacrifice, as peace offerings.
Lev 23:20 The priest must wave them together with the bread of the firstfruits before Yehowah, and present them to him as an offering with the two lambs. They will be set-apart offerings to Yehowah for the priest.
Lev 23:21 You must make a proclamation on that same day (Omer day 50, Shavuot): There will be a set-apart assembly, and you must do no ordinary work. This will be a permanent statute throughout your people's generations in all the places where you live.
Lev 23:22 When you reap the harvest of your land, you must not completely reap the corners of your fields, and you must not gather the gleanings of your harvest. You must leave them for the poor and for the sojourning foreigner. I am Yehowah your Divine One.'"
Lev 23:23 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Lev 23:24 "Speak to the people of Israel, 'The first of the seventh month will be a Sabbath observance for you, a memorial blowing (of trumpets; Feast of Trumpets; Exo. 19:18-19; Mat. 24:31; Mal. 3:16), and a set-apart assembly.
Lev 23:25 You must do no ordinary work, and you must offer a sacrifice made by fire to Yehowah.'"
Lev 23:26 Then Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Lev 23:27 "Now the tenth of this seventh month is the Day of Atonements. It is to be a set-apart assembly, and you must deny yourselves and present to Yehowah an offering by fire (Luke 18:10-14; 22:41-42).
Lev 23:28 You must do no work on that day, because it is the Day of Atonements, to make atonement for yourselves before Yehowah your Divine One.
Lev 23:29 Whoever does not humble himself on that day must be cut off from his people.
Lev 23:30 Whoever does any work on that day, I, Yehowah, will destroy him from among his people.
Lev 23:31 You must do no work of any kind. This will be a permanent statute throughout your people's generations in all the places where you live.

Lev 23:32 This must be to you a Sabbath, a Sabbath observance, and you must deny yourselves the ninth of the month at dusk (Luke 18:10-14; 22:41-42). From dusk to dusk you are to completely rest on your Sabbath" (Isa. 58).
Lev 23:33 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Lev 23:34 "Speak to the people of Israel, 'On the fifteenth day of the seventh month will be the Feast of Tabernacles for Yehowah. It will last seven days.
Lev 23:35 On the first day there must be a set-apart assembly. You must do no ordinary work.
Lev 23:36 For seven days you must offer a sacrifice made by fire to Yehowah. On the eighth day there must be a set-apart assembly (8th day assembly; Shemini Atzeret), and you must make a sacrifice offered with fire to Yehowah. This is a festive assembly, and you must not do any ordinary work.
Lev 23:37 These are the appointment calendar festivals of Yehowah, which you must proclaim as set-apart assemblies to offer sacrifice by fire to Yehowah, a burnt offering and a grain offering, sacrifices and drink offerings, each on its own day.
Lev 23:38 These festivals will be in addition to the Sabbaths of Yehowah and your gifts, all your vows, and all your freewill offerings that you give to Yehowah.
Lev 23:39 Regarding the Festival of Tabernacles, on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the produce of the land, you must keep this Feast of Yehowah for seven days. The first day will be a Sabbath observance, and the eighth day will also be a Sabbath observance.
Lev 23:40 On the first day, you must take the best fruit from the trees, branches of palm trees, and leafy branches of thick trees, and willows from streams, and you will rejoice before Yehowah your Divine One for seven days.
Lev 23:41 For seven days each year, you must celebrate this feast with Yehowah. This will be a permanent statute throughout your people's generations in all the places where you live. You must celebrate this feast in the seventh month.
Lev 23:42 You must live in temporary shelters for seven days. All native-born Israelis must live in temporary shelters,
Lev 23:43 so that your descendants, generation after generation, may learn how I made the people of Israel live in temporary shelters when I led them out of the land of Egypt. I am Yehowah your Divine One.'"
Lev 23:44 In this way, Moses announced to the people of Israel the appointment calendar festivals of Yehowah.

Leviticus Chapter 24

Lev 24:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Lev 24:2 “Command the people of Israel to bring you pure oil pressed from olives to be used in the lamp, that the light may burn continually.
Lev 24:3 Outside the curtain before the covenant decrees in the Tent of Meeting, Aaron must continually, from dusk to dawn, keep the lamp lit before Yehowah. This will be a permanent statute throughout your people’s generations.
Lev 24:4 The high priest must always keep the lamps lit before Yehowah, the lamps on the menorah of pure gold.
Lev 24:5 You must take fine flour and bake twelve loaves with it. There must be 4.5 liters in each loaf.
Lev 24:6 Then you must set them in two rows, six in a row, on the table of pure gold before Yehowah.
Lev 24:7 You must put pure incense along each row of loaves as a memorial offering. This incense will be burnt for Yehowah.
Lev 24:8 Every Sabbath the high priest must regularly set out the bread before Yehowah on behalf of the people of Israel, as a sign of an everlasting covenant.
Lev 24:9 This offering will be for Aaron and his sons, and they are to eat it in a place that is set apart, for it is a portion from the offerings to Yehowah made by fire, an everlasting commandment.”
Lev 24:10 Now it happened that the son of an Israeli woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went among the people of Israel. This son of the Israeli woman fought against an Israeli man in the camp.
Lev 24:11 The son of the Israeli woman blasphemed the name of Yehowah with a curse, so the people brought him to Moses. His mother’s name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, from the tribe of Dan.
Lev 24:12 They held him in custody, until Yehowah himself should declare his will to them.
Lev 24:13 Then Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Lev 24:14 “Take the man who has cursed Yehowah outside the camp. All who heard him must lay their hands on his head, and then the entire congregation must execute him by stoning.
Lev 24:15 You must explain to the people of Israel, ‘Whoever curses his Divine One must carry his own guilt.
Lev 24:16 He who blasphemes the name of Yehowah must surely be executed. All the congregation must certainly stone him, whether he is a sojourning foreigner or a native-born Israeli. If anyone blasphemes the Name, he must be executed.
Lev 24:17 If anyone murders another human, he must certainly be executed.

Lev 24:18 If anyone strikes down someone's animal, he must pay it back, life for life.
Lev 24:19 If anyone injures his neighbor, it must be done to him as he did to his neighbor:
Lev 24:20 fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth. As he has caused an injury to a person, so must it also be done to him.
Lev 24:21 Anyone who kills an animal must pay it back, and anyone who murders a human must be executed.
Lev 24:22 You must have the same law for both the sojourning foreigner and the native-born Israeli, for I am Yehowah your Divine One.'"
Lev 24:23 So Moses spoke to the people of Israel, and the people brought the man outside the camp, the one who had cursed Yehowah. They stoned him with stones. The people of Israel carried out the command of Yehowah to Moses.

Leviticus Chapter 25

Lev 25:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai,
Lev 25:2 “Speak to the people of Israel, ‘When you come into the land that I give you, then the land must be made to keep a Sabbath for Yehowah.
Lev 25:3 You must plant your field for six years, and for six years you must prune your vineyard and gather the produce.
Lev 25:4 But in the seventh year a Sabbath, a sabbatical for the land, must be observed, a Sabbath for Yehowah. You must not plant your field or prune your vineyard.
Lev 25:5 You must not conduct an organized harvest of whatever grows by itself, and you must not conduct an organized harvest of whatever grapes grow on your unpruned vines. This will be a year of a sabbatical for the land.
Lev 25:6 Whatever the unworked land grows during the Sabbath year will be food for you. You, your male and female servants, your hired servants, and the sojourning foreigners residing with you may gather food,
Lev 25:7 and your livestock and also wild animals may eat whatever the land produces.
Lev 25:8 You must count off seven Sabbaths of years, that is, seven times seven years, so that there will be seven Sabbaths of years, totaling forty-nine years (Gen. 6:3; Dan. 9:24; Mat. 24:34).
Lev 25:9 Then you must blow a loud trumpet everywhere on the tenth of the seventh month. On the Day of Atonements, you must blow a trumpet throughout all your land.
Lev 25:10 You must set apart the fiftieth year to Yehowah and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It will be a Jubilee for you, in which property and slaves must be returned to their families.
Lev 25:11 The fiftieth year will be a Jubilee for you. You must not plant or conduct an organized harvest. Eat whatever grows by itself, and gather the grapes that grow on the unpruned vines.
Lev 25:12 For it is a Jubilee, which will be set apart for you. You must eat the produce that grows by itself out of the field.
Lev 25:13 You must return everyone to his own property in this year of Jubilee.
Lev 25:14 If you sell any land to your neighbor or buy any land from your neighbor, you must not cheat or wrong each other.
Lev 25:15 If you buy land from your neighbor, consider the number of years and crops that can be harvested until the next Jubilee. Your neighbor selling the land must consider that also.
Lev 25:16 A larger number of years until the next Jubilee will increase the value of land, and a smaller number of years until the next Jubilee will decrease the

value, because the number of harvests the land will produce for the new owner is related to the number of years before the next Jubilee.
Lev 25:17 You must not cheat or wrong one another; instead, you must honor your Divine One, for I am Yehowah your Divine One.
Lev 25:18 Therefore, you must obey my decrees, keep my laws, and carry them out. Then you will live in the land in safety.
Lev 25:19 The land will yield its produce, and you will eat your fill and live there in safety.
Lev 25:20 You might ask, “What will we eat during the seventh year? Look, we cannot plant or gather our produce.”
Lev 25:21 I will command my blessing to come upon you in the sixth year, and it will produce harvest enough for three years.
Lev 25:22 You will plant in the eighth year and continue to eat from the previous years’ produce and the stored food. Until the harvest of the ninth year comes in, you will be able to eat from the provisions stored in the previous years.
Lev 25:23 The land must not be sold to a new permanent owner, because the land is mine. You are all sojourning foreigners and resident aliens on my land.
Lev 25:24 You must observe the right of redemption for all the land that you acquire; you must allow the land to be bought back by the family from whom you bought it.
Lev 25:25 If your fellow Israeli became poor and for that reason sold some of his property, then his nearest relative may come and buy back the property that he sold to you.
Lev 25:26 If a man has no relative to redeem his property, but if he has prospered and has the ability to redeem it,
Lev 25:27 then he may calculate the years since the land was sold and repay the balance to the man to whom he sold it. Then he may return to his own property.
Lev 25:28 But if he is not able to get the land back for himself, then the land he has sold will remain in the ownership of the one who bought it, until the year of Jubilee. At the year of Jubilee, the land will be returned to the man who sold it, and the original owner will return to his property.
Lev 25:29 If a man sells a house in a walled city, then he may buy it back within a whole year after it was sold. For a full year he will have the right of redemption.
Lev 25:30 If the house is not redeemed within a full year, then the house in the walled city will become the permanent property of the man who bought it, throughout his descendants’ generations. That house is not to be returned in the year of Jubilee.
Lev 25:31 But the houses of the villages that have no wall around them will be considered as the field of the land. They may be redeemed, and they must be returned during the year of Jubilee.

Lev 25:32 However, the houses owned by the Levites in their cities may be redeemed at any time.
Lev 25:33 If one of the Levites does not redeem a house he sold, then the house that was sold in the city where it is located must be returned in the year of Jubilee, for the houses in the cities of the Levites are their property among the people of Israel.
Lev 25:34 But the fields around their cities may not be sold, because they are the permanent property of the Levites.
Lev 25:35 If your fellow countryman becomes poor, so that he can no longer provide for himself, then you must help him as you would help a sojourning foreigner or resident alien living among you.
Lev 25:36 Do not charge him interest or try to profit from him in any way, but honor your Divine One, so that your brother may keep living with you.
Lev 25:37 You must not give him a loan of money and charge interest nor sell him your food to earn a profit.
Lev 25:38 I am Yehowah your Divine One, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, in order that I might give you the land of Canaan, and that I might be your Divine One.
Lev 25:39 If your fellow countryman has become poor and sells himself to you, you must not make him work like a slave.
Lev 25:40 Treat him as a hired servant or a resident alien. He will serve with you until the year of Jubilee.
Lev 25:41 Then he will go away from you, he and his children with him, and he will return to his own family and to his fathers' property.
Lev 25:42 For they are my servants whom I brought out of the land of Egypt. They will not be sold as slaves.
Lev 25:43 You must not rule over them harshly, but you must honor your Divine One.
Lev 25:44 As for your male and female slaves, whom you can obtain from the ethnicities who live around you, you may buy slaves from them.
Lev 25:45 You may also buy slaves from the sojourning foreigners resident among you, that is, from their families who are with you, children who have been born in your land. They may become your property.
Lev 25:46 You may provide such slaves as an inheritance for your children after you, to hold as property. From them you may always buy your slaves, but you must not rule over your brothers among the people of Israel with harshness.
Lev 25:47 If a handy sojourning foreigner or resident alien has become wealthy, and if one of your fellow Israelis has become poor and sells himself to that foreigner, or to someone in a foreigner's family,
Lev 25:48 after your fellow Israeli has been bought, he may be bought back. Someone in his family may redeem him.

Lev 25:49 It might be the person's uncle, or his uncle's son, who redeems him, or anyone who is his close relative from his family. Or, if he has become prosperous, he may redeem himself.
Lev 25:50 He must bargain with the man who bought him; they must count the years from the year he sold himself to his purchaser until the year of Jubilee. The price of his redemption must be figured in keeping with the rate paid to a hired servant, for the number of years he might continue to work for the one who bought him.
Lev 25:51 If there are still many years until the year of Jubilee, he must pay back as the price for his redemption an amount of money that is in proportion to the number of those years.
Lev 25:52 If there are only a few years to the year of Jubilee, then he must bargain with his purchaser to reflect the number of years left before the year of Jubilee, and he must pay for his redemption in keeping with the number of years.
Lev 25:53 He is to be treated like a man hired year by year. You must make sure he is not treated with harshness.
Lev 25:54 If he is not redeemed by these means, then he must serve until the year of Jubilee, he and his children with him.
Lev 25:55 To me the people of Israel are servants. They are my servants, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt. I am Yehowah your Divine One.'"

Leviticus Chapter 26

Lev 26:1 “You must make no idols, neither are you to raise up a carved figure or a memorial stone pillar, and you must not place any carved stone image in your land to which you bow down, for I am Yehowah your Divine One.
Lev 26:2 You must keep my Sabbaths and honor my sanctuary. I am Yehowah.
Lev 26:3 If you walk in my laws and guard my commandments so as to do them,
Lev 26:4 then I will give you rain in its season; the land will yield its produce, and the trees of the field will yield their fruit.
Lev 26:5 Your threshing will continue to the time of the grape harvest, and the grape harvest will extend to the planting season. You will eat your bread to the full and live safely where you make your home in the land.
Lev 26:6 I will give peace in the land; you will lie down with nothing to make you afraid. I will take the dangerous animals away from the land, and the sword will not pass through your land.
Lev 26:7 You will chase your enemies, and they will fall before you by the sword.
Lev 26:8 Five of you will chase away a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand; your enemies will fall before you by the sword.
Lev 26:9 I will look at you with grace, make you fruitful, and multiply you; I will establish my covenant with you.
Lev 26:10 You will eat food stored a long time. You will have to bring out the stored food, because you will need the room for the new harvest.
Lev 26:11 I will place my tabernacle among you, and I will not detest you.
Lev 26:12 I will walk among you and be your Divine One, and you will be my people.
Lev 26:13 I am Yehowah your Divine One, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, so that you would not be their slaves. I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you to walk standing up straight.
Lev 26:14 But if you will not listen to me and will not obey all these commandments,
Lev 26:15 and if you reject my decrees and detest my laws, so that you will not obey all my commandments but break my covenant,
Lev 26:16 if you do these things, then I will do this to you: I will inflict terror on you, diseases and fever that will destroy the eyes and will drain away your life. You will plant your seeds for nothing, because your enemies will eat their produce.
Lev 26:17 I will set my face against you, and you will be overpowered by your enemies. Men who hate you will rule over you, and you will run away, even when no one is chasing you.

Lev 26:18 If you do not listen to my commands, then I will punish you seven times as severely for your sins.
Lev 26:19 I will break your pride in your power. I will make the sky over you like iron and your land like bronze.
Lev 26:20 Your strength will be used up for nothing, because your land will not produce its harvest, and your trees in the land will not produce their fruit.
Lev 26:21 If you walk against me and will not listen to me, I will bring seven times more blows on you, in proportion to your sins.
Lev 26:22 I will send dangerous animals against you, which will steal your children, destroy your livestock, and make you few in number. So your roads will become deserted.
Lev 26:23 If in spite of these things you still do not accept my correction, and you continue to walk in opposition to me,
Lev 26:24 then I will also walk in opposition to you, and I myself will punish you seven times because of your sins.
Lev 26:25 I will bring a sword on you that will execute vengeance for breaking the covenant. You will be gathered together inside your cities, and I will send a disease among you there, and then you will be delivered into the hand of your enemy.
Lev 26:26 When I cut off your food supply, ten women will be able to bake your bread in one oven, and they will distribute your bread by weight. You will eat but not be satisfied.
Lev 26:27 If you do not listen to me despite these things but continue to walk against me,
Lev 26:28 then I will walk against you in anger, and I will punish you even seven more times as much for your sins.
Lev 26:29 You will eat the flesh of your sons; you will eat the flesh of your daughters.
Lev 26:30 I will destroy your high places, cut down your sun-pillars, and throw your corpses on the corpses of your idols, and I myself will abhor you.
Lev 26:31 I will turn your cities into ruins and destroy your sanctuaries. I will not be pleased with the aroma of your offerings.
Lev 26:32 I will devastate the land. Your enemies who will live there will be shocked at the devastation.
Lev 26:33 I will scatter you among the ethnicities, and I will draw out my sword and follow you. Your land will be abandoned, and your cities will be ruined.
Lev 26:34 Then the land will enjoy its Sabbaths for as long as it lies abandoned, and you are in your enemies' lands. During that time, the land will rest and enjoy its Sabbaths.
Lev 26:35 As long as it lies abandoned, it will have rest, which will be the rest that it did not have with your Sabbaths, when you lived in it.

Lev 26:36 As for those of you who are left in your enemies' lands, I will send fear into your hearts, so that even the sound of a leaf blowing in the wind will startle you, and you will flee as though you were fleeing from the sword. You will fall, even when no one is chasing you.
Lev 26:37 You will stumble over each other as though you were running from the sword, even though no one is chasing you. You will have no power to stand before your enemies.
Lev 26:38 You will perish among the ethnicities, and your enemies' land will itself devour you.
Lev 26:39 Those who are left among you will waste away in their sins, there in your enemies' lands, and because of their fathers' sins, they will waste away as well.
Lev 26:40 Yet, if they confess their sins and their fathers' sin, and their treason by which they were unfaithful to me, and also their walking against me,
Lev 26:41 which caused me to turn against them, and I brought them into the land of their enemies, if their uncircumcised hearts become humbled, and if they accept the punishment for their sins,
Lev 26:42 then will I call to mind my covenant with Jacob, my covenant with Isaac, and my covenant with Abraham; also, I will call the land to mind.
Lev 26:43 The land will be abandoned by them, so it will be pleased with its Sabbaths, while it lies abandoned without them. They will have to pay the penalty for their sins, because they themselves rejected my decrees and detested my laws.
Lev 26:44 Yet despite all this, when they are in their enemies' land, I will not reject them, neither will I detest them, so as to completely destroy them and do away with my covenant with them, for I am Yehowah their Divine One.
Lev 26:45 But for their sakes, I will call to mind the covenant with their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the ethnicities, so that I might be their Divine One. I am Yehowah."
Lev 26:46 These are the commandments, decrees, and laws that Yehowah made between himself and the people of Israel at Mount Sinai through Moses.

Leviticus Chapter 27

Lev 27:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Lev 27:2 “Speak to the people of Israel, ‘If anyone makes a special vow to Yehowah, use the following valuations.
Lev 27:3 Your standard value for a male from twenty to sixty years old must be 50-weight silver-currency, after the weight of the sanctuary (11.5 grams per weight).
Lev 27:4 For a female of the same ages your standard value must be 30-weight.
Lev 27:5 From five years to twenty years old your standard value for a male must be 20-weight and for the female 10-weight.
Lev 27:6 From one month old to five years your standard value for a male must be 5-weight silver-currency and for a female 3-weight silver-currency.
Lev 27:7 From sixty years old and up for a male your standard value must be 15-weight and for a female 10-weight.
Lev 27:8 But if the person making the vow cannot pay the standard value, then the person being given must be presented to the priest, and the priest will value that person by the amount the one making the vow is able to afford.
Lev 27:9 If someone wants to sacrifice an animal to Yehowah, and if Yehowah accepts it, then that animal will be set apart to him.
Lev 27:10 The person must not alter or change such an animal, a good one for a bad one or a bad for a good. If he does at all change one animal for another, then both it and the one for which it is exchanged become set apart.
Lev 27:11 However, if what the person has vowed to give Yehowah is in fact unclean, so that Yehowah will not accept it, then the person must bring the animal to a priest.
Lev 27:12 The priest will value it by the market value of the animal. Whatever value the priest places on the animal, that will be its value.
Lev 27:13 If the owner wishes to redeem it, then a fifth of its value is to be added to its redemption price.
Lev 27:14 When a man sets apart his house as a set-apart gift to Yehowah, then the priest will set its value as either good or bad. Whatever the priest values it, so it will be.
Lev 27:15 But if the owner who set apart his home wishes to redeem it, he must add a fifth of its value to its redemption price, and it will belong to him.
Lev 27:16 If a man sets apart some of his own land, then the valuation of it will be in proportion to the amount of seed required to plant it, 50-weight silver-currency for each 220 liters of barley seed.
Lev 27:17 If he sets apart his field during the year of Jubilee, the valuation of it will stand.

Lev 27:18 But if he sets apart his field after the year of Jubilee, then the priest must calculate the value of the field by the number of years that remain until the next year of Jubilee, and the valuation of it must be reduced.
Lev 27:19 If the man who set apart the field wishes to redeem it, then he must add a fifth to the valuation, and it will belong to him.
Lev 27:20 If he does not redeem the field, or if he has sold the field to another man, it cannot be redeemed any more.
Lev 27:21 Instead, the field, when it is released in the year of Jubilee, will be a set-apart gift to Yehowah, like the field that has been completely given to Yehowah. It will belong to the priest.
Lev 27:22 If a man sets apart a field that he has bought, but that field is not part of his family's land,
Lev 27:23 then the priest will figure the valuation of it up to the year of Jubilee, and the man must pay its value on that day as a set-apart gift to Yehowah.
Lev 27:24 In the year of Jubilee, the field will return to the man from whom it was bought, to the land's owner.
Lev 27:25 All the valuations must be set by the weight of the sanctuary scales (1 weight = 11.5 grams; Prov. 11:1). Twenty small weights must be the equivalent of one weight.
Lev 27:26 No one may set apart the firstborn among animals, since the firstborn is already for Yehowah; whether ox or sheep, it belongs to Yehowah.
Lev 27:27 If it is an unclean animal, then the owner may buy it back at the valuation of it, and a fifth must be added to that value. If the animal is not redeemed, then it is to be sold at the set value.
Lev 27:28 But nothing that a man devotes to Yehowah, from all that he has, whether human or animal, or his family land, may be sold or redeemed. Everything that is devoted is very set apart to Yehowah.
Lev 27:29 No ransom may be paid for the person who is devoted for destruction. That person must be executed.
Lev 27:30 All the tithe of the land, whether grain grown on the land or fruit from the trees, belongs to Yehowah. It is set apart to Yehowah.
Lev 27:31 If a man redeems any of his tithe, he must add a fifth to its value.
Lev 27:32 As for every tenth of the herd or the flock, whatever passes under the shepherd's trekking pole, one-tenth must be set apart to Yehowah.
Lev 27:33 The shepherd must not search for the better or the worse animals, and he must not substitute one for another. If he changes it at all, then both it and that for which it is changed will be set apart. It cannot be redeemed.'"
Lev 27:34 These are the commandments that Yehowah gave at Mount Sinai to Moses for the people of Israel.

Book of Numbers

Numbers Chapter 1

Num 1:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses in the Tent of Meeting in the Sinai wilderness. This happened on the first of the second month during the second year (c. 1649 BC), after the people of Israel had come out from the land of Egypt. He ordered,
Num 1:2 “Conduct a census of all the men of Israel in each clan, in their fathers’ families. Count them by name. Count every male, each man
Num 1:3 who is twenty years old or older. Count all who can fight as soldiers for Israel. You and Aaron must record the number of men in their armed forces.
Num 1:4 A man from each tribe, a clan head, must serve with you as his tribe’s leader. Each leader must lead the men who will fight for his tribe.
Num 1:5 These are the names of the leaders who must fight with you: from the tribe of Reuben, Elizur son of Shedeur;
Num 1:6 from the tribe of Simeon, Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai;
Num 1:7 from the tribe of Judah, Nahshon son of Amminadab;
Num 1:8 from the tribe of Issachar, Nethanel son of Zuar;
Num 1:9 from the tribe of Zebulun, Eliab son of Helon;
Num 1:10 from the tribe of Ephraim son of Joseph, Elishama son of Ammihud; from the tribe of Manasseh, Gamaliel son of Pedahzur;
Num 1:11 from the tribe of Benjamin, Abidan son of Gideoni;
Num 1:12 from the tribe of Dan, Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai;
Num 1:13 from the tribe of Asher, Pagiel son of Ochran;
Num 1:14 from the tribe of Gad, Eliasaph son of Deuel;
Num 1:15 and from the tribe of Naphtali, Ahira son of Enan.”
Num 1:16 These were the men appointed from the people. They led their ancestors’ tribes. They were the leaders of the clans in Israel.
Num 1:17 Moses and Aaron took these men, who were recorded by name,
Num 1:18 and along with these men they assembled all the men of Israel on the first of the second month. Then each man twenty years old and older identified his ancestry. He had to name the clans and families descended from his ancestors.
Num 1:19 Then Moses recorded their numbers in the wilderness of Sinai, as Yehowah had commanded him to do.
Num 1:20 From the descendants of Reuben, Israel’s firstborn, were counted all the names of each and every man twenty years old or older able to go to war, from the genealogical records of their ancestor’s clans and families.
Num 1:21 They counted 46,500 men from the tribe of Reuben.

Num 1:22 From the descendants of Simeon were counted all the names of each and every man twenty years old or older able to go to war, from the records of their ancestor's clans and families.
Num 1:23 They counted 59,300 men from the tribe of Simeon.
Num 1:24 From the descendants of Gad were counted all the names of each and every man twenty years old or older able to go to war, from the records of their ancestor's clans and families.
Num 1:25 They counted 45,650 men from the tribe of Gad.
Num 1:26 From the descendants of Judah were counted all the names of each and every man twenty years old or older able to go to war, from the records of their ancestor's clans and families.
Num 1:27 They counted 74,600 men from the tribe of Judah.
Num 1:28 From the descendants of Issachar were counted all the names of each and every man twenty years old or older able to go to war, from the records of their ancestor's clans and families.
Num 1:29 They counted 54,400 men from the tribe of Issachar.
Num 1:30 From the descendants of Zebulun were counted all the names of each and every man twenty years old or older able to go to war, from the records of their ancestor's clans and families.
Num 1:31 They counted 57,400 men from the tribe of Zebulun.
Num 1:32 From the descendants of Ephraim son of Joseph were counted all the names of each and every man twenty years old or older able to go to war, from the records of their ancestor's clans and families.
Num 1:33 They counted 40,500 men from the tribe of Ephraim.
Num 1:34 From the descendants of Manasseh son of Joseph were counted all the names of each and every man twenty years old or older able to go to war, from the records of their ancestor's clans and families.
Num 1:35 They counted 32,200 men from the tribe of Manasseh.
Num 1:36 From the descendants of Benjamin were counted all the names of each and every man twenty years old or older able to go to war, from the records of their ancestor's clans and families.
Num 1:37 They counted 35,400 men from the tribe of Benjamin.
Num 1:38 From the descendants of Dan were counted all the names of each and every man twenty years old or older able to go to war, from the records of their ancestor's clans and families.
Num 1:39 They counted 62,700 from the tribe of Dan.
Num 1:40 From the descendants of Asher were counted all the names of each and every man twenty years old or older able to go to war, from the records of their ancestor's clans and families.
Num 1:41 They counted 41,500 men from the tribe of Asher.

Num 1:42 From the descendants of Naphtali were counted all the names of each and every man twenty years old or older able to go to war, from the records of their ancestor's clans and families.
Num 1:43 They counted 53,400 from the tribe of Naphtali.
Num 1:44 Moses and Aaron counted all these men, together with the twelve men who were leading the twelve tribes of Israel.
Num 1:45 So all the men of Israel from twenty years old and older, all who could fight in war, were counted in each of their families.
Num 1:46 They counted 603,550 men.
Num 1:47 But the men who were descended from Levi were not counted,
Num 1:48 because Yehowah had ordered Moses,
Num 1:49 "You must not count the tribe of Levi or include them in the total of the people of Israel.
Num 1:50 Instead, assign the Levites to care for the tabernacle of the covenant decrees, and to care for all the furnishings in the tabernacle and for everything in it. The Levites must carry the tabernacle, and they must carry the tabernacle's furnishings. They must care for the tabernacle and make their camp around it.
Num 1:51 When the tabernacle is to move to another place, the Levites must take it down. When the tabernacle is to be set up, the Levites must set it up. Any foreigner who comes near the tabernacle must be executed.
Num 1:52 When the people of Israel set up their tents, each man must do so near the banner that belongs to his armed force.
Num 1:53 However, the Levites must set up their tents around the tabernacle of the covenant decrees, so that my anger does not come upon the people of Israel. The Levites must care for the tabernacle of the covenant decrees."
Num 1:54 The people of Israel did all these things. They did everything that Yehowah commanded through Moses.

Numbers Chapter 2

Num 2:1 Yehowah spoke again to Moses and Aaron,
Num 2:2 “Each one of the Israelis must camp around his standard, with the banners of their fathers’ households. They will camp around the Tent of Meeting on every side.
Num 2:3 Those will be camping on the east of the Tent of Meeting, where the sun rises, they are the camp of Judah, and they are camping under their standard, by their armed forces. Nahshon son of Amminadab is the leader of the people of Judah.
Num 2:4 His armed force, the number of the people of Judah totaled 74,600.
Num 2:5 The tribe of Issachar must camp next to Judah. Nethanel son of Zuar must lead the military force of Issachar.
Num 2:6 The number in his military division totaled 54,400 men.
Num 2:7 The tribe of Zebulun must camp next to Issachar. Eliab son of Helon must lead the military force of Zebulun.
Num 2:8 The number in his military division totaled 57,400.
Num 2:9 All the number of the camp of Judah totaled 186,400, by their armed forces. They will set out first.
Num 2:10 On the south side will be the camp of Reuben under their standard, by their armed forces. The leader of the camp of Reuben is Elizur son of Shedeur.
Num 2:11 The number in his military division totaled 46,500.
Num 2:12 Simeon is camping next to Reuben. The leader of the people of Simeon is Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai.
Num 2:13 Those numbered in his military division totaled 59,300.
Num 2:14 The tribe of Gad is next. The leader of the people of Gad is Eliasaph son of Reuel.
Num 2:15 The number in his military division totaled 45,650.
Num 2:16 All those numbered in the camp of Reuben, according to their military divisions, totaled 151,450. They will set out second.
Num 2:17 Next, the Tent of Meeting must go out from the camp with the Levites in the middle of all the camps. They must go out from the camp in the same order as they come into the camp. Every man must be in his place, by his banner.
Num 2:18 The military divisions of the camp of Ephraim under their standard. The leader of the people of Ephraim is Elishama son of Ammihud.
Num 2:19 The number in his military division totaled 40,500.
Num 2:20 Next to them is the tribe of Manasseh. The leader of Manasseh is Gamaliel son of Pedahzur.
Num 2:21 The number in his military division totaled 32,200.

Num 2:22 Next will be the tribe of Benjamin. The leader of Benjamin is Abidan son of Gideoni.
Num 2:23 The number in his military division totaled 35,400.
Num 2:24 All those numbered in the camp of Ephraim totaled 108,100, by their armed forces. They will set out third.
Num 2:25 On the north will be the military divisions of the camp of Dan. The leader of the people of Dan is Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai.
Num 2:26 The number in his military division totaled 62,700.
Num 2:27 The people of the tribe of Asher camp next to Dan. The leader of Asher is Pagiel son of Ochran.
Num 2:28 The number in his military division totaled 41,500.
Num 2:29 The tribe of Naphtali is next. The leader of Naphtali is Ahira son of Enan.
Num 2:30 The number in his military division totaled 53,400.
Num 2:31 All those numbered in the camp with Dan totaled 157,600. They will go out from the camp last, under their banner.”
Num 2:32 These are the Israelis, numbered according to their families. All those counted in their camps, by their military divisions, are 603,550.
Num 2:33 But Moses and Aaron did not count the Levites among the people of Israel. This was as Yehowah had commanded Moses.
Num 2:34 The people of Israel did everything that Yehowah commanded Moses. They camped by their banners. They went out from the camp by their clans, in the order of their ancestor’s families.

Numbers Chapter 3

Num 3:1 Now this is the history of the descendants of Aaron and Moses, when Yehowah spoke with Moses on Mount Sinai.
Num 3:2 The names of Aaron's sons were Nadab the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
Num 3:3 These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests who were anointed, and who were ordained to serve as priests.
Num 3:4 But Nadab and Abihu fell dead before Yehowah, when they offered to him unacceptable fire in the wilderness of Sinai. Nadab and Abihu had no children, so just Eleazar and Ithamar served as priests with Aaron their father.
Num 3:5 Yehowah commanded Moses,
Num 3:6 "Bring the tribe of Levi and present them to Aaron the priest for them to help him.
Num 3:7 They must perform the duties on behalf of Aaron and the whole congregation before the Tent of Meeting. They must serve in the tabernacle.
Num 3:8 They must care for all the furnishings in the Tent of Meeting, and they must help the tribes of Israel to carry out the tabernacle service.
Num 3:9 You must give the Levites to Aaron and his sons. They are wholly given to help him serve the people of Israel.
Num 3:10 You must appoint Aaron and his sons as priests, but any foreigner who comes near must be executed."
Num 3:11 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 3:12 "Look, I have taken the Levites from among the people of Israel. I have done this instead of taking each firstborn male who is born among the people of Israel. The Levites belong to me.
Num 3:13 All the firstborn belong to me. On the day that I attacked all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I set apart for myself all the firstborn in Israel, both people and animals. They belong to me. I am Yehowah."
Num 3:14 Yehowah spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai,
Num 3:15 "Count the descendants of Levi in each family, in their ancestor's houses. Count every male who is one month old and older."
Num 3:16 Moses counted them, following the Word of Yehowah, just as he was commanded to do.
Num 3:17 The names of Levi's sons were Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
Num 3:18 The clans coming from Gershon's sons were Libni and Shimei.
Num 3:19 The clans coming from Kohath's sons were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.
Num 3:20 The clans coming from Merari's sons were Mahli and Mushi. These are the clans of the Levites, listed clan by clan.

Num 3:21 The clans of the Libnites and the Shimeites come from Gershon. These are the clans of the Gershonites.
Num 3:22 All the males from a month old and older were counted, totaling 7,500.
Num 3:23 The clans of the Gershonites must camp on the west side of the tabernacle.
Num 3:24 Eliasaph son of Lael must lead the clans of the descendants of the Gershonites.
Num 3:25 The family of Gershon must care for the Tent of Meeting including the tabernacle. They must care for the tent, its covering, and the curtain used as the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.
Num 3:26 They must care for the courtyard hangings, the curtain at the courtyard entrance, the courtyard that surrounds the sanctuary and the altar. They must care for the ropes of the Tent of Meeting and for everything in it.
Num 3:27 These clans come from Kohath: the clan of the Amramites, the clan of the Izharites, the clan of the Hebronites, and the clan of the Uzzielites. These clans belong to the Kohathites.
Num 3:28 8,600 males have been counted aged one month old and older to take care of the things that belong to Yehowah.
Num 3:29 The families of the descendants of Kohath must camp on the south side of the tabernacle.
Num 3:30 Elizaphan son of Uzziel must lead the clans of the Kohathites.
Num 3:31 They must care for the ark, the table, the menorah, the altars, the set-apart things that are used in their service, the curtain, and all the work around it.
Num 3:32 Eleazar son of Aaron the priest must lead the men who lead the Levites. He must supervise the men who care for the Set-apart Place.
Num 3:33 Two clans have come from Merari: the clan of the Mahlites and the clan of the Mushites. These clans have come from Merari.
Num 3:34 6,200 males have been counted aged one month old and older.
Num 3:35 Zuriel son of Abihail must lead the clans of Merari. They must camp on the north side of the tabernacle.
Num 3:36 The descendants of Merari must care for the framing of the tabernacle, the crossbars, posts, bases, all the hardware, and everything related to them, including
Num 3:37 the pillars and posts of the courtyard that surround the tabernacle, with their sockets, pegs, and ropes.
Num 3:38 Moses and Aaron and his sons must camp on the east side of the tabernacle, in front of the Tent of Meeting, toward the sunrise. They are responsible for the fulfillment of the duties of the sanctuary and the duties of the people of Israel. Any foreigner who approaches the sanctuary must be executed.

Num 3:39 Moses and Aaron counted all the males in the clans of Levi who were aged one month old and older, just as Yehowah commanded. They counted twenty-two thousand men.
Num 3:40 Yehowah said to Moses, “Count all the firstborn males of the people of Israel who are aged one month old and older. List their names.
Num 3:41 You must take the Levites for me, I am Yehowah, instead of all the firstborn of the people of Israel, and the livestock of the Levites instead of the firstborn of the livestock of the descendants of Israel.”
Num 3:42 Moses counted all the firstborn people of Israel as Yehowah had commanded him to do.
Num 3:43 He counted all the firstborn males by name, aged one month old and older. He counted 22,273 men.
Num 3:44 Again, Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 3:45 “Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the people of Israel, and take the Levites’ livestock instead of the people’s livestock. The Levites belong to me; I am Yehowah.
Num 3:46 You must collect 5-weight for the redemption of each of the 273 firstborn people of Israel who exceed the number of the Levites.
Num 3:47 You must use the weight of the sanctuary as your standard weight. One weight equals twenty small weights.
Num 3:48 You must give the price of redemption that you paid to Aaron and his sons.”
Num 3:49 So Moses collected the payment of redemption from those who exceeded the number of those redeemed by the Levites.
Num 3:50 Moses collected the money from the firstborn of the people of Israel. He collected 1,365-weight (approx. 15 kg), by the weight of the sanctuary scales (11.5 grams).
Num 3:51 Moses gave the redemption money to Aaron and to his sons. Moses did everything he was told to do by the Word of Yehowah, as Yehowah had commanded him.

Numbers Chapter 4

Num 4:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses and Aaron,
Num 4:2 “Conduct a census of the male descendants of Kohath from among the Levites, by their clans and ancestor’s families.
Num 4:3 Count all the men who are thirty to fifty years old. These men must join the company to serve in the Tent of Meeting.
Num 4:4 The descendants of Kohath must take care of the most set-apart things reserved for me in the Tent of Meeting.
Num 4:5 When the camp prepares to move forward, Aaron and his sons must go into the tent, take down the curtain that separates the Most Set-apart Place from the Set-apart Place and cover the Ark of the Testimony with it.
Num 4:6 They must cover the ark with antelope skins. They must spread a blue cloth over it. They must insert the poles to carry it.
Num 4:7 They are to spread a blue cloth on the table of the bread of the presence. On it they must put the dishes, spoons, bowls, and jars for pouring. Bread must always continue to be on the table.
Num 4:8 They must cover them with a scarlet cloth and again with antelope skins. They must insert poles to carry the table.
Num 4:9 They must take a blue cloth and cover the menorah, along with its lamps, tongs, trays, and all the jars of oil for the lamps, with which they ministered to it.
Num 4:10 They must put the menorah and all its accessories into a covering of antelope skins, and they must put it on a carrying frame.
Num 4:11 They must spread a cloth of blue on the gold altar. They must cover it with a covering of antelope skins and then insert the carrying poles.
Num 4:12 They must take all the equipment for the work in the Set-apart Place and wrap it in a blue cloth. They must cover it with antelope skins and put the equipment on the carrying frame.
Num 4:13 They must remove the ashes from the altar and spread a purple cloth on the altar.
Num 4:14 They must put on the carrying frame all the equipment that they use in the work of the altar. These objects are the firepans, forks, shovels, bowls, and all the other equipment for the altar. They must cover the altar with antelope skins and then insert the carrying poles.
Num 4:15 When Aaron and his sons have completely covered the Set-apart Place and all its equipment, and when the camp moves forward, then the descendants of Kohath must come to carry the Set-apart Place. If they touch the set-apart instruments, they must die. This is the work of the descendants of Kohath, to carry the furnishings in the Tent of Meeting.

Num 4:16 Eleazar son of Aaron the priest oversees the care of the oil for the light, the sweet incense, the regular grain offering, and the anointing oil. He oversees the care of the entire tabernacle and all that is in it, the Set-apart Place and its equipment."
Num 4:17 Yehowah spoke to Moses and Aaron,
Num 4:18 "Do not allow the Kohathite tribal clans to be removed from among the Levites.
Num 4:19 Protect them, that they may live and not die by doing this. When they approach the most set-apart things,
Num 4:20 they must not go in to see the Set-apart Place even for a moment, or they must die. Aaron and his sons must go in, and then Aaron and his sons must assign each of the Kohathites to his work, to his special tasks."
Num 4:21 Yehowah spoke again to Moses,
Num 4:22 "Conduct a census of the descendants of Gershon also, by their ancestor's families, by their clans.
Num 4:23 Count those who are thirty years old to fifty years old. Count all of them who will join the company to serve in the Tent of Meeting.
Num 4:24 This is the work of the clans of the Gershonites, when they serve and what they carry:
Num 4:25 They must carry the curtains of the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting, its covering, the covering of antelope skin that is on it, and the curtains for the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.
Num 4:26 They must carry the curtains of the court, the curtain for the doorway of the court's gate, which is near the tabernacle and near the altar, their ropes, and all the instruments for their service. Whatever should be done with these things, they must do it.
Num 4:27 Aaron and his sons must direct all the service of the descendants of the Gershonites, in everything that they transport and in all their service. You must assign them to all their responsibilities.
Num 4:28 This is the service of the clans of the descendants of the Gershonites for the Tent of Meeting. Ithamar son of Aaron the priest must lead them in their service.
Num 4:29 You must count the descendants of Merari by their clans and list them by their ancestor's families,
Num 4:30 from thirty years old and older up to fifty years old. Count everyone who is going to join the company and serve in the Tent of Meeting.
Num 4:31 This is their responsibility and their work in all their service for the Tent of Meeting: They must care for the framing of the tabernacle, its crossbars, posts, and sockets,

Num 4:32 along with the posts of the court around the tabernacle, their sockets, pegs, and their ropes, with all their hardware. List by name the articles they must carry.
Num 4:33 This is the service of the clans of the descendants of Merari, what they are to do for the Tent of Meeting, under the direction of Ithamar son of Aaron the priest."
Num 4:34 Moses and Aaron and the leaders of the congregation counted the descendants of the Kohathites by the clans of their ancestor's families.
Num 4:35 They counted them from thirty years old and older up to fifty years old. They counted everyone who would join the company to serve in the Tent of Meeting.
Num 4:36 They counted 2,750 men by their clans.
Num 4:37 Moses and Aaron counted all the men in the clans and families of the Kohathites who serve in the Tent of Meeting. In doing this, they obeyed what Yehowah had commanded them to do through Moses.
Num 4:38 The descendants of Gershon were counted in their clans, by their ancestor's families,
Num 4:39 from thirty to fifty years old, everyone who would join the company to serve in the Tent of Meeting.
Num 4:40 All the men, counted by their clans and their ancestor's families, numbered 2,630.
Num 4:41 Moses and Aaron counted the clans of the descendants of Gershon who would serve in the Tent of Meeting. In doing this, they obeyed what Yehowah had commanded them to do through Moses.
Num 4:42 The descendants of Merari were counted in their clans by their ancestor's families,
Num 4:43 from thirty to fifty years old, everyone who would join the company to serve in the Tent of Meeting.
Num 4:44 All the men, counted by their clans and their ancestor's families, numbered 3,200.
Num 4:45 Moses and Aaron counted all these men, the descendants of Merari. In doing this, they obeyed what Yehowah had commanded them to do through Moses.
Num 4:46 So Moses, Aaron, and the leaders of Israel counted all the Levites by their clans in their ancestral families,
Num 4:47 from thirty to fifty years old. They counted everyone who would do work in the tabernacle, and who would carry and care for the items in the Tent of Meeting.
Num 4:48 They counted 8,580 men.
Num 4:49 At the command of Yehowah, Moses counted each man, keeping count of each by the type of work he was assigned to do. He counted each man by the

kind of responsibility he would bear. In doing this, they obeyed what Yehowah had commanded them to do through Moses.

Numbers Chapter 5

Num 5:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 5:2 “Command the people of Israel to send away from the camp every leper, everyone who has an oozing sore, and whoever is unclean through touching a dead body.
Num 5:3 Whether male or female, you must send them out of the camp. They must not defile the camp, because I live in it.”
Num 5:4 The people of Israel did so. They sent them out of the camp, as Yehowah commanded Moses. The people of Israel obeyed Yehowah.
Num 5:5 Again, Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 5:6 “Speak to the people of Israel, ‘When a man or woman commits any sin, such as people do to one another, and is unfaithful to Yehowah, that person is guilty.
Num 5:7 Then he must confess the sin that he has done. He must completely pay back the price of his guilt and add to the price one-fifth more. He must give this to the one he has wronged.
Num 5:8 But if the wronged person has no close relative to receive the payment, he must pay the price for his guilt to Yehowah through a priest, along with a ram of atonement for himself, by which he makes atonement for him.
Num 5:9 Every offering of the people of Israel, the things that are set aside and brought to the priest by the people of Israel, will belong to him.
Num 5:10 The offerings of every person will be for the priest; if anyone gives anything to the priest, it will belong to him.’”
Num 5:11 Again, Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 5:12 “Speak to the people of Israel, ‘Suppose that a man’s wife turns away and sins against her husband.
Num 5:13 Then suppose that another man has sex with her. In that case, she is defiled. Even if her husband does not see it or know about it, and even if no one catches her in the act, and there is no one to testify against her,
Num 5:14 nevertheless, a spirit of jealousy might still inform the husband that his wife is defiled. However, a spirit of jealousy might falsely come on a man when his wife is not defiled.
Num 5:15 In such cases, the man should bring his wife to the priest. The husband must bring a drink offering for her. He must bring two liters of barley flour. He must pour no oil or frankincense on it, because it is a grain offering of jealousy, a memorial offering as a possible indicator of sin.
Num 5:16 The priest must bring her near and place her before Yehowah.
Num 5:17 The priest must take a jar of set-apart water and take dust from the floor of the tabernacle. He must put the dust into the water.

Num 5:18 The priest will set the woman before Yehowah, and he will untie the hair on the woman's head. He will put into her hands the grain offering of remembrance, which is the grain offering of suspicion. The priest will hold in his hand the bitter water that can bring a curse.
Num 5:19 The priest will put the woman under an oath and say to her, 'If no other man had sexual relations with you, and if you have not gone astray and committed impurity, then you will be free from this bitter water that can bring a curse.
Num 5:20 But if you, a woman under her husband, have gone astray, if you are defiled, and if some other man has had sex with you,
Num 5:21 then the priest must cause the woman to swear an oath that can bring down a curse on her, and then he must continue speaking to the woman, 'Yehowah will make you into a curse that will be shown to your people to be such. This will happen if Yehowah causes your thigh to waste away and your abdomen to swell.
Num 5:22 This water that brings the curse will go into your stomach and make your abdomen swell and your thigh waste away.' The woman is to reply, 'Yes, let that happen if I am guilty.'
Num 5:23 The priest must write these curses on a scroll, and then he must wash away the written curses into the bitter water.
Num 5:24 The priest must make the woman drink the bitter water that brings the curse. The water that brings the curse will enter her and become bitter.
Num 5:25 The priest must take the grain offering of jealousy out of the woman's hand. He must hold up the grain offering before Yehowah and bring it to the altar.
Num 5:26 The priest must take a handful of the grain offering as a memorial offering and burn it on the altar. Then he must give the woman the bitter water to drink.
Num 5:27 When he gives her the water to drink, if she is defiled, because she has committed a sin against her husband, then the water that brings the curse will enter her and become bitter. Her abdomen will swell and her thigh will waste away. The woman will be cursed among her people.
Num 5:28 But if the woman is not defiled, and if she is clean, then she must be free. She will be able to conceive children.
Num 5:29 This is the law of jealousy. It is the instruction for a woman who strays away from her husband and is defiled.
Num 5:30 It is the instruction for a man with a spirit of jealousy, when he is jealous of his wife. He must bring the woman before Yehowah, and the priest must do to her everything that this law of jealousy describes.
Num 5:31 The man will be free from guilt for bringing his wife to the priest. The woman must bear any guilt she might have.'"

Numbers Chapter 6

Num 6:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 6:2 “Speak to the people of Israel, ‘When a man or a woman separates himself to Yehowah with a special vow of a Nazirite,
Num 6:3 he must keep himself from wine and beer. He must not drink vinegar made from wine or from beer. He must not drink any grape juice or eat fresh grapes or raisins.
Num 6:4 In all the days that he is separate to me, he must eat nothing that is made from grapes, including everything made from the seeds to their skins.
Num 6:5 During all the time of his vow of separation, no razor is to be used on his head, until the days of his separation to Yehowah are fulfilled. He must be set apart to Yehowah. He must let the hair grow long on his head.
Num 6:6 During all the time that he separates himself to Yehowah, he must not come near a dead body.
Num 6:7 He must not make himself unclean even for his father, mother, brother, or sister, if they die. This is because he is separated to his Divine One, as everyone can see by his long hair.
Num 6:8 During all the time of his separation he is set apart, reserved for Yehowah.
Num 6:9 If someone quite suddenly dies beside him and defiles his consecrated head, then he must shave his head on the day of his purification, on the seventh day he must shave it.
Num 6:10 On the eighth day, he must bring two doves or two young pigeons to the priest at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.
Num 6:11 The priest must offer one bird as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering. These will atone for him, because he sinned by being near the dead body. He must consecrate his head again on that day.
Num 6:12 He must set himself apart to Yehowah for the days of his consecration. He must bring a male lamb one year old as a guilt offering. The days before he defiled himself must not be counted, because his consecration was defiled.
Num 6:13 This is the law about the Nazirite for when the time of his separation is complete. He must be brought to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.
Num 6:14 He must present his offering to Yehowah. He must offer as a burnt offering a male lamb one year old and without blemish. He must bring as a sin offering a female lamb one year old and without blemish. He must bring a ram as a peace offering that is without blemish.
Num 6:15 He must also bring a basket of unleavened bread, loaves of fine flour mixed with oil, wafers without yeast rubbed with oil, together with their grain offering and drink offerings.

Num 6:16 The priest must present them before Yehowah. He must offer his sin offering and burnt offering.
Num 6:17 With the basket of unleavened bread, he must present the ram as a sacrifice, the peace offering to Yehowah. The priest must present also the grain offering and the drink offering.
Num 6:18 The Nazirite must shave his head indicating his separation to Yehowah at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. He must take the hair from his head and put it on the fire that is under the sacrifice of peace offerings.
Num 6:19 The priest must take the boiled shoulder of the ram, one loaf of unleavened bread out of the basket, and one wafer without yeast. He must place them into the hands of the Nazirite after he has shaved his head indicating separation.
Num 6:20 The priest must wave them as an offering before Yehowah, a set-apart portion for the priest, together with the breast that was waved and the thigh that was presented for the priest. After that, the Nazirite may drink wine.
Num 6:21 This is the law for the Nazirite who vows his offering to Yehowah for his separation. Whatever else he may give, he must keep the obligations of the vow he has taken, to keep the promise indicated by the law for the Nazirite.'"
Num 6:22 Again, Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 6:23 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, 'You must bless the people of Israel in this way. You must say to them,
Num 6:24 "May Yehowah bless you and keep you.
Num 6:25 May Yehowah make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
Num 6:26 May Yehowah look on you with grace and give you peace.'"
Num 6:27 It is in this Way that they must give my name to the people of Israel. Then I will bless them."

Numbers Chapter 7

Num 7:1 On the day that Moses completed the tabernacle, he anointed it and set it apart to Yehowah, together with all of its furnishings. He did the same for the altar and all its utensils. He anointed them and set them apart to Yehowah.
Num 7:2 On that day, the leaders of Israel, the heads of their ancestor's families, offered sacrifices. These men were leading the tribes. They had overseen the counting of the men in the census.
Num 7:3 They brought their offerings before Yehowah. They brought six covered carts and twelve oxen. They brought one cart for every two leaders, and each leader brought one ox. They presented these things in front of the tabernacle.
Num 7:4 Then Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 7:5 "Accept the offerings from them and use the offerings for the work in the Tent of Meeting. Give the offerings to the Levites, to each one as his work needs them."
Num 7:6 Moses took the carts and the oxen, and he gave them to the Levites.
Num 7:7 He gave two carts and four oxen to the descendants of Gershon, because of what their work needed.
Num 7:8 He gave four carts and eight oxen to the descendants of Merari, in the care of Ithamar son of Aaron the priest. He did this because of what their work required.
Num 7:9 But he gave none of those things to the descendants of Kohath, because theirs would be the work related to the things that belong to Yehowah, that they would carry on their own shoulders.
Num 7:10 The leaders offered their goods for the dedication of the altar on the day that Moses anointed the altar. The leaders offered their sacrifices in front of the altar.
Num 7:11 Yehowah said to Moses, "Each leader must offer on his own day his sacrifice for the dedication of the altar."
Num 7:12 On the first day, Nahshon son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah, offered his sacrifice.
Num 7:13 His sacrifice was one silver platter weighing 130-weight silver-currency and one silver bowl weighing 70-weight silver-currency, by the standard weight of the sanctuary scales. Both of these objects were full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering.
Num 7:14 He gave one gold dish that weighed 114 grams and was full of incense.
Num 7:15 He gave as a burnt offering one young bull, one ram, and a one-year-old male lamb.
Num 7:16 He gave one male goat as a sin offering.

Num 7:17 He gave two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were a year old, as the sacrifice for a peace offering. This was the sacrifice of Nahshon son of Amminadab.
Num 7:18 On the second day, Nethanel son of Zuar, leader of Issachar, offered his sacrifice.
Num 7:19 He offered as his sacrifice one silver platter weighing 130-weight silver-currency and one silver bowl weighing 70-weight silver-currency, by the standard weight of the sanctuary scales. Both of these objects were full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering.
Num 7:20 He also gave one gold dish weighing 114 grams, full of incense.
Num 7:21 He gave as a burnt offering one young bull, one ram, and a one-year-old male lamb.
Num 7:22 He gave one male goat as a sin offering.
Num 7:23 He gave two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were a year old, as the sacrifice for a peace offering. This was the sacrifice of Nethanel son of Zuar.
Num 7:24 On the third day, Eliab son of Helon, leader of the descendants of Zebulun, offered his sacrifice.
Num 7:25 His sacrifice was one silver platter weighing 130-weight silver-currency and one silver bowl weighing 70-weight silver-currency, by the standard weight of the sanctuary scales. Both of these objects were full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering.
Num 7:26 He also gave one gold dish weighing 114 grams, full of incense.
Num 7:27 He gave as a burnt offering one young bull, one ram, and a one-year-old male lamb.
Num 7:28 He gave one male goat as a sin offering.
Num 7:29 He gave two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were a year old, as the sacrifice for a peace offering. This was the sacrifice of Eliab son of Helon.
Num 7:30 On the fourth day, Elizur son of Shedeur, leader of the descendants of Reuben, offered his sacrifice.
Num 7:31 His sacrifice was one silver platter weighing 130-weight silver-currency and one silver bowl weighing 70-weight silver-currency, by the standard weight of the sanctuary scales. Both of these objects were full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering.
Num 7:32 He also gave one gold dish weighing 114 grams, full of incense.
Num 7:33 He gave as a burnt offering one young bull, one ram, and a one-year-old male lamb.
Num 7:34 He gave one male goat as a sin offering.

Num 7:35 He gave two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were a year old, as the sacrifice for a peace offering. This was the sacrifice of Elizur son of Shedeur.
Num 7:36 On the fifth day, Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai, leader of the descendants of Simeon, offered his sacrifice.
Num 7:37 His sacrifice was one silver platter weighing 130-weight silver-currency and one silver bowl weighing 70-weight silver-currency, by the standard weight of the sanctuary scales. Both of these objects were full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering.
Num 7:38 He also gave one gold dish weighing 114 grams, full of incense.
Num 7:39 He gave as a burnt offering one young bull, one ram, and a one-year-old male lamb.
Num 7:40 He gave one male goat as a sin offering.
Num 7:41 He gave two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were a year old, as the sacrifice for a peace offering. This was the sacrifice of Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai.
Num 7:42 On the sixth day, Eliasaph son of Deuel, leader of the descendants of Gad, offered his sacrifice.
Num 7:43 His sacrifice was one silver platter weighing 130-weight silver-currency and one silver bowl weighing 70-weight silver-currency, by the standard weight of the sanctuary scales. Both of these objects were full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering.
Num 7:44 He also gave one gold dish weighing 114 grams, full of incense.
Num 7:45 He gave as a burnt offering one young bull, one ram, and a one-year-old male lamb.
Num 7:46 He gave one male goat as a sin offering.
Num 7:47 He gave two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were a year old, as the sacrifice for a peace offering. This was the sacrifice of Eliasaph son of Deuel.
Num 7:48 On the seventh day, Elishama son of Ammihud, leader of the descendants of Ephraim, offered his sacrifice.
Num 7:49 His sacrifice was one silver platter weighing 130-weight silver-currency and one silver bowl weighing 70-weight silver-currency, by the standard weight of the sanctuary scales. Both of these objects were full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering.
Num 7:50 He also gave one gold dish weighing 114 grams, full of incense.
Num 7:51 He gave as a burnt offering one young bull, one ram, and a one-year-old male lamb.
Num 7:52 He gave one male goat as a sin offering.

Num 7:53 He gave two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were a year old, as the sacrifice for a peace offering. This was the sacrifice of Elishama son of Ammihud.
Num 7:54 On the eighth day, Gamaliel son of Pedahzur, leader of the descendants of Manasseh, offered his sacrifice.
Num 7:55 His sacrifice was one silver platter weighing 130-weight silver-currency and one silver bowl weighing 70-weight silver-currency, by the standard weight of the sanctuary scales. Both of these objects were full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering.
Num 7:56 He also gave one gold dish weighing 114 grams, full of incense.
Num 7:57 He gave as a burnt offering one young bull, one ram, and a one-year-old male lamb.
Num 7:58 He gave one male goat as a sin offering.
Num 7:59 He gave two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were a year old, as the sacrifice for a peace offering. This was the sacrifice of Gamaliel son of Pedahzur.
Num 7:60 On the ninth day, Abidan son of Gideoni, leader of the descendants of Benjamin, offered his sacrifice.
Num 7:61 His sacrifice was one silver platter weighing 130-weight silver-currency and one silver bowl weighing 70-weight silver-currency, by the standard weight of the sanctuary scales. Both of these objects were full of fine flour mingled with oil for a grain offering.
Num 7:62 He also gave one gold dish weighing 114 grams, full of incense.
Num 7:63 He gave as a burnt offering one young bull, one ram, and a one-year-old male lamb.
Num 7:64 He gave one male goat as a sin offering.
Num 7:65 He gave two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were a year old, as the sacrifice for a peace offering. This was the sacrifice of Abidan son of Gideoni.
Num 7:66 On the tenth day, Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai, leader of the descendants of Dan, offered his sacrifice.
Num 7:67 His sacrifice was one silver platter weighing 130-weight silver-currency and one silver bowl weighing 70-weight silver-currency, by the standard weight of the sanctuary scales. Both of these objects were full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering.
Num 7:68 He also gave one gold dish weighing 114 grams, full of incense.
Num 7:69 He gave as a burnt offering one young bull, one ram, and a one-year-old male lamb.
Num 7:70 He gave one male goat as a sin offering.

Num 7:71 He gave two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were a year old, as the sacrifice for a peace offering. This was the sacrifice of Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai.
Num 7:72 On the eleventh day, Pagiel son of Ochran, leader of the descendants of Asher, offered his sacrifice.
Num 7:73 His sacrifice was one silver platter weighing 130-weight silver-currency and one silver bowl weighing 70-weight silver-currency, by the standard weight of the sanctuary scales. Both of these objects were full of fine flour mingled with oil for a grain offering.
Num 7:74 He also gave one gold dish weighing 114 grams, full of incense.
Num 7:75 He gave as a burnt offering one young bull, one ram, and a one-year-old male lamb.
Num 7:76 He gave one male goat as a sin offering.
Num 7:77 He gave two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were a year old, as the sacrifice for a peace offering. This was the sacrifice of Pagiel son of Ochran.
Num 7:78 On the twelfth day, Ahira son of Enan, leader of the descendants of Naphtali, offered his sacrifice.
Num 7:79 His sacrifice was one silver platter weighing 130-weight silver-currency and one silver bowl weighing 70-weight silver-currency, by the standard weight of the sanctuary scales. Both of these objects were full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering.
Num 7:80 He also gave one gold dish weighing 114 grams, full of incense.
Num 7:81 He gave as a burnt offering one young bull, one ram, and a one-year-old male lamb.
Num 7:82 He gave one male goat as a sin offering.
Num 7:83 He gave two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were a year old, as the sacrifice for a peace offering. This was the sacrifice of Ahira son of Enan.
Num 7:84 The leaders of Israel set all these apart on the day that Moses anointed the altar. They set apart the twelve silver platters, twelve silver bowls, and twelve gold dishes.
Num 7:85 Each silver platter weighed 130-weight silver-currency and each bowl weighed 70-weight silver-currency. All the silver vessels weighed 2,400-weight silver-currency, by the standard weight of the sanctuary scales.
Num 7:86 Each of the twelve gold dishes, full of incense, weighed one hundred fourteen grams by the standard weight of the sanctuary scales. All the gold dishes weighed 1.4 kilograms.
Num 7:87 They set apart all the animals for the burnt offerings, twelve bulls, twelve rams, and twelve year-old male lambs. They gave their grain offering. They gave twelve male goats as a sin offering.

Num 7:88 From all their livestock, they gave twenty-four bulls, sixty rams, sixty male goats, and sixty male lambs a year old, as the sacrifice for the peace offering. This was for the dedication of the altar after it was anointed.
Num 7:89 When Moses went into the Tent of Meeting to speak with Yehowah, he heard his voice speaking to him. Yehowah spoke to him from above the atonement lid on the Ark of the Testimony, from between the two cherubim. He spoke to him.

Numbers Chapter 8

Num 8:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 8:2 “Speak to Aaron, ‘The seven lamps must give light in front of the menorah when you light them.’”
Num 8:3 Aaron did this. He lit the lamps on the menorah to give light toward the front of it, as Yehowah had commanded Moses.
Num 8:4 The menorah was made in this way, and Yehowah showed Moses the pattern for it. The menorah was to be hammered gold from its base to its top, with hammered cups like blossoms.
Num 8:5 Again, Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 8:6 “Take the Levites from among the people of Israel and purify them.
Num 8:7 Do this to them to purify them: Sprinkle the water of atonement on them. Make them shave their entire body, wash their clothes, and in this way purify themselves.
Num 8:8 Then have them take a young bull and its grain offering of fine flour mingled with oil. Let them take another young bull as a sin offering.
Num 8:9 Present the Levites in front of the Tent of Meeting, and assemble the whole congregation of the people of Israel.
Num 8:10 Present the Levites before me, Yehowah. The people of Israel must lay their hands on the Levites.
Num 8:11 Aaron must offer the Levites before Yehowah, as a wave offering from the people of Israel. He must do this, so that the Levites may serve Yehowah.
Num 8:12 The Levites must place their hands on the heads of the bulls. You must offer one bull for a sin offering and the other bull for a burnt offering to Yehowah, to atone for the Levites.
Num 8:13 Present the Levites before Aaron and before his sons, and lift them up as a wave offering to Yehowah.
Num 8:14 In this way, you must separate the Levites from among the people of Israel. The Levites will belong to me.
Num 8:15 After that, the Levites must go in to serve in the Tent of Meeting. You must purify them. You must offer them as a wave offering.
Num 8:16 Do this, because they are entirely mine from among the people of Israel. They will take the place of each male child who opens the womb, the firstborn of all the descendants of Israel. I have taken the Levites for myself.
Num 8:17 All the firstborn from among the people of Israel are mine, both of people and of animals. On the day that I took the lives of all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I set them apart for myself.
Num 8:18 I have taken the Levites from among the people of Israel instead of all the firstborn.

Num 8:19 I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and his sons. I have taken them from among the people of Israel to do the work of the people of Israel in the Tent of Meeting. I have given them to atone for the people of Israel, so that no plague will harm the people when they come near to the Set-apart Place."
Num 8:20 Moses, Aaron, and the whole congregation of the people of Israel did this with the Levites. They did everything that Yehowah had commanded Moses concerning the Levites. The people of Israel did this with them.
Num 8:21 The Levites purified themselves and washed their clothing, and Aaron presented them as a wave offering to Yehowah, and he made atonement for them to cleanse them.
Num 8:22 After that, the Levites went in to do their service in the Tent of Meeting before Aaron and before Aaron's sons. This was as Yehowah had commanded Moses about the Levites. They treated all the Levites in this way.
Num 8:23 Yehowah spoke again to Moses,
Num 8:24 "All of this is for the Levites who are twenty-five years old and more. They must join the company to serve in the Tent of Meeting.
Num 8:25 They must stop serving in this way at the age of fifty years. At that age they must not serve any longer.
Num 8:26 They may help their brothers who continue to work at the Tent of Meeting, but they must serve no more. You must direct the Levites in all these matters."

Numbers Chapter 9

Num 9:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year (c. 1649 BC), after they came out from the land of Egypt,
Num 9:2 “Let the people of Israel keep the Passover at its appointment calendar time of year.
Num 9:3 On the fourteenth day of this month, at dusk, you must keep the Passover at its appointment calendar time of year. You must keep it, follow all the regulations, and obey all the decrees that are related to it.”
Num 9:4 So Moses told the people of Israel that they should keep the Festival of the Passover.
Num 9:5 So they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month, at dusk, in the wilderness of Sinai. The people of Israel obeyed everything that Yehowah commanded Moses to do.
Num 9:6 There were certain men who became unclean by the body of a dead man. They could not keep the Passover on that day. They went before Moses and Aaron on that same day.
Num 9:7 Those men asked Moses, “We are unclean because of the dead body of a man. Why do you keep us from offering the sacrifice to Yehowah at the appointment calendar festival among the people of Israel?”
Num 9:8 Moses answered them, “Wait for me to hear what Yehowah will instruct about you.”
Num 9:9 Yehowah commanded Moses,
Num 9:10 “Speak to the people of Israel. Say, ‘If any of you or your descendants are unclean because of a dead body, or are on a long journey, he may still keep the Passover to Yehowah.’
Num 9:11 They must keep the Passover on the fourteenth day of the second month, at dusk. They must eat it with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs.
Num 9:12 They must not leave it until dawn, or break any of its bones. They must follow all the regulations for the Passover.
Num 9:13 But any person who is clean and is not on a journey, but who fails to keep the Passover, that person must be cut off from his people, because he did not offer the sacrifice that Yehowah requires at the appointment calendar festival. That man must carry his sin.
Num 9:14 If a foreigner sojourns among you and keeps the Passover to honor Yehowah, he must keep it and do all he commands, keeping the rules of the Passover, and obeying the laws for it. You must have the same law for the sojourning foreigner and for all who have been born in the land.”

Num 9:15 On the day that the tabernacle was set up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the covenant decrees. At dusk, the cloud was over the tabernacle. It appeared like fire until dawn.
Num 9:16 It continued that way. The cloud covered the tabernacle and appeared like fire at night.
Num 9:17 Whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tent, the people of Israel would set out on their journey. Wherever the cloud stopped, the people would camp.
Num 9:18 At the command of Yehowah, the people of Israel would travel, and at the command of Yehowah, they would camp. While the cloud stopped over the tabernacle, they would stay in their camp.
Num 9:19 When the cloud remained on the tabernacle for many days, then the people of Israel would obey the instructions of Yehowah and not travel.
Num 9:20 Sometimes the cloud remained a few days on the tabernacle. In that case, they would obey the command of Yehowah, they would make camp and then travel on again at the command of Yehowah.
Num 9:21 Sometimes the cloud was present in camp from dusk until dawn. When the cloud lifted at dawn, they journeyed. If it continued for a day and for a night, only when the cloud lifted would they journey on.
Num 9:22 Whether the cloud stayed on the tabernacle for two days, a month, or a year, for as long as it stayed there, the people of Israel would stay in their camp and not travel. But whenever the cloud was taken up, they would set out on their journey.
Num 9:23 They would camp at the command of Yehowah, and they would travel at the command of Yehowah. They kept the watch of Yehowah and obeyed the command of Yehowah given through Moses.

Numbers Chapter 10

Num 10:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 10:2 “Make two silver trumpets. Hammer the silver to make them. You must use the trumpets to call the congregation together and to call the congregation to move their camps.
Num 10:3 The priests must blow the trumpets to call all the congregation together in front of you at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.
Num 10:4 If the priests blow only one trumpet, then the leaders, the heads of the clans of Israel, must gather to you.
Num 10:5 When you blow a loud signal, the camps on the east side must begin their journey.
Num 10:6 When you blow a loud signal the second time, the camps on the south side must begin their journey. They must blow a loud signal for their journeys.
Num 10:7 When the congregation gathers together, blow the trumpets but not loudly.
Num 10:8 The sons of Aaron, the priests, must blow the trumpets. This will always be a regulation for you throughout your people’s generations.
Num 10:9 When you go to war in your land against an adversary who oppresses you, then you must sound an alarm with the trumpets. I, Yehowah your Divine One, will call you to mind and save you from your enemies.
Num 10:10 Also, at the times of celebration, both your appointment calendar festivals and at the beginning of the months, you must blow the trumpets in honor of your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices for your peace offerings. These will act as a reminder of you to me, your Divine One. I am Yehowah your Divine One.”
Num 10:11 In the second year (c. 1649 BC), on the twentieth of the second month, the cloud was lifted from the tabernacle of the covenant decrees.
Num 10:12 The people of Israel then went on their journey from the wilderness of Sinai and traveled and rested at many encampments, until the cloud stopped in the wilderness of Paran (Num. 33:15ff; Deut. 2:14; Num 13:25-26a).
Num 10:13 They made their first journey, following the command of Yehowah given through Moses.
Num 10:14 The camp under the banner of Judah’s descendants went out first, moving out their individual armed forces. Nahshon son of Amminadab led Judah’s military force.
Num 10:15 Nethanel son of Zuar led the military force of the tribe of Issachar’s descendants.
Num 10:16 Eliab son of Helon led the military force of the tribe of Zebulun’s descendants.

Num 10:17 The descendants of Gershon and of Merari, who cared for the tabernacle, took down the tabernacle and then set out on their journey.
Num 10:18 Next, the armed forces under the banner of Reuben's camp set out on their journey. Elizur son of Shedeur led Reuben's military force.
Num 10:19 Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai led the military force of the tribe of Simeon's descendants.
Num 10:20 Eliasaph son of Deuel led the military force of the tribe of Gad's descendants.
Num 10:21 The Kohathites set out. They carried the sanctuary's consecrated equipment. Others would set up the tabernacle before the Kohathites arrived at the next camp.
Num 10:22 The armed forces under the banner of Ephraim's descendants set out next. Elishama son of Ammihud led Ephraim's military force.
Num 10:23 Gamaliel son of Pedahzur led the military force of the tribe of Manasseh's descendants.
Num 10:24 Abidan son of Gideoni led the military force of the tribe of Benjamin's descendants.
Num 10:25 The armed forces that camped under the banner of Dan's descendants set out last. Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai led Dan's military force.
Num 10:26 Pagiel son of Ochran led the military force of the tribe of Asher's descendants.
Num 10:27 Ahira son of Enan led the military force of the tribe of Naphtali's descendants.
Num 10:28 This is the way that the armed forces of the people of Israel set out on their journey.
Num 10:29 Moses spoke to Hobab son of Reuel the Midianite. Reuel (Jethro) was the father of Moses' wife. Moses spoke to Hobab, "We are traveling to a place that Yehowah described. Yehowah said, 'I will give it to you.' Come with us, and we will do you good. Yehowah has promised to do good for Israel."
Num 10:30 But Hobab answered Moses, "I will not go with you. I will go to my own land and my own people."
Num 10:31 Then Moses replied, "Please do not leave us. You know how to camp in the wilderness. You must watch out for us.
Num 10:32 If you go with us, we will do for you the same good that Yehowah does to us."
Num 10:33 They journeyed from the Mountain of Yehowah (Mount Sinai) for three days. The Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah went before them for three days to find a place for them to rest.
Num 10:34 The cloud of Yehowah was over them by daylight as they journeyed.
Num 10:35 Whenever the ark set out, Moses would say, "Rise up, Yehowah. Scatter your enemies. Make those who hate you run from you."

Num 10:36 Whenever the ark stopped, Moses would say, “Return, Yehowah, to Israel’s many tens of thousands.”

Numbers Chapter 11

Num 11:1 Now the people complained about their troubles as Yehowah listened. Yehowah heard the people and became angry. Fire from Yehowah burned among them and consumed some of the camp on its edges.
Num 11:2 Then people called out to Moses, so Moses prayed to Yehowah, and the fire stopped.
Num 11:3 That place was named Taberah, because the fire of Yehowah burned among them.
Num 11:4 Some foreign people began to camp with Israel's descendants. They wanted better food to eat. Then the people of Israel began to weep and whine, "Who will give us meat to eat?
Num 11:5 We remember the fish that we ate freely in Egypt, the melons, the watermelons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic.
Num 11:6 Now our appetite is gone, because all we can see is this manna."
Num 11:7 Manna was like coriander seed. It looked like resin.
Num 11:8 The people walked around and gathered it. They ground it in mills, beat it in mortars, boiled it in pots, and made it into cakes. It tasted like fresh olive oil.
Num 11:9 When the dew fell on the camp in the night, the manna also fell.
Num 11:10 Moses heard the people weeping in their families, and every man was at the entrance to his tent. The anger of Yehowah blazed up, and in Moses' eyes their complaining was wrong.
Num 11:11 Moses asked Yehowah, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why are you not pleased with me? You make me carry the load of all these people.
Num 11:12 Did I conceive all these people? Have I given them birth, so that you should say to me, 'Carry them closely to your chest as a father carries a baby?' Should I carry them to the land that you swore to their ancestors to give them?
Num 11:13 Where can I find meat to give to all this people? They are weeping in front of me and are demanding, 'Give us meat to eat!'
Num 11:14 I cannot bear all these people alone. They are too much for me.
Num 11:15 Since you are treating me this way, kill me now, if you are kind to me, and take away my misery."
Num 11:16 Yehowah ordered Moses, "Bring to me seventy of Israel's elders. Be sure that they are elders and officers of the people. Bring them to the Tent of Meeting to stand there with you.
Num 11:17 I will come down and talk with you there. I will take some of the Ruach that is on you and put him on them. They will bear the burden of the people with you. You will not have to bear it alone.

Num 11:18 Say to the people, ‘Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow you will indeed eat meat, for you have wept, and Yehowah has heard. You complained, “Who will give us meat to eat? It was good for us in Egypt.” Therefore, Yehowah will give you meat, and you will eat it.
Num 11:19 You will not eat meat for only one day, two days, five days, ten days, or twenty days,
Num 11:20 but you will eat meat for a whole month, until it comes out of your nostrils. It will disgust you, because you have rejected Yehowah, who is among you. You have wept before him. You whined, “Why did we leave Egypt?”’”
Num 11:21 Then Moses said, “I am with 600,000 soldiers, and you have said, ‘I will give them meat to eat for a whole month.’
Num 11:22 Should we kill flocks and herds to satisfy them? Should we catch all the fish in the sea to satisfy them?”
Num 11:23 Yehowah said to Moses, “Is the powerful hand of Yehowah inadequate? Now you will see whether or not my word is true.”
Num 11:24 Moses went out and told the people the words of Yehowah. He gathered seventy of the people’s elders and positioned them around the tent.
Num 11:25 Yehowah came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Yehowah took some of the Ruach that was on Moses and put him on the seventy elders. When the Ruach rested on them, they prophesied, but only on that occasion and not again.
Num 11:26 Two men remained in the camp, named Eldad and Medad. The Ruach also rested on them. Their names were written on the list, but they had not gone out to the tent. Nevertheless, they prophesied in the camp.
Num 11:27 A young man in the camp ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp!”
Num 11:28 Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ assistant, one of his chosen men, entreated Moses, “My master Moses, stop them!”
Num 11:29 Moses answered him, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all of the people of Yehowah were prophets, and that Yehowah would put his Ruach on them all!”
Num 11:30 Then Moses and the elders of Israel went back to the camp.
Num 11:31 Then a wind came from Yehowah and brought quail from the sea. They fell near the camp, about a day’s journey on one side and a day’s journey on the other side. The quail surrounded the camp about a meter above the ground.
Num 11:32 The people were busy gathering quail all that day, all the night, and all the next day. No one gathered less than two cubic meters of quail. They shared the quail all through the camp.

Num 11:33 While the meat was still between their teeth, while they were chewing it, Yehowah became angry at them. Yehowah attacked the people with a terribly great disease.
Num 11:34 That place was named Kibroth Hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had craved meat.
Num 11:35 From Kibroth Hattaavah the people traveled to Hazeroth, where they stayed.

Numbers Chapter 12

Num 12:1 Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses, because of the Cushite woman whom he had married.
Num 12:2 They asked, “Has Yehowah spoken only with Moses? Has he not spoken also with us?” Now Yehowah heard what they asked.
Num 12:3 Now the man Moses was exceedingly humble, meeker than anyone else on earth.
Num 12:4 Right away Yehowah spoke to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam: “Come out, you three, to the Tent of Meeting.” So the three of them went out.
Num 12:5 Then Yehowah came down in a pillar of cloud. He stood at the entrance to the tent and called Aaron and Miriam. They both came forward.
Num 12:6 Yehowah said, “Now listen to my words. When a prophet of mine is with you, I will reveal myself to him in visions and speak to him in dreams.
Num 12:7 My servant Moses is not like that. He is faithful in all my household.
Num 12:8 I speak to Moses directly, not with visions or riddles. He sees the form of Yehowah. So why are you unafraid to speak against my servant, against Moses?”
Num 12:9 The anger of Yehowah burned against them, and then he left them.
Num 12:10 The cloud rose from over the tent, and Miriam was suddenly leprous, she was as white as snow. When Aaron turned toward Miriam, he saw that she had leprosy.
Num 12:11 Aaron entreated Moses, “Oh, my master, please do not hold this sin against us! We have spoken foolishly, and we have sinned.
Num 12:12 Please do not let her be like a dead newborn whose flesh is half consumed when it emerges from its mother’s womb.”
Num 12:13 So Moses called out to Yehowah, “Please heal her, Almighty One, please!”
Num 12:14 Yehowah replied to Moses, “If her father had spit in her face, she would be disgraced for seven days. Shut her outside the camp for seven days. After that bring her in again.”
Num 12:15 So Miriam was shut outside the camp for seven days. The people did not journey, until she had returned to the camp.
Num 12:16 After that, the people journeyed from Hazeroth and camped in the wilderness of Paran.

Numbers Chapter 13

Num 13:1 Then Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 13:2 “Send some men to examine the land of Canaan, which I have given to the people of Israel. Send a man from every tribe of their ancestors. Each man must be a leader among them.”
Num 13:3 Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran, so that they might obey the command of Yehowah. All of them were leaders among the people of Israel.
Num 13:4 These were their names: from the tribe of Reuben, Shammua son of Zaccur;
Num 13:5 from the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat son of Hori;
Num 13:6 from the tribe of Judah, Caleb (40 yrs old, c. 1649 BC; Josh. 14:7) son of Jephunneh;
Num 13:7 from the tribe of Issachar, Igal son of Joseph;
Num 13:8 from the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea (Joshua, approx. 47 yrs old, c. 1649 BC; Josh. 24:29; Judg. 2:8) son of Nun;
Num 13:9 from the tribe of Benjamin, Palti son of Raphu;
Num 13:10 from the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel son of Sodi;
Num 13:11 from the tribe of Joseph, that is to say, from the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi son of Susi;
Num 13:12 from the tribe of Dan, Ammiel son of Gemalli;
Num 13:13 from the tribe of Asher, Sethur son of Michael;
Num 13:14 from the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi son of Vophsi;
Num 13:15 from the tribe of Gad, Geuel son of Machi.
Num 13:16 These were the names of the men whom Moses sent to examine the land. Moses called Hoshea son of Nun by the name of Joshua (Yehoshua; Neh. 8:17).
Num 13:17 Moses sent them to examine the land of Canaan. He commanded them, “Approach from the Negev and go up into the hill country.
Num 13:18 Examine the land to see what it is like. Observe the people who live there, whether they are strong or weak, and whether they are few or many.
Num 13:19 See what the land is like where they live. Is it good or bad? What cities are there? Are they like camps, or are they fortified cities?
Num 13:20 See what the land is like, whether it is good for growing crops or not, and whether there are trees there or not. Be brave and bring back samples of the land’s produce.” Now the time was the season for the first ripe grapes.
Num 13:21 So the men went up and examined the land from the wilderness of Sin to Rehob, near Lebo Hamath.

Num 13:22 They went up from the Negev and arrived at Hebron. Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, clans descended from Anak (giant), were there. Now Hebron had been built seven years before Zoan (Tanis) in Egypt.
Num 13:23 When they reached the Valley of Eshcol, they cut down a branch with one cluster of grapes. They carried it on a trekking pole between two of their group. They also brought pomegranates and figs.
Num 13:24 That place was named the Valley of Eshcol, because of the grape cluster that the people of Israel cut down there.
Num 13:25 After forty days, they returned from examining the land.
Num 13:26 They came back to Moses, Aaron, and all the congregation of the people of Israel in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh (modern Tabuk, Saudi Arabia). They brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the produce from the land.
Num 13:27 They reported to Moses, “We reached the land to which you sent us. It certainly flows with milk and honey. Here is some produce from it.
Num 13:28 However, the people who make their homes there are strong. The cities are fortified and extremely large. We also saw descendants of Anak there.
Num 13:29 The Amalekites live in the Negev. The Hethites, Jebusites, and Amorites have their homes in the hill country. The Canaanites live by the Sea and along the Jordan River.”
Num 13:30 Then Caleb silenced the people who were before Moses and exclaimed, “Let us go up immediately and take possession of the land, for we are certainly able to conquer it!”
Num 13:31 But the other men who had gone with him reported, “We are not able to attack the people, because they are stronger than we are.”
Num 13:32 So they spread around a discouraging intelligence report to the people of Israel about the land that they had examined. They reported, “The land that we looked at is a land that eats up its inhabitants. All the people whom we saw there are people of great height.
Num 13:33 There we saw giants (Nephilim), descendants of Anak, people who came from giants. In our own sight we were like grasshoppers in comparison with them, and this is also what we were in their sight” (Gen. 6:4).

Numbers Chapter 14

Num 14:1 That night all the congregation wept loudly.
Num 14:2 All the people of Israel criticized Moses and Aaron. The whole congregation complained to them, “We wish we had died in the land of Egypt, or here in this wilderness!
Num 14:3 Why did Yehowah bring us to this land to die by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become victims. Is it not better for us to return to Egypt?”
Num 14:4 They said to each other, “Let us choose another leader, and let us return to Egypt.”
Num 14:5 Then Moses and Aaron lay facedown before all the assembly of the congregation of the people of Israel.
Num 14:6 Joshua, son of Nun, and Caleb, son of Jephunneh, who were some of those sent to examine the land, tore their clothes.
Num 14:7 They spoke to all the congregation of the people of Israel. They testified, “The land that we passed through and examined is an extremely good land.
Num 14:8 If Yehowah is pleased with us, then he will take us into this land and give it to us. The land flows with milk and honey.
Num 14:9 But do not rebel against Yehowah and do not fear the people in the land. We will consume them as easily as food. Their protection will be removed from them, because Yehowah is with us. Do not fear them!”
Num 14:10 But all the congregation threatened to execute them by stoning. Then the glory of Yehowah appeared at the Tent of Meeting to all the people of Israel.
Num 14:11 Yehowah declared to Moses, “How long must this people despise me? How long must they fail to trust me, despite all the signs of my power that I have done among them?
Num 14:12 I will attack them with plague, disinherit them, and make from your own clan a nation that will be greater and mightier than they are.”
Num 14:13 Moses responded to Yehowah, “If you do this, then the Egyptians will hear about it, because you rescued this people from them by your power.
Num 14:14 They will tell it to this land’s inhabitants. They have heard that you, Yehowah, are present with this people, because you are seen face to face. Your cloud stands over our people. You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night.
Num 14:15 Now if you kill this people as one man, then the ethnicities that have heard of your fame will say,
Num 14:16 ‘Because Yehowah could not take this people into the land that he swore to give them, he has killed them in the wilderness.’
Num 14:17 Now I beg you, Lord, use your great power. For you have said,

Num 14:18 ‘Yehowah is slow to anger and abundant in covenant faithfulness. He forgives iniquity and transgression. He will by no means clear the guilty, when he brings the punishment of the ancestors’ sin on their descendants, to the third and fourth generation.’
Num 14:19 Pardon this people’s sin because of the greatness of your covenant faithfulness, just as you have always forgiven this people from the time they were in Egypt until now.”
Num 14:20 Yehowah responded, “I have pardoned them in keeping with your request,
Num 14:21 but truly, as I live, and as all the earth will be filled with the glory of Yehowah,
Num 14:22 all those people who saw my glory and the signs of power that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, they have still tempted me these ten times and have not listened to my voice.
Num 14:23 So I say that they will certainly not see the land about which I made an oath to their ancestors. Not one of them who despised me will see it,
Num 14:24 except for my servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit. He has followed me fully; I will bring him into the land which he went to examine. His descendants will possess it.
Num 14:25 Now the Amalekites and Canaanites live in the valley. Tomorrow, turn and go to the wilderness by the way of the End Salt Sea.”
Num 14:26 Yehowah spoke to Moses and Aaron,
Num 14:27 “How long must I tolerate this evil congregation that criticizes me? I have heard the complaining of the people of Israel against me.
Num 14:28 Say to them, ‘As I live,’ declares Yehowah, ‘as you have spoken in my hearing, I will do this to you:
Num 14:29 Your dead bodies will fall in this wilderness, all you who complained against me, you who were counted in the census, the whole number of the people from twenty years old and upward.
Num 14:30 You will certainly not go into the land that I promised to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun.
Num 14:31 But your little ones, who you said would be victims, I will take them into the land. They will experience the land that you have rejected!
Num 14:32 As for you, your dead bodies will fall in this wilderness.
Num 14:33 Your children will be shepherds in the wilderness for forty years. They must bear the consequences of your acts of rebellion, until the end of your corpses in the wilderness.
Num 14:34 Just as the number of the days during which you examined the land, forty days, you must likewise bear the consequences of your sins for forty years, one year for every day, and you must know what it is like to be my enemy.

Num 14:35 I, Yehowah, have spoken. I will certainly do this to all this evil congregation that is gathered together against me. They will be completely cut off, and here they will die.'"
Num 14:36 So the men whom Moses had sent to look at the land all died by the plague before Yehowah.
Num 14:37 These were the men who had returned and brought a bad intelligence report about the land. This made all the congregation complain against Moses.
Num 14:38 Of those men who had gone to look at the land, only Joshua, son of Nun, and Caleb, son of Jephunneh, remained alive.
Num 14:39 When Moses reported these words to all the people of Israel, they mourned deeply.
Num 14:40 They rose up at the crack of dawn and went to the top of the mountain and confessed, "Look, we are here, and we will go to the place that Yehowah has promised, for we have sinned."
Num 14:41 But Moses responded, "Why are you now violating the command of Yehowah? You will not succeed.
Num 14:42 Do not go, because Yehowah is not with you to prevent you from being defeated by your enemies.
Num 14:43 The Amalekites and Canaanites are there, and you will die by the sword, because you turned back from following Yehowah. So Yehowah will not be with you."
Num 14:44 But they presumed to go up into the hill country; however, neither Moses nor the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah left the camp.
Num 14:45 Then the Amalekites came down, and also the Canaanites who lived on those hills. They attacked the Israelis and defeated them all the way to Hormah.

Numbers Chapter 15

Num 15:1 Then Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 15:2 “Speak to the people of Israel, ‘When you go into the land where you will live, which Yehowah will give to you,
Num 15:3 you are to prepare an offering by fire to Yehowah, either a burnt offering or a sacrifice to fulfill a vow or a freewill offering, or an offering at your appointment calendar festivals, to produce a pleasing aroma for Yehowah from the herd or the flock.
Num 15:4 You must offer to Yehowah a burnt offering as well as a grain offering of two liters of fine flour mixed with 1.5 liters of oil.
Num 15:5 You must also offer with the burnt offering, or for the sacrifice, 1.5 liters of wine for the drink offering for each lamb.
Num 15:6 If you are offering a ram, you must prepare as a grain offering 4 liters of fine flour mixed with two liters of oil.
Num 15:7 For the drink offering, you must offer two liters of wine. It will produce a sweet aroma for Yehowah.
Num 15:8 When you prepare a bull as a burnt offering or as a sacrifice to fulfill a vow, or as a peace offering to Yehowah,
Num 15:9 then you must offer with the bull a grain offering of 6 liters of fine flour mixed with three liters of oil.
Num 15:10 You must offer as the drink offering three liters of wine, as an offering made by fire, to produce a sweet aroma for Yehowah.
Num 15:11 It must be done this way for each bull, for each ram, and for each of the male lambs or young goats.
Num 15:12 Every sacrifice that you prepare and offer must be done as described here.
Num 15:13 All who are native-born Israelis must do these things in this way, when anyone brings an offering made by fire, to produce an aroma that is pleasing to Yehowah.
Num 15:14 If a sojourning foreigner is staying with you, or whoever may live among you throughout your people’s generations, he must make an offering made by fire, to produce a sweet aroma for Yehowah. He must act as you act.
Num 15:15 There must be the same law for the congregation and for your proselyte who stays with you, a permanent law throughout your people’s generations. As you are, so also must be the proselyte staying with you. He must act as you act before Yehowah.
Num 15:16 The same law and decree must apply to you and to your proselyte who is staying with you.’”
Num 15:17 Again, Yehowah spoke to Moses,

Num 15:18 “Speak to the people of Israel, ‘When you come into the land where I will take you,
Num 15:19 when you eat the food produced in the land, you must offer an offering and present it to me.
Num 15:20 From the first of your dough, you must offer a loaf to raise it up as a raised offering from the threshing floor. You must raise it up in this way.
Num 15:21 You must give to me a raised offering throughout your people’s generations from the first of your dough.
Num 15:22 You will sometimes sin without intending to do so, when you do not obey all these commands that Yehowah has spoken to Moses,
Num 15:23 everything that Yehowah has commanded you through Moses from the day that Yehowah began to give you commands and onward throughout your people’s generations.
Num 15:24 In the case of unintentional sin without the congregation’s knowledge, then all the congregation must offer one young bull as a burnt offering to produce a sweet aroma for Yehowah. Along with this must be made a grain offering and drink offering, as commanded by the decree, and one male goat as a sin offering.
Num 15:25 The priest must make atonement for all the congregation of the people of Israel. They will be forgiven, because the sin was an error. They have brought their sacrifice, an offering made by fire to Yehowah. They have brought their sin offering before Yehowah for their error.
Num 15:26 Then all the congregation of the people of Israel will be forgiven, and also the sojourning foreigners who are staying with them, because all the people committed the sin unintentionally.
Num 15:27 If a person sins unintentionally, then he must offer a female goat a year old as a sin offering.
Num 15:28 The priest must make atonement before Yehowah for the person who sins unintentionally. That person will be forgiven when atonement has been made.
Num 15:29 You must have the same law for the one who does anything unintentionally, the same law for the one who is native born among the people of Israel and for the sojourning foreigners who are staying among them.
Num 15:30 But the person who does anything in defiance, whether he is native born or a sojourning alien, blasphemes Yehowah. That person must be cut off from among his people.
Num 15:31 Because he has despised the Word of Yehowah and has broken his commandment, that person must be cut off completely. His sin will be on him.’”
Num 15:32 While the people of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering wood on the Sabbath day.

Num 15:33 Those who found him gathering wood brought him to Moses, Aaron, and all the congregation.
Num 15:34 They kept him in custody, because it had not been declared what should be done with him.
Num 15:35 Then Yehowah spoke to Moses, “The man must surely be executed. All the congregation must stone him with stones outside the camp.”
Num 15:36 So all the congregation brought him outside the camp and stoned him to death as Yehowah had commanded Moses.
Num 15:37 Again Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 15:38 “Speak to the descendants of Israel and command them to make for themselves tassels to hang from the corner of their garments, to put a blue string in the tassels on each corner (Mat. 23:5). They must do this throughout their people’s generations.
Num 15:39 It will be a tassel as a special reminder to you, when you look at it, of all the commandments of Yehowah, to carry them out, so that you do not look to your own heart and your own eyes, and prostitute yourselves to them.
Num 15:40 Do this, so that you may call to mind and obey all my commandments, and so that you may be set apart, reserved for me, your Divine One.
Num 15:41 I am Yehowah your Divine One, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to become your Divine One. I am Yehowah your Divine One.”

Numbers Chapter 16

Num 16:1 Now Korah son of Izhar son of Kohath son of Levi, along with Dathan and Abiram sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth, descendants of Reuben, gathered some men.
Num 16:2 They rose up against Moses, along with other men from the people of Israel, two hundred fifty leaders of the congregation, who were well known members in the community.
Num 16:3 They assembled themselves together to confront Moses and Aaron. They said to them, “You have gone too far! All the congregation is set apart, every one of them, and Yehowah is among them. Why do you lift up yourselves above the rest of the congregation of Yehowah?”
Num 16:4 When Moses heard that, he lay facedown.
Num 16:5 He spoke to Korah and to all those with him, “Tomorrow at dawn, Yehowah will make known who belongs to him, and who is set apart to him. He will bring that person near to him. The one he chooses, he will bring near to himself.
Num 16:6 Do this, Korah and all your group.
Num 16:7 Take censers tomorrow and put fire and incense in them before Yehowah. The one whom Yehowah chooses, that man will be set apart to Yehowah. You have gone too far, you descendants of Levi!”
Num 16:8 Again, Moses said to Korah, “Now listen, you descendants of Levi:
Num 16:9 Is it a small thing for you that the Mighty One of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself, to do work in the tabernacle of Yehowah, and to stand before the congregation to serve them?
Num 16:10 He has brought you near, and all your kinfolk, the descendants of Levi, with you, yet you are seeking the priesthood also!
Num 16:11 That is why you and all your group have gathered together against Yehowah. So why are you complaining about Aaron?”
Num 16:12 Then Moses called for Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, but they said, “We will not come up.
Num 16:13 Is it a small thing that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness? Now you want to make yourself ruler over us!
Num 16:14 In addition, you have not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, or given us the fields and vineyards as an inheritance. Now do you want to blind us with empty promises? We will not come to you.”
Num 16:15 Moses was extremely angry and entreated Yehowah, “Do not respect their offering. I have not taken one donkey from them, and I have not harmed any of them.”

Num 16:16 Then Moses said to Korah, “Tomorrow, you and all your company must go before Yehowah, you and they, and Aaron.
Num 16:17 Each of you must take his censer and put incense in it. Then each man must bring before Yehowah his censer, two hundred and fifty censers. You and Aaron, also, must each bring your censer.”
Num 16:18 So every man took his censer, put fire in it, laid incense in it, and stood at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting with Moses and Aaron.
Num 16:19 Korah assembled all the congregation against Moses and Aaron at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of Yehowah appeared to all the congregation.
Num 16:20 Then Yehowah spoke to Moses and Aaron,
Num 16:21 “Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them immediately.”
Num 16:22 Moses and Aaron lay facedown and prayed, “O Almighty, Mighty One of the spirits of all humanity, if one man sins, must you be angry with all the congregation?”
Num 16:23 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 16:24 “Command the congregation. Say, ‘Get away from the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.’”
Num 16:25 Then Moses rose up and went to Dathan and Abiram; the elders of Israel followed him.
Num 16:26 He spoke to the congregation, “Now leave the tents of these wicked men and touch nothing of theirs, or you will be consumed by all their sins!”
Num 16:27 So the congregation on every side of the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram left them. Dathan and Abiram came out and stood at the entrance to their tents, with their wives, sons, and their little ones.
Num 16:28 Then Moses prophesied, “By this you will know that Yehowah has sent me to do all these works, for I have not done them of my own accord.
Num 16:29 If these men die a natural death such as normally happens, then Yehowah has not sent me.
Num 16:30 But if Yehowah creates an opening in the ground that swallows them up like a large mouth, along with all their families, and if they go down alive into the place of the dead, then you must understand that these men have despised Yehowah.”
Num 16:31 As soon as Moses finished speaking all these words, the ground opened under those men.
Num 16:32 The earth opened its mouth and swallowed them, their families, and all the people who belonged to Korah, as well as all their possessions.
Num 16:33 They and everyone in their families went down alive into the place of the dead. The earth closed over them, and in this way, they perished from the midst of the congregation.

Num 16:34 All Israel around them fled from their cries. They exclaimed, “The earth may swallow us up also!”
Num 16:35 Then fire flashed out from Yehowah and devoured the 250 men who had offered incense.
Num 16:36 Again, Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 16:37 “Speak to Eleazar son of Aaron the priest and let him take up the censers out of the flames, for the censers are set apart to me. Then let him scatter the burning coals at a distance.
Num 16:38 Take the censers of those who lost their lives because of their sin. Let them be made into hammered plates as a covering over the altar. Those men did offer them before Yehowah, so they are set apart to me. They will be a sign of my presence to the people of Israel.”
Num 16:39 Eleazar the priest took the bronze censers that had been used by the men who were burned up, and they were hammered out into a covering for the altar,
Num 16:40 to be a reminder to the people of Israel, so that no outsider who was not descended from Aaron should come up to burn incense before Yehowah, so they might not become like Korah and his group, just as Yehowah had commanded through Moses.
Num 16:41 But the next morning, all the congregation of the people of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron. They accused, “You have killed the people of Yehowah.”
Num 16:42 Then it happened, when the congregation had assembled against Moses and Aaron, that they looked toward the Tent of Meeting and behold, the cloud was covering it. The glory of Yehowah appeared,
Num 16:43 and Moses and Aaron came to the front of the Tent of Meeting.
Num 16:44 Then Yehowah ordered Moses,
Num 16:45 “Go away from in front of this congregation, so that I may consume them immediately.” Then Moses and Aaron lay down with their faces to the ground.
Num 16:46 Moses ordered Aaron, “Take the censer, put fire in it from off the altar, put incense in it, carry it quickly to the congregation, and make atonement for them, because anger is coming from Yehowah. The plague has begun.”
Num 16:47 So Aaron did as Moses directed. He ran into the middle of the congregation. The plague had quickly started to spread among the people, so he put in the incense and made atonement for the people.
Num 16:48 Aaron stood between the dead and the living; in this way, the plague was stopped.
Num 16:49 Those who died by the plague were 14,700 in number, besides those who had died in the matter of Korah.

Num 16:50 Aaron returned to Moses at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, and the plague ended.

Numbers Chapter 17

Num 17:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 17:2 “Speak to the people of Israel and get trekking poles from them, one for each ancestral tribe, twelve trekking poles. Write each man’s name on his trekking pole.
Num 17:3 You must write Aaron’s name on Levi’s trekking pole. There must be one trekking pole for each leader from his ancestors’ tribe.
Num 17:4 You must place the trekking poles in the Tent of Meeting in front of the covenant decrees, where I meet with you.
Num 17:5 It will happen that the trekking pole of the man whom I choose will bud. I will cause the complaints from the people of Israel to stop, which they are speaking against you.”
Num 17:6 So Moses commanded the people of Israel. All the tribal leaders gave him trekking poles, one trekking pole from each leader, selected from each of the ancestral tribes, twelve trekking poles in all. Aaron’s trekking pole was among them.
Num 17:7 Then Moses deposited the trekking poles before Yehowah in the Tent of the Covenant Decrees.
Num 17:8 The next day, Moses went into the Tent of the Covenant Decrees and behold, Aaron’s trekking pole for the tribe of Levi had budded. It grew buds and produced blossoms and ripe almonds!
Num 17:9 Moses brought out all the trekking poles from before Yehowah to all the people of Israel, and each man took his trekking pole.
Num 17:10 Yehowah spoke to Moses, “Put Aaron’s trekking pole in front of the covenant decrees. Keep it as a sign of guilt against the people who rebelled, so that you may end complaints against me, or they will die.”
Num 17:11 Moses did just as Yehowah had commanded him.
Num 17:12 The people of Israel shouted at Moses, “We will die here! We will all perish!
Num 17:13 Everyone who comes up, who approaches the tabernacle of Yehowah, will die! Must we all perish?”

Numbers Chapter 18

Num 18:1 Yehowah said to Aaron, “You, your sons, and your ancestor’s clan will be responsible for all sins committed against the sanctuary. But only you and your sons with you will be responsible for all sins committed by anyone in the priesthood.
Num 18:2 As for your fellow members of the tribe of Levi, your ancestors’ tribe, you must bring them with you, so they may join you and help you when you and your sons serve in front of the Tent of the Covenant Decrees.
Num 18:3 They must serve you and the whole tent. However, they must not come near to anything in the Set-apart Place or connected with the altar, or they and also you will die.
Num 18:4 They must join you and take care of the Tent of Meeting, for all the work connected with the tent. A foreigner must not come near you.
Num 18:5 You must take responsibility for the Set-apart Place and for the altar, so that my anger does not come on the people of Israel again.
Num 18:6 Look, I myself have chosen your fellow members of the Levites from among the descendants of Israel. They are a gift to you, given to Yehowah to do the work connected to the Tent of Meeting.
Num 18:7 But only you and your sons may exercise the priesthood regarding everything connected with the altar and everything inside the curtain. You yourselves must fulfill those responsibilities. I am giving you the priesthood as a gift. Any foreigner who approaches must be executed.”
Num 18:8 Then Yehowah said to Aaron, “Look, I have given you the duty of handling the offerings raised up to me, and all the set-apart offerings that the people of Israel give to me. I have given these offerings to you and your sons as your ongoing share.
Num 18:9 These are the utterly set-apart things kept from the fire: From every offering of theirs, every grain offering, every sin offering, and every guilt offering, they are very set apart to you and to your sons.
Num 18:10 These offerings are very set apart; every male must eat it, for they are set apart to you.
Num 18:11 These are the offerings that will belong to you: their gifts, all the wave offerings of the people of Israel. I have given them to you, your sons, and your daughters, as your ongoing share. Everyone who is ritually clean in your family may eat any of these offerings.
Num 18:12 All the best of the oil, all the best of the new wine and grain, the firstfruits that the people give to Yehowah, all these things I have given to you.

Num 18:13 The first ripe produce of all that is in their land, which they bring to Yehowah, will be yours. Everyone who is clean in your family may eat these things.
Num 18:14 Every devoted thing in Israel will be yours.
Num 18:15 Everything that opens the womb, all the firstborn which the people offer to Yehowah, both of man and animal, will be yours. Nevertheless, the people must certainly buy back every firstborn son, and they must buy back the firstborn male of unclean animals.
Num 18:16 Those that are to be bought back by the people must be bought back after becoming one month old. Then the people may buy them back, for five-weight silver-currency, by the standard weight (11.5 grams) of the sanctuary scales, which equals 20 small weights.
Num 18:17 But the firstborn of a cow, or the firstborn of a sheep, or the firstborn of a goat, you must not buy back these animals; they are set apart to me. You must sprinkle their blood on the altar and burn their fat as an offering made by fire, an aroma pleasing to Yehowah.
Num 18:18 Their meat will be yours. Like the raised breast and the right thigh, their meat will be yours.
Num 18:19 All the set-apart offerings that the people of Israel present to Yehowah, I have given to you, to your sons, and to your daughters with you, as a continual share. It is an everlasting covenant of salt, a binding covenant forever, before Yehowah for both you and your descendants with you."
Num 18:20 Yehowah said to Aaron, "You will have no inheritance in the people's land, nor will you have any share of property among the people. I am your share and inheritance among the people of Israel.
Num 18:21 To the descendants of Levi, look, I have given all the tithes in Israel as their inheritance in return for the service that they provide in working at the Tent of Meeting.
Num 18:22 From now on, the people of Israel must not come near the Tent of Meeting, or they will be responsible for this sin and die.
Num 18:23 The Levites must do the work connected to the Tent of Meeting. They will be responsible for any sin regarding it. This will be a permanent law throughout your people's generations. Among the people of Israel they must have no inheritance.
Num 18:24 For the tithes of the people of Israel, which they offer as a contribution to Yehowah, it is these that I have given to the Levites as their inheritance. That is why I commanded them, 'They must have no inheritance among the people of Israel.'"
Num 18:25 Yehowah spoke to Moses,

Num 18:26 “You must speak to the Levites, ‘When you receive from the people of Israel the tenth that I have given to you from them for your inheritance, you will present a contribution from it to Yehowah, a tenth of the tithe.
Num 18:27 Your contribution must be considered by you as if it were a tenth of the grain from the threshing floor or of the production from the winepress.
Num 18:28 So you also must make a contribution to Yehowah from all the tithes that you receive from the people of Israel. From them you must give his contribution to Aaron the priest.
Num 18:29 Out of all the gifts you receive, you must make every contribution to Yehowah. You must do this from all the best and the most set-apart things that have been given to you.’
Num 18:30 Therefore, you must say to them, ‘When you present the best of it, then it must be credited to the Levites as the product from the threshing floor and the winepress.
Num 18:31 You may eat the rest of your gifts in any place, you and your families, because it is your pay in return for your work in the Tent of Meeting.
Num 18:32 You will not incur any guilt by eating and drinking it, if you have presented to Yehowah the best of what you have received. But you must not profane the set-apart offerings of the people of Israel, or you will be executed.’”

Numbers Chapter 19

Num 19:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses and Aaron,
Num 19:2 “This is a statute, a law which Yehowah is commanding you: Say to the people of Israel that they must bring to you a red heifer without flaw or blemish, and which has never carried a yoke (Heb. 9:13).
Num 19:3 Give the heifer to Eleazar the priest. He must bring it outside the camp, and someone must kill it in front of him.
Num 19:4 Eleazar the priest must take some of its blood with his finger and sprinkle it seven times toward the front of the Tent of Meeting.
Num 19:5 Another priest must burn the heifer in his sight. He must burn its hide, flesh, and its blood with its dung.
Num 19:6 The priest must take cedarwood, hyssop, and scarlet wool, and throw it all into the middle of the burning heifer.
Num 19:7 Then he must wash his clothes and bathe in water. Then he may come into the camp, where he will remain unclean until dusk.
Num 19:8 The one who has burned the heifer must wash his clothes in water and bathe in water. He will remain unclean until dusk.
Num 19:9 Someone who is clean must gather up the heifer’s ashes and put them outside the camp in a clean place. These ashes must be kept for the congregation of the people of Israel. They will mix the ashes with water for purification from sin, since the ashes were from a sin offering.
Num 19:10 The one who gathered the heifer’s ashes must wash his clothes. He will remain unclean until dusk. This will be a permanent law for the people of Israel and the sojourning aliens who stay with them.
Num 19:11 Whoever touches the corpse of any person will be unclean for seven days.
Num 19:12 Such a person must purify himself on the third day and on the seventh day. Then he will be clean. But if he does not purify himself the third day, then he will not be clean on the seventh day.
Num 19:13 Whoever touches a dead person, the body of a person who has died, and does not purify himself, this person defiles the tabernacle of Yehowah. That person must be cut off from Israel, because the water for impurity was not sprinkled on him. He will remain unclean; his uncleanness will remain on him.
Num 19:14 This is the law for when someone dies in a tent. Everyone who goes into the tent and everyone who is already in the tent will be unclean for seven days.
Num 19:15 Every open container with no cover becomes unclean.

Num 19:16 Similarly, anyone outside a tent who touches someone who has been killed with a sword, any other dead body, a human bone, or a grave, that person will be unclean for seven days.
Num 19:17 Do this for the unclean person: Take some ashes from the burnt sin offering and mix them in a jar with fresh water.
Num 19:18 Someone who is clean must then take hyssop, dip it in the water, and sprinkle it on the tent, on all the containers inside the tent, on the persons who were there, and on anyone who touched the bone, the homicide victim, the one who died, or the grave.
Num 19:19 On the third day and on the seventh day, the clean person must sprinkle the unclean person. On the seventh day the unclean person must purify himself. He must wash his clothes and bathe in water. At dusk he will become clean.
Num 19:20 But anyone who remains unclean, who refuses to purify himself, that person will be cut off from the community, because he has defiled the sanctuary of Yehowah. The water for impurity has not been sprinkled on him; he remains unclean.
Num 19:21 This will be an ongoing law concerning these situations. The one who sprinkles the water for impurity must wash his clothes. The one who touches the water for impurity will become unclean until dusk.
Num 19:22 Whatever the unclean person touches will become unclean. The person who touches it will become unclean until dusk.”

Numbers Chapter 20

Num 20:1 So the people of Israel, the whole congregation, went into the wilderness of Sin in the first month; they stayed at Kadesh (modern Tabuk, Saudi Arabia). There Miriam died and was buried (c. 1612 BC).
Num 20:2 There was no water for the congregation, so they assembled together against Moses and Aaron.
Num 20:3 The people complained against Moses, “It would have been better if we had died when our fellow Israelis died in front of Yehowah!
Num 20:4 Why have you brought the congregation of Yehowah into this wilderness to die here, we and our animals?
Num 20:5 Why did you make us come up out of Egypt to bring us to this horrible place? Here there is no seed, figs, vines, or pomegranates, and there is no water to drink.”
Num 20:6 So Moses and Aaron went away from in front of the congregation. They went to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting and lay facedown. There the brilliant glory of Yehowah appeared to them.
Num 20:7 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 20:8 “Take the trekking pole and assemble the congregation, you, and Aaron your brother. Speak to the rock before their eyes and command it to flow with water. You will produce water for them out of that rock, and you must give it to the congregation and their livestock to drink.”
Num 20:9 Moses took the trekking pole from before Yehowah, as Yehowah had commanded him to do.
Num 20:10 Then Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock. Moses said to them, “Listen now, you rebels! Must we bring water out of this rock for you?”
Num 20:11 Then Moses raised his hand and struck the rock twice with his trekking pole, and much water came out. The congregation drank, and their livestock drank (Exo. 17:6; Psa. 105:41).
Num 20:12 Then Yehowah said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not trust me or honor me as consecrated in the eyes of the people of Israel, you will not bring this congregation into the land I have given them.”
Num 20:13 This place was called the waters of Meribah, because the people of Israel had quarreled with Yehowah there, and he showed himself to them as consecrated.
Num 20:14 Moses sent messengers from Kadesh (modern Tabuk, Saudi Arabia) to the king of Edom: Your brother Israel says this: “You know all the difficulties that have happened to us.

Num 20:15 You know that our ancestors went down to Egypt and lived in Egypt a long time (225 years). The Egyptians treated us harshly and also our ancestors.
Num 20:16 When we called out to Yehowah, he heard our voice and sent an angel and brought us out of Egypt. Look, we are in Kadesh, a city on the border of your land.
Num 20:17 I am asking you to let us pass through your land. We will not pass through field or vineyard, nor will we drink the water in your wells. We will go along the king's highway. We will not turn aside to the right hand or to the left, until we have passed your border."
Num 20:18 But the king of Edom replied to him, "You may not pass through here. If you do, I will come with the sword to attack you."
Num 20:19 Then the people of Israel said to him, "We will go along the highway. If we or our livestock drink your water, we will pay for it. Just let us walk through on foot, without doing anything else."
Num 20:20 But the king of Edom replied, "You may not pass through." So the king of Edom came against Israel with a strong hand with many soldiers.
Num 20:21 The king of Edom refused to allow Israel to cross over their border. Because of this, Israel turned away from the land of Edom.
Num 20:22 So the people journeyed from Kadesh (eastward). The people of Israel, the whole congregation, came to Mount Hor (the only mountain east of Kadesh).
Num 20:23 Yehowah spoke to Moses and Aaron at Mount Hor, on Edom's border,
Num 20:24 "Aaron must be gathered to his people, for he will not enter the land that I have given to the people of Israel. This is because you both rebelled against my word at the waters of Meribah.
Num 20:25 Take Aaron and Eleazar, his son, and bring them up to Mount Hor.
Num 20:26 Take Aaron's priestly garments off him and put them on Eleazar his son. Aaron must die and be gathered to his people there."
Num 20:27 Moses did as Yehowah commanded. They went up Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation.
Num 20:28 Moses took Aaron's priestly garments off him and put them on Eleazar his son. Aaron died there (c. 1611 BC) on the top of the mountain. Then Moses and Eleazar came down.
Num 20:29 When all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, all the Israelis wept for Aaron for thirty days.

Numbers Chapter 21

Num 21:1 When the Canaanite king of Arad (possibly modern Aradah, Saudi Arabia), who lived in the South, heard that Israel was traveling by the road of the pass (cresting Mount Hor), he fought against Israel and took some of them captive.
Num 21:2 Israel vowed to Yehowah, "If you give us victory over these people, then we will completely destroy their cities."
Num 21:3 Yehowah listened to Israel's voice, and he gave them victory over the Canaanites. They completely destroyed them and their cities. That place was called Hormah (the destroyed Arad).
Num 21:4 They traveled from Mount Hor by the road of the End Salt Sea to go around the land of Edom. The people became discouraged on the way.
Num 21:5 The people spoke against the Almighty and Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread, no water, and we hate this miserable manna."
Num 21:6 Then Yehowah sent poisonous snakes among the people. The snakes bit the people; many people died.
Num 21:7 The people came to Moses and pleaded, "We have sinned, because we have spoken against Yehowah and you. Pray to Yehowah for him to take the snakes away from us!" So Moses prayed for the people.
Num 21:8 Yehowah ordered Moses, "Make an ophidian and attach it to a flagpole (See G3789). It will happen that everyone who is bitten will survive, if he looks at it."
Num 21:9 So Moses made a bronze ophidian and attached it to a flagpole. When a snake bit any person, if he looked at the bronze ophidian, he survived.
Num 21:10 Then the people of Israel traveled on and camped at Oboth (Num. 33:43).
Num 21:11 They traveled from there and camped at Iye Abarim (modern Azraq, Jordan) in the wilderness that faces Moab toward the east.
Num 21:12 From there they traveled on and camped in the Valley of Zered.
Num 21:13 From there they traveled on and camped on the other side of the Arnon River (aka Zarqa River; north and east of Jericho), which is in the wilderness that extends from the border of the Amorites. The Arnon River forms the (northern) border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.
Num 21:14 That is why it says in the Scroll of the Wars of Yehowah, "He sent the fierce wind upon the Arnon River,
Num 21:15 at the slope of the valleys that lead toward the town of Ar and go down toward the border of Moab."

Num 21:16 From there they traveled to Beer, which is where the well is, where Yehowah said to Moses, “Gather the people together for me to give them water.”
Num 21:17 Then Israel sang this song: “Spring up, O well! Sing about it.
Num 21:18 The well that our leaders dug, the well the people’s nobles dug by decree, with their trekking poles.” Then from the wilderness they traveled to Mattanah.
Num 21:19 From Mattanah they traveled to Nahaliel, and from Nahaliel to Bamoth,
Num 21:20 and from Bamoth to a valley in the land of Moab. That is where the top of Mount Pisgah looks down on the wasteland (disk-shaped Valley where Sodom and Gomorrah were devastated).
Num 21:21 Then Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites saying,
Num 21:22 “Let us pass through your land. We will not turn into any field or vineyard. We will not drink the water from your wells. We will travel by the king’s highway, until we have crossed your border.”
Num 21:23 But King Sihon would not allow Israel to pass through their border. Instead, Sihon gathered all his military force together and attacked Israel in the wilderness. He came to Jahaz, where he fought against Israel.
Num 21:24 Israel attacked the military force of Sihon with the edge of the sword and took their land from the Arnon (Zarqa) to the Jabbok River (modern Yarmuk River), as far as the land of the people of Ammon. Now the border of the people of Ammon was fortified.
Num 21:25 Israel took all the Amorite cities and lived in all of them, including Heshbon and all of its villages.
Num 21:26 Heshbon was the city of Sihon king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab. Sihon had taken all his land from his territory to the Arnon River (aka Zarqa River).
Num 21:27 That is why those who speak in proverbs say, “Come to Heshbon. Let the city of Sihon be rebuilt and established again.
Num 21:28 A fire blazed from Heshbon, a flame from the city of Sihon that devoured Ar of Moab and the owners of the high places of Arnon.
Num 21:29 Woe to you, Moab! You have perished, people of Chemosh. He has made his sons to be fugitives and his daughters to be prisoners of Sihon king of the Amorites.
Num 21:30 But we have conquered Sihon. Heshbon is devastated all the way to Dibon. We have defeated them all the way to Nophah, which reaches to Medeba.”
Num 21:31 So Israel began to live in the Amorites’ land.
Num 21:32 Then Moses sent men to look at Jazer. They took its villages and drove out the Amorites who were there.

Num 21:33 Then they turned and went up by the road of Bashan. Og king of Bashan went out against them, he and all his military force, to fight them at Edrei.
Num 21:34 Then Yehowah spoke to Moses, “Do not fear him, because I have given you victory over him, all his military force, and his land. Do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon.”
Num 21:35 So they killed him, his sons, and all his military force, until none of his people were left alive. Then they took over his land.

Numbers Chapter 22

Num 22:1 The people of Israel traveled on, until they camped in the plains of Moab near Jericho (modern Tell es-Sultan), on the other side of the Jordan River from the city.
Num 22:2 Balak son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.
Num 22:3 Moab was deathly afraid of the people, because they were many, and Moab was in terror of the people of Israel.
Num 22:4 The king of Moab said to the elders of Midian, “This multitude will eat up all that is around us as an ox eats up the grass in a field.” Now Balak son of Zippor was king of Moab at that time.
Num 22:5 He sent messengers to Balaam son of Beor at Pethor, which is by the Jabbok River (modern Yarmuk River), in the land of the sons of his people. He called him and entreated, “Look, a nation has come here from Egypt. They cover the face of the earth, and they are right now next to me.
Num 22:6 So please come now and curse this nation for me, because they are too strong for me. Perhaps then I can manage to attack them and drive them out of the land. I know that whomever you bless will be blessed, and whomever you curse will be cursed.”
Num 22:7 So the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian left, taking payment for divination. They came to Balaam and spoke to him Balak’s words.
Num 22:8 Balaam replied to them, “Stay here tonight. I will bring you what Yehowah says to me.” So the leaders of Moab stayed with Balaam that night.
Num 22:9 The Almighty came to Balaam and asked, “Who are these men who came to you?”
Num 22:10 Balaam answered the Almighty, “Balak son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent them to me. He entreated,
Num 22:11 ‘Look, the people who have come from Egypt cover the surface of my land. Now come and curse them for me. Perhaps I will manage to fight them and drive them out.’”
Num 22:12 The Almighty replied to Balaam, “You must not go with those men. You must not curse the people of Israel, because they have been blessed.”
Num 22:13 Balaam rose up at dawn and said to Balak’s leaders, “Go back to your land, because Yehowah refuses to allow me to go with you.”
Num 22:14 So the leaders of Moab left and went back to Balak. They reported, “Balaam refused to come with us.”
Num 22:15 Balak sent again more leaders who were even more honored than the first group.
Num 22:16 They came to Balaam and entreated him, “Balak son of Zippor implores this, ‘Please let nothing stop you from coming to me,

Num 22:17 because I will pay you extremely well and give you great honor, and I will do whatever you tell me to do. So please come and curse this people for me.'"
Num 22:18 Balaam answered Balak's men, "Even if Balak would give me his palace full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the Word of Yehowah, my Divine One, and do less or more than what he tells me.
Num 22:19 Now then, please wait here tonight too, so that I may learn anything further that Yehowah says to me."
Num 22:20 The Almighty came to Balaam at night and ordered him, "Since these men have come to summon you, get up and go with them. But only do what I tell you to do."
Num 22:21 Balaam rose up at dawn, saddled his donkey, and went with the leaders of Moab.
Num 22:22 But because he went, the anger of the Almighty was kindled. The angel of Yehowah placed himself in the road as someone hostile to Balaam, who was riding on his donkey. Balaam's two servants were also with him.
Num 22:23 The donkey saw the angel of Yehowah standing in the road with his drawn sword in his hand. The donkey turned off the road and went into a field. Balaam struck the donkey to turn her back to the road.
Num 22:24 Then the angel of Yehowah stood in a narrow part of the road between some vineyards, with a wall on his right side and another wall on his left side.
Num 22:25 The donkey saw the angel of Yehowah again. She went against the wall and pinned Balaam's foot against it. Balaam struck her again.
Num 22:26 The angel of Yehowah went further and stood in another narrow place where there was no way to turn to either side.
Num 22:27 The donkey saw the angel of Yehowah, and she lay down under Balaam. Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the donkey with his trekking pole.
Num 22:28 Then Yehowah opened the jenny donkey's mouth so she could talk. She asked Balaam, "What have I done to you that induced you to strike me these three times?"
Num 22:29 Balaam answered the donkey, "It was because you acted so stupidly with me. I wish there were a sword in my hand. If there were, by now I would have killed you."
Num 22:30 The donkey asked Balaam, "Am I not your donkey on which you have ridden all your life long to this present day? Have I ever been in the habit of doing such things to you before?" Balaam answered, "No."
Num 22:31 Then Yehowah opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the angel of Yehowah standing in the road with his drawn sword in his hand. Balaam lowered his head and lay facedown.

Num 22:32 The angel of Yehowah said to him, “Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Look, I have come as someone hostile to you, because your actions before me have been wicked.
Num 22:33 The donkey saw me and turned away from me these three times. If she had not turned away from me, I would certainly have killed you and spared her life.”
Num 22:34 Balaam responded to the angel of Yehowah, “I have sinned. I did not know that you stood against me in the road. So now, if it is displeasing to you, I will turn back.”
Num 22:35 But the angel of Yehowah ordered Balaam, “Go on ahead with the men. But you must only speak the words that I tell you.” So Balaam went with the leaders of Balak.
Num 22:36 When Balak heard that Balaam had come, he went out to meet him at a city in Moab at the Arnon (aka Zarqa River), which is on the border.
Num 22:37 Balak asked Balaam, “Did I not send men to you to summon you? Why did you not come to me? Am I not able to honor you?”
Num 22:38 Then Balaam answered Balak, “See, I have come to you. Do I now have any power to say anything? I can only say the words that the Almighty puts into my mouth.”
Num 22:39 Balaam went with Balak, and they arrived at Kiriath Huzoth.
Num 22:40 Then Balak sacrificed oxen and sheep and gave some meat to Balaam and the leaders who were with him.
Num 22:41 At dawn, Balak took Balaam up to the high place of Baal. From there Balaam could see only a part of the Israelis in their camp.

Numbers Chapter 23

Num 23:1 Balaam said to Balak, “Build seven altars here for me and prepare seven bulls and seven rams.”
Num 23:2 So Balak did as Balaam requested. Then Balak and Balaam offered a bull and a ram on every altar.
Num 23:3 Then Balaam said to Balak, “Stand at your burnt offering, and I will go. Perhaps Yehowah will come to meet me. Whatever he shows me, I will tell you.” So he went away to a hilltop with no trees.
Num 23:4 While he was on the hilltop, the Almighty met him, and Balaam said to him, “I have built seven altars, and I have offered up a bull and a ram on each one.”
Num 23:5 Yehowah put a message in Balaam’s mouth and ordered, “Return to Balak and speak to him.”
Num 23:6 So Balaam returned to Balak, who was standing by his burnt offering, and all the leaders of Moab were with him.
Num 23:7 Then Balaam began to speak his prophecy, “Balak has brought me from Aram (modern Syria), the king of Moab from the eastern mountains. ‘Come, curse Jacob for me,’ he said. ‘Come, defy Israel.’
Num 23:8 How can I curse those whom the Almighty has not cursed? How can I oppose those whom Yehowah does not oppose?
Num 23:9 For from the top of the rocks I see him; from the hills I look at him. See, there is a people who live alone and do not consider themselves as just an ordinary nation.
Num 23:10 Who can count the dust of Jacob or number even only one fourth of Israel? Let me die the death of a righteous person, and let my life’s end be like his!”
Num 23:11 Balak said to Balaam, “What have you done to me? I brought you to curse my enemies, but look, you have blessed them.”
Num 23:12 Balaam answered, “Should I not be careful to say only what Yehowah puts in my mouth?”
Num 23:13 So Balak responded to him, “Please come with me to another place where you can see them. You will only see the nearest of them, not all of them. There you will curse them for me.”
Num 23:14 So he took Balaam into the field of Zophim, to the top of Mount Pisgah, and built seven more altars. He offered up a bull and a ram on each altar.
Num 23:15 Then Balaam said to Balak, “Stand here by your burnt offering, while I meet with Yehowah over there.”

Num 23:16 So Yehowah met Balaam and put a message in his mouth. He ordered, “Return to Balak and give him my message.”
Num 23:17 Balaam returned to him, and look, he was standing by his burnt offering, and the leaders of Moab were with him. Then Balak asked him, “What has Yehowah said?”
Num 23:18 Balaam began his prophecy, “Rise up, Balak, and hear. Listen to me, you son of Zippor.
Num 23:19 The Almighty is not a man, that he should lie, or the son of a human, that he should change his mind. Has he promised anything without doing it? Has he said he would do something without carrying it out?
Num 23:20 Look, I have been commanded to bless. Yehowah has given a blessing, and I cannot reverse it.
Num 23:21 He has seen no hardship in Jacob or trouble in Israel. Yehowah their Divine One is with them, and shouts for their king are among them!
Num 23:22 The Almighty brought them out of Egypt with strength like that of a wild ox.
Num 23:23 There is no sorcery that works against Jacob, and no fortune-telling harms Israel. Instead, it must be proclaimed about Jacob and Israel, ‘Look what the Almighty has done!’
Num 23:24 Look, the people rise like a lioness, as a lion emerges and attacks. He does not lie down, until he eats his victim and drinks the blood of what he has killed.”
Num 23:25 Then Balak said to Balaam, “Do not curse them or bless them at all.”
Num 23:26 But Balaam answered Balak, “Did I not tell you that I must say all that Yehowah tells me to say?”
Num 23:27 So Balak replied to Balaam, “Come now, I will take you to another place. Perhaps it will please the Almighty for you to curse them there for me.”
Num 23:28 So Balak took Balaam to the top of Mount Peor, which looks down on the wilderness.
Num 23:29 Balaam said to Balak, “Build me seven altars here and prepare seven bulls and seven rams.”
Num 23:30 So Balak did as Balaam had said; he offered up a bull and a ram on each altar.

Numbers Chapter 24

Num 24:1 When Balaam saw that it pleased Yehowah to bless Israel, he did not go, as at the other times, to use sorcery. Instead, he looked toward the wilderness.
Num 24:2 He raised his eyes and saw that Israel was camped, each in their own tribe, and the Ruach of the Almighty came on him.
Num 24:3 He received this prophecy, “Balaam son of Beor is about to speak, the man whose eyes are wide open.
Num 24:4 He speaks and hears the words of the Almighty. He sees a vision from the Most Powerful, before whom he bows down with his eyes open.
Num 24:5 How beautiful are your tents, Jacob, the place where you live, Israel!
Num 24:6 Like valleys they spread out, like gardens by the riverside, like aloes planted by Yehowah, like cedars beside the waters.
Num 24:7 Water flows from their buckets, and their seed is well-watered. Their king is to be higher than Gog (Antimessiah), and their kingdom will be honored.
Num 24:8 The Almighty brings him out of Egypt, with strength like a wild ox. He will eat up the ethnicities who fight against him. He will break their bones to pieces. He will shoot them with his arrows.
Num 24:9 He crouches down like a lion, like a lioness. Who dares disturb him? May everyone who blesses him be blessed; may everyone who curses him be cursed.”
Num 24:10 Balak’s anger was kindled against Balaam, and he struck his hands together in anger. Balak said to Balaam, “I called you to curse my enemies, but look, you have blessed them three times.
Num 24:11 So leave me right now and go home. I said I would greatly reward you, but Yehowah has kept you from getting any reward.”
Num 24:12 Then Balaam replied to Balak, “I said to the messengers that you sent to me,
Num 24:13 ‘Even if Balak gave me his palace full of silver and gold, I could not go beyond the Word of Yehowah to do anything bad or good, or anything at all that I might want to do. I can say only what Yehowah tells me to say.’ Did I not say this to them?
Num 24:14 So now, look, I will go back to my people. But first let me warn you what this people will do to your people in the days ahead.”
Num 24:15 Balaam began this prophecy, “Balaam son of Beor speaks, the man whose eyes are wide open.
Num 24:16 This is a prophecy of someone who hears words from the Almighty, who has knowledge from the Most High, who has visions from the Most Powerful, before whom he bows down with open eyes.

Num 24:17 I see him, but he is not here now. I look at him, but he is not near. A Star will come out of Jacob, and a Scepter will rise out of Israel. He will shatter Moab's leaders and destroy all the descendants of Seth.
Num 24:18 Then Edom will become a possession of Israel, and Seir will also become their possession, enemies of Israel, whom Israel will conquer with force.
Num 24:19 Out of Jacob a king will come who will have dominion, and he will destroy the survivors of their city."
Num 24:20 Then Balaam looked at Amalek and began his prophecy, "Amalek was once the greatest of ethnicities, but his final end will be eternal destruction."
Num 24:21 Then Balaam looked toward the Kenites and began his prophecy, "The place where you live is strong, and your nest is in the rocks.
Num 24:22 Nevertheless, Kain will be ruined when Assyria carries you away captive."
Num 24:23 Then Balaam began his final prophecy, "Woe! Who will survive when the Almighty does this?
Num 24:24 Ships will come from the coast of Kittim; they will attack Assyria and will conquer Eber, but they, too, will end in eternal destruction."
Num 24:25 Then Balaam rose up and left. He returned to his home, and Balak also went away.

Numbers Chapter 25

Num 25:1 Israel stayed in Shittim (Tall al-Hammam), and the men began to prostitute themselves with women of Moab,
Num 25:2 for the Moabites had invited the people to the sacrifices to their deities. So the people ate and bowed down to Moabite deities.
Num 25:3 The men of Israel joined in worshiping Baal of Peor, and the anger of Yehowah was kindled against Israel.
Num 25:4 Yehowah spoke to Moses, “Execute all the leaders of the people and hang them up before me to expose them in the daylight, so that my fierce anger may turn away from Israel.”
Num 25:5 So Moses ordered Israel’s leaders, “Each of you must execute his people who have joined in worshiping Baal of Peor.”
Num 25:6 Then one of the men of Israel came and brought among his family members a Midianite woman. This happened in the sight of Moses and all the congregation of the people of Israel, while they were weeping at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.
Num 25:7 When Phinehas, son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, saw that, he rose up from among the congregation and took a spear in his hand.
Num 25:8 He followed the Israeli man into the tent and thrust the spear through both of their bodies, both the Israeli man and the woman. So a plague that Yehowah had sent on the people of Israel stopped.
Num 25:9 Those who died by the plague were twenty-four thousand in number (1 Cor. 10:8).
Num 25:10 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 25:11 “Phinehas, son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, has turned my rage away from the people of Israel, because he was passionate with my zeal among them. So I have not consumed the people of Israel in my fierceness.
Num 25:12 Therefore say, ‘Yehowah declares, “Look, I am giving to Phinehas my covenant of peace.
Num 25:13 For him and his descendants after him, it will be a covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because he was zealous for me, his Divine One. He has atoned for the people of Israel.”’”
Num 25:14 Now the name of the Israeli man who was executed with the Midianite woman was Zimri, son of Salu, a leader of an ancestor’s family among the Simeonites.
Num 25:15 The name of the Midianite woman who was executed was Cozbi, daughter of Zur, who was head of a tribe and family in Midian.
Num 25:16 So Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 25:17 “Treat the Midianites as enemies and attack them,

Num 25:18 for they treated you like enemies with their deceitfulness. They led you into evil in the case of Peor and in the case of their sister Cozbi, the daughter of a leader in Midian, who was executed on the day of the plague in the matter of Peor.”

Numbers Chapter 26

Num 26:1 It came about after the plague, that Yehowah spoke to Moses and Eleazar son of Aaron the priest,
Num 26:2 “Count all the congregation of the people of Israel, from twenty years old and up, by their ancestor’s families, all who are able to go to war for Israel.”
Num 26:3 So Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke to them in the plains of Moab by the Jordan River at Jericho,
Num 26:4 “Count the people, from twenty years old and up, as Yehowah commanded Moses and the people of Israel, who came out of the land of Egypt.”
Num 26:5 Reuben was the firstborn of Israel. From his son Hanoch came the clan of the Hanochites. From Pallu came the clan of the Palluites.
Num 26:6 From Hezron came the clan of the Hezronites. From Carmi came the clan of the Carmites.
Num 26:7 These were the clans of Reuben’s descendants, who numbered 43,730 men.
Num 26:8 Eliab was a son of Pallu.
Num 26:9 Eliab’s sons were Nemuel, Dathan, and Abiram. These were the same Dathan and Abiram who followed Korah, when they challenged Moses and Aaron and rebelled against Yehowah.
Num 26:10 The earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up together with Korah when all his followers died. At that time, fire devoured 250 men, who became a warning sign.
Num 26:11 But Korah’s line did not die out.
Num 26:12 The clans of Simeon’s descendants were these: by Nemuel, the clan of the Nemuelites, by Jamin, the clan of the Jaminites, by Jachin, the clan of the Jachinites,
Num 26:13 by Zerah, the clan of the Zerahites, by Shaul, the clan of the Shaulites.
Num 26:14 These were the clans of Simeon’s descendants, who numbered 22,200 men.
Num 26:15 The clans of Gad’s descendants were these: by Zephon, the clan of the Zephonites, by Haggi, the clan of the Haggites, by Shuni, the clan of the Shunites,
Num 26:16 by Ozni, the clan of the Oznites, by Eri, the clan of the Erites,
Num 26:17 by Arod, the clan of the Arodites, by Areli, the clan of the Arelites.
Num 26:18 These were the clans of Gad’s descendants, who numbered 40,500 men.
Num 26:19 Judah’s sons were Er and Onan, but these men died in the land of Canaan.
Num 26:20 The clans of Judah’s other descendants were these: by Shelah, the

clan of the Shelanites, by Perez, the clan of the Perezites, and by Zerah, the clan of the Zerahites.
Num 26:21 The descendants of Perez were these: by Hezron, the clan of the Hezronites, by Hamul, the clan of the Hamulites.
Num 26:22 These were the clans of Judah's descendants, who numbered 76,500 men.
Num 26:23 The clans of Issachar's descendants were these: by Tola, the clan of the Tolaites, by Puvah, the clan of the Puvites,
Num 26:24 by Jashub, the clan of the Jashubites, by Shimron, the clan of the Shimronites.
Num 26:25 These were the clans of Issachar, who numbered 64,300 men.
Num 26:26 The clans of Zebulun's descendants were these: By Sered, the clan of the Seredites, by Elon, the clan of the Elonites, by Jahleel, the clan of the Jahleelites.
Num 26:27 These were the clans of the Zebulunites, who numbered 60,500 men.
Num 26:28 The clans of Joseph's descendants were Manasseh and Ephraim.
Num 26:29 The descendants of Manasseh were these: by Machir, the clan of the Machirites, Machir was Gilead's father, by Gilead, the clan of the Gileadites.
Num 26:30 Gilead's descendants were these: by Iezer, the clan of the Iezerites, by Helek, the clan of the Helekites,
Num 26:31 by Asriel, the clan of the Asrielites, by Shechem, the clan of the Shechemites,
Num 26:32 by Shemida, the clan of the Shemidaites, by Hepher, the clan of the Hepherites.
Num 26:33 Zelophehad son of Hepher had no sons but only daughters. The names of his daughters were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.
Num 26:34 These were the clans of Manasseh, who numbered 52,700 men.
Num 26:35 The clans of Ephraim's descendants were these: by Shuthelah, the clan of the Shuthelahites, by Becher, the clan of the Becherites, by Tahan, the clan of the Tahanites.
Num 26:36 The descendants of Shuthelah were, by Eran, the clan of the Eranites.
Num 26:37 These were the clans of Ephraim's descendants, who numbered 32,500 men. These were Joseph's descendants, counted in each of their clans.
Num 26:38 The clans of Benjamin's descendants were these: by Bela, the clan of the Belaites, by Ashbel, the clan of the Ashbelites, by Ahiram, the clan of the Ahiramites,
Num 26:39 by Shephupham, the clan of the Shuphamites, by Hupham, the clan of the Huphamites.
Num 26:40 Bela's sons were Ard and Naaman. From Ard came the clan of the Ardites, and from Naaman came the clan of the Naamites.
Num 26:41 These were the clans of Benjamin's descendants. They numbered

45,600 men.
Num 26:42 The clans of Dan's descendants were, by Shuham (Hushim; Gen. 46:23), the clans of the Shuhamites. These were the clans of Dan's descendants.
Num 26:43 All the clans of the Shuhamites numbered 64,400 men.
Num 26:44 The clans of Asher's descendants were these: by Imnah, the clan of the Imnites, by Ishvi, the clan of the Ishvites, by Beriah, the clan of the Berites.
Num 26:45 The descendants of Beriah were these: by Heber, the clan of the Heberites, by Malchiel, the clan of the Malchielites.
Num 26:46 The name of Asher's daughter was Serah.
Num 26:47 These were the clans of Asher's descendants, who numbered 53,400 men.
Num 26:48 The clans of Naphtali's descendants were these: by Jahzeel, the clan of the Jahzeelites, by Guni, the clan of the Gunites,
Num 26:49 by Jezer, the clan of the Jezerites, by Shillem, the clan of the Shillemites.
Num 26:50 These were the clans of Naphtali's descendants, who numbered 45,400 men.
Num 26:51 This was the complete count of men among the people of Israel: 601,730.
Num 26:52 Yehowah instructed Moses,
Num 26:53 "The land must be divided among these men as an inheritance according to the number of their names.
Num 26:54 To the larger clans you must give more inheritance, and to the smaller clans you must give less inheritance. To every family you must give an inheritance, according to the number of men who were counted.
Num 26:55 However, the land must be divided by random lots. They must inherit the land as it will be divided among their ancestors' tribes.
Num 26:56 Their inheritance must be divided among the larger and the smaller clans, distributed to them by random lot."
Num 26:57 The Levite clans, counted clan by clan, were these: by Gershon, the clan of the Gershonites, by Kohath, the clan of the Kohathites, by Merari, the clan of the Merarites.
Num 26:58 The clans of Levi were these: the clan of the Libnites, the clan of the Hebronites, the clan of the Mahlites, the clan of the Mushites, and the clan of the Korahites. Kohath was Amram's ancestor.
Num 26:59 The name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, a descendant of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt. She bore to Amram their children, who were Aaron, Moses, and Miriam their sister.
Num 26:60 To Aaron were born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.
Num 26:61 Nadab and Abihu died when they offered before Yehowah unacceptable fire.

Num 26:62 The males who were counted among them numbered twenty-three thousand, all males one month old and up. But they were not counted among Israel’s descendants, because no inheritance was given to them among the people of Israel.
Num 26:63 These are the ones who were counted by Moses and Eleazar the priest. They counted the people of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan River at Jericho.
Num 26:64 But among these there was no man who had been counted by Moses and Aaron the priest when the descendants of Israel were counted in the wilderness of Sinai.
Num 26:65 For Yehowah had prophesied that all of those people would certainly die in the wilderness. There was not a man left among them, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun.

Numbers Chapter 27

Num 27:1 Then to Moses came the daughters of Zelophehad son of Hepher son of Gilead son of Machir son of Manasseh, of the clans of Manasseh son of Joseph. These were the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.
Num 27:2 They stood before Moses, Eleazar the priest, the leaders, and before all the congregation at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. They said,
Num 27:3 “Our father died in the wilderness. He was not among those who conspired against Yehowah in the company of Korah. He died for his own sin, and he had no sons.
Num 27:4 Why should our father’s name be taken away from among his clan members because he had no son? Give us land among our father’s relatives.”
Num 27:5 So Moses brought their case before Yehowah.
Num 27:6 Yehowah commanded Moses,
Num 27:7 “Zelophehad’s daughters are speaking correctly. You must certainly give them land as an inheritance among their father’s relatives, and you must ensure that their father’s inheritance passes on to them.
Num 27:8 You must speak to the people of Israel, ‘If a man dies and has no son, then you must cause his inheritance to pass to his daughter.
Num 27:9 If he has no daughter, then you must give his inheritance to his brothers.
Num 27:10 If he has no brothers, then you must give his inheritance to his father’s brothers.
Num 27:11 If his father has no brothers, then you must give his inheritance to his nearest relative in his clan, and he must take it for his own. This will be a law established by decree for the people of Israel, as Yehowah has commanded me.’”
Num 27:12 Yehowah ordered Moses, “Go up the mountains of Abarim and look at the land that I have given to the people of Israel (from Mt. Nebo; Deut. 32:48-49).
Num 27:13 After you have seen it, you too must be gathered to your people, like Aaron your brother.
Num 27:14 This will happen because you two rebelled against my command in the wilderness of Sin. There, when the water flowed from the rock, in your anger you failed to honor me as consecrated before the eyes of the whole congregation.” These are the waters of Meribah of Kadesh in the wilderness of Sin.
Num 27:15 Then Moses entreated Yehowah,

Num 27:16 “May you, Yehowah, Mighty One of the spirits of all humanity, appoint a man over the congregation,
Num 27:17 a man who may go out and come in before them and lead them out and bring them in, so that the congregation of Yehowah is not like sheep that have no shepherd.”
Num 27:18 Yehowah spoke to Moses, “Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom my Ruach lives, and lay your hand on him.
Num 27:19 Place him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation, and command him before their eyes to lead them.
Num 27:20 You must put some of your authority on him, so that all the congregation of the people of Israel may obey him.
Num 27:21 He will go before Eleazar the priest to seek the will of Yehowah for him by the decisions of the Urim. It will be at his command that the people will go out and come in, both he and all the people of Israel with him, the whole congregation.”
Num 27:22 So Moses did as Yehowah had commanded him. He took Joshua and placed him before Eleazar the priest and all the congregation.
Num 27:23 He laid his hands on him and commanded him to lead, as Yehowah had commanded him to do.

Numbers Chapter 28

Num 28:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 28:2 “Command the people of Israel, ‘You must offer sacrifices to me at the appointment calendar times, the food of my offerings made by fire to produce a sweet aroma for me.’
Num 28:3 You must also say to them, ‘This is the offering made by fire that you must offer to Yehowah, male lambs a year old without blemish, two each day, as a regular burnt offering.
Num 28:4 One lamb you must offer at dawn, and the other lamb you must offer at dusk.
Num 28:5 You must offer two liters of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with 1.5 liters of pure oil.
Num 28:6 This is the regular burnt offering that was commanded at Mount Sinai to produce a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to Yehowah.
Num 28:7 The (unleavened) drink offering with it must be 1.5 liters for one of the lambs. You must pour out in the Set-apart Place an (unleavened) drink offering of new wine to Yehowah (Lev. 2:11).
Num 28:8 The other lamb you must offer at dusk along with another grain offering like the one offered at dawn. You must also offer another (unleavened) drink offering with it, an offering made by fire, to produce a sweet aroma for Yehowah.
Num 28:9 On the Sabbath day, you must offer two male lambs, each a year old without blemish, and 4.5 liters of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, and the 4.5 liters of an (unleavened) drink offering with it.
Num 28:10 This is to be the burnt offering for every Sabbath, in addition to the regular burnt offering and the (unleavened) drink offering with it.
Num 28:11 At the beginning of each month, you must offer a burnt offering to Yehowah. You must offer two young bulls, one ram, and seven male lambs a year old without blemish.
Num 28:12 You must also offer six liters of fine flour as a grain offering mixed with oil for each bull, and four liters of fine flour as a grain offering mixed with oil for the one ram.
Num 28:13 You must also offer two liters of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering for each lamb. This is to be the burnt offering, to produce a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to Yehowah.
Num 28:14 The people’s (unleavened) drink offerings must be three liters of wine for a bull, two liters for a ram, and 1.5 liters for a lamb. This is to be the burnt offering at the beginning of each month, throughout the months of the year.

Num 28:15 One male goat as a sin offering to Yehowah must be offered. This will be in addition to the regular burnt offering and the (unleavened) drink offering with it.
Num 28:16 On the fourteenth day of the first month, comes the Passover of Yehowah.
Num 28:17 On the fifteenth day of this month, a feast is to be held. For seven days, unleavened bread must be eaten.
Num 28:18 On the first day, there must be a set-apart assembly to honor Yehowah. You must not do regular work on that day.
Num 28:19 However, you must offer a sacrifice made by fire, a burnt offering to Yehowah. You must offer two young bulls, one ram, and seven male lambs a year old, without blemish.
Num 28:20 Along with the bull, you must offer a grain offering of six liters of fine flour mixed with oil, and along with the ram, four liters.
Num 28:21 With each of the seven lambs, you must offer two liters of fine flour mixed with oil,
Num 28:22 and one male goat as a sin offering to make atonement for yourselves.
Num 28:23 You must offer these in addition to the regular burnt offering required each dawn.
Num 28:24 As described here, you must offer these sacrifices daily, for the seven days of Unleavened Bread, the food of the offering made by fire, a sweet aroma for Yehowah. It must be offered in addition to the regular burnt offering and the (unleavened) drink offering with it.
Num 28:25 On the seventh day (Abib 21), you must have a set-apart assembly to honor Yehowah, and you must not do regular work on that day.
Num 28:26 Also on the Day of the Firstfruits (Omer day 50), when you offer a new (wheat) grain offering to Yehowah at your Festival of Shavuot, you must have a set-apart assembly, and you must not do regular work on that day.
Num 28:27 You must offer a burnt offering to produce a sweet aroma for Yehowah. You must offer two young bulls, one ram, and seven male lambs a year old.
Num 28:28 Offer also their grain offering to go with them: Fine flour mixed with oil, six liters of fine flour mixed with oil for each bull and four liters for the one ram.
Num 28:29 Offer two liters of fine flour mixed with oil for each of the seven lambs,
Num 28:30 and one male goat to make atonement for yourselves.
Num 28:31 When you offer those animals without blemish, along with their (unleavened) drink offerings, this must be in addition to the regular burnt offering and the grain offering with it.'"

Numbers Chapter 29

Num 29:1 “On the first of the seventh month, you must have a set-apart assembly to honor Yehowah. You must not do regular work on that day. It will be a day when you blow trumpets (Yom Teruah).
Num 29:2 You must offer a burnt offering to produce a sweet aroma for Yehowah. You must offer one young bull, one ram, and seven male lambs a year old, each without blemish.
Num 29:3 You must offer with them their grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil, six liters for the bull, four liters for the ram,
Num 29:4 and two liters for each lamb of the seven lambs.
Num 29:5 You must offer one male goat as a sin offering to make atonement for yourselves.
Num 29:6 Make these offerings in the seventh month in addition to all of the offerings you will make on the first of each month: the special burnt offering and the grain offering to go with it. These must be in addition to the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and its drink offerings. As you make these offerings, you will obey what has been decreed to produce a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to Yehowah.
Num 29:7 On the tenth of the seventh month (Yom Kippur) you must have a set-apart assembly to honor Yehowah. You must deny yourselves and do no work.
Num 29:8 You must offer a burnt offering to produce a sweet aroma for Yehowah. You must offer one young bull, one ram, and seven male lambs a year old. They must each be without blemish.
Num 29:9 You must offer with them a grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil, six liters for the bull, four liters for the one ram,
Num 29:10 and two liters for each of the seven lambs.
Num 29:11 You must offer one male goat as a sin offering. This will be in addition to the sin offering of atonements, the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and their drink offerings.
Num 29:12 On the fifteenth day of the seventh month (Sukkot) you must have a set-apart assembly to honor Yehowah. You must not do regular work on that day, and you must keep the Feast for him seven days.
Num 29:13 You must offer a burnt offering, a sacrifice made by fire to produce a sweet aroma for Yehowah. You must offer thirteen young bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs a year old. Each must be without blemish.
Num 29:14 You must offer with them a grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil, six liters for every bull of the thirteen bulls, four liters for each ram of the two rams,
Num 29:15 and four liters for each lamb of the fourteen lambs.

Num 29:16 You must offer one male goat as a sin offering in addition to the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and the drink offering with it.
Num 29:17 On the second day of the Feast, you must offer twelve young bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs a year old, each without blemish.
Num 29:18 You must make with them a grain offering and the drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, making as many offerings as were commanded.
Num 29:19 You must offer one male goat as a sin offering in addition to the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and their drink offerings.
Num 29:20 On the third day of the Feast, you must offer eleven bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs a year old, each without blemish.
Num 29:21 You must make with them a grain offering and the drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, making as many offerings as were commanded.
Num 29:22 You must offer one male goat as a sin offering in addition to the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and their drink offerings.
Num 29:23 On the fourth day of the Feast, you must offer ten bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs a year old, each without blemish.
Num 29:24 You must make with them a grain offering and the drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, making as many offerings as were commanded.
Num 29:25 You must offer one male goat as a sin offering in addition to the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and their drink offerings.
Num 29:26 On the fifth day of the Feast, you must offer nine bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs a year old, each without blemish.
Num 29:27 You must make with them a grain offering and the drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, making as many offerings as were commanded.
Num 29:28 You must offer one male goat as a sin offering in addition to the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and their drink offerings.
Num 29:29 On the sixth day of the Feast, you must offer eight bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs a year old, each without blemish.
Num 29:30 You must make with them a grain offering and the drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, making as many offerings as were commanded.
Num 29:31 You must offer one male goat as a sin offering in addition to the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and their drink offerings.
Num 29:32 On the seventh day of the Feast, you must offer seven bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs a year old, each without blemish.

Num 29:33 You must make with them a grain offering and the drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, making as many offerings as were commanded.
Num 29:34 You must offer one male goat as a sin offering in addition to the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and their drink offerings.
Num 29:35 On the eighth day you must have another festive assembly (8th day assembly; Shemini Atzeret). You must not do regular work on that day.
Num 29:36 You must make a burnt offering, an offering made by fire to produce a sweet aroma for Yehowah. You must offer one bull, one ram, and seven male lambs a year old, each without blemish.
Num 29:37 You must offer their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bull, for the ram, and for the lambs, making as many offerings as were commanded.
Num 29:38 You must offer one male goat as a sin offering in addition to the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and their drink offerings.
Num 29:39 These are what you must offer to Yehowah at your appointment calendar festivals. These must be in addition to your vows and freewill offerings. You must offer these as your burnt offerings, grain offerings, drink offerings, and peace offerings.”
Num 29:40 Moses told the people of Israel everything that Yehowah had commanded him to say.

Numbers Chapter 30

Num 30:1 Moses spoke to the leaders of the tribes of the people of Israel, “This is what Yehowah has commanded.
Num 30:2 When anyone makes a vow to Yehowah, or swears an oath to bind himself with a promise, he must not break his word. He must keep his promise to do everything that comes out of his mouth.
Num 30:3 When a young woman living in her father’s house makes a vow to Yehowah and binds herself with a promise,
Num 30:4 if her father hears the vow and the promise by which she has bound herself, and if he says nothing to reverse her, then all her vows will remain in force. Every promise by which she has bound herself will remain in force.
Num 30:5 But if her father hears about her vow and her promise, and if he says nothing to her, then all the vows and promises that she took on herself will remain in force.
Num 30:6 However, if her father hears all the vows she made and her solemn promises with which she has bound herself, and if he overrules her on that same day, then they will not remain in force. Yehowah will forgive her, because her father had overruled her.
Num 30:7 If she marries a man while she is under those vows, or if she makes rash promises with which she obligates herself, those obligations will remain in force.
Num 30:8 But if her husband stops her on the day that he hears about it, then he cancels the vow that she has made, the rash talk of her lips with which she has bound herself. Yehowah will release her.
Num 30:9 But as for a widow or a divorced woman, everything by which she has bound herself will remain in force against her.
Num 30:10 If a woman made a vow in her husband’s house or obligates herself by taking an oath,
Num 30:11 and her husband hears of it, but he says nothing to her, and he does not oppose her, then all her vows must stand, and the obligations she made must remain in force.
Num 30:12 But if her husband cancels them on the day that he heard about them, then whatever came out of her lips about her vows or promises will not remain in force. Her husband has canceled them. Yehowah will release her.
Num 30:13 Every vow or oath a woman takes that binds her to deny herself something may be confirmed or canceled by her husband.
Num 30:14 But if he says nothing at all to her day after day, then he confirms all her vows and binding promises that she has made. He has confirmed them, because he has said nothing to her at the time that he heard about them.

Num 30:15 If her husband tries to cancel his wife’s vow a long time after he has heard about it, then he will be responsible for her sin.”
Num 30:16 These are the statutes that Yehowah commanded Moses to announce, statutes for what is between a man and his wife and between a father and his daughter, when she is in her youth in her father’s family.

Numbers Chapter 31

Num 31:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 31:2 “Take vengeance on the Midianites for what they did to the Israelis. After doing that, you will die and be gathered to your people.”
Num 31:3 So Moses ordered the people, “Arm some of your men for war, so they may go against Midian and carry out the vengeance of Yehowah on it.
Num 31:4 Every tribe throughout Israel must send a thousand soldiers to war.”
Num 31:5 So out of Israel’s thousands and thousands of men, one thousand were provided from every tribe for war, twelve thousand men in all.
Num 31:6 Then Moses sent them to battle, a thousand from every tribe, along with Phinehas son of Eleazar the priest, and with some articles from the Set-apart Place and the trumpets in his possession for sounding signals.
Num 31:7 They fought against Midian, as Yehowah had commanded Moses. They killed every man.
Num 31:8 They killed the kings of Midian with the rest of their dead: Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba, the five kings of Midian. They also killed Balaam son of Beor, with the sword (Josh. 13:22).
Num 31:9 The military force of Israel took captive the women of Midian, their children, all their livestock, including their flocks, and all their goods. They took these as plunder.
Num 31:10 They burned all their cities where they lived and all their camps.
Num 31:11 They took all the plunder and prisoners, both people and animals.
Num 31:12 They brought the prisoners, the plunder, and the captured things to Moses, to Eleazar the priest, and to the congregation of the people of Israel. They brought these to the camp in the plains of Moab, by the Jordan River near Jericho.
Num 31:13 Moses, Eleazar the priest, and all the leaders of the congregation went to meet them outside the camp.
Num 31:14 But Moses was angry with the officers of the military force, the commanders of thousands and the captains of hundreds, who came from battle.
Num 31:15 Moses said to them, “Have you let all the women live?
Num 31:16 Look, these women caused the people of Israel, through Balaam’s advice, to commit sin against Yehowah in the matter of Peor, when the plague spread among the congregation of Yehowah.
Num 31:17 Now then kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman who has ever had sex with a man.
Num 31:18 But take for yourselves all the young girls who have never had sex with a man.

Num 31:19 You must camp outside the camp of Israel for seven days. All of you who have killed anyone or have touched any dead person, you must purify yourselves on the third day and on the seventh day, you and your prisoners.
Num 31:20 You must purify every garment and everything made of animal hide and goats' hair, and everything made of wood."
Num 31:21 Eleazar the priest said to the soldiers who had gone to war, "This is a decreed law that Yehowah has given to Moses:
Num 31:22 The gold, silver, bronze, iron, tin, and lead,
Num 31:23 and everything that resists fire, you must put it through the fire, and it will become clean. You must then purify those things with the water of cleansing. Whatever cannot go through the fire you must cleanse with that water.
Num 31:24 You must wash your clothes on the seventh day, and then you will become clean. Afterward, you may come into Israel's camp."
Num 31:25 Then Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 31:26 "Count all the plundered things that were taken, both people and animals. You, Eleazar the priest, and the leaders of the congregation's ancestor's clans
Num 31:27 must divide the plunder into two parts. Divide it between the soldiers who went out to battle and all the rest of the congregation.
Num 31:28 Then levy a tax to be given to Yehowah from the soldiers who went out to battle. This tax must be one out of every five hundred, whether persons, cattle, donkeys, sheep, or goats.
Num 31:29 Take this tax from their half and give it to Eleazar the priest for an offering to be presented to Yehowah.
Num 31:30 Also from the people of Israel's half, you must take one out of every fifty, from the persons, cattle, donkeys, sheep, and goats. Give these to the Levites who take care of the tabernacle of Yehowah."
Num 31:31 So Moses and Eleazar the priest did as Yehowah had commanded Moses.
Num 31:32 Now the plunder that remained of what the soldiers had taken was 675,000 sheep,
Num 31:33 seventy-two thousand oxen,
Num 31:34 sixty-one thousand donkeys,
Num 31:35 and thirty-two thousand women who had never had sex with any man.
Num 31:36 The half that was kept for the soldiers numbered 337,500 sheep.
Num 31:37 The part of the sheep for Yehowah was 675.
Num 31:38 The oxen were thirty-six thousand which the tax to Yehowah was seventy-two.

Num 31:39 The donkeys were 30,500 from which the part for Yehowah was sixty-one.
Num 31:40 The persons were sixteen thousand women of whom the tax to Yehowah was thirty-two.
Num 31:41 Moses took the tax that was to be an offering presented to Yehowah. He gave it to Eleazar the priest, as Yehowah commanded Moses.
Num 31:42 As for the people of Israel's half that Moses had taken from the soldiers who had gone to war,
Num 31:43 the congregation's half was 337,500 sheep,
Num 31:44 thirty-six thousand oxen,
Num 31:45 30,500 donkeys,
Num 31:46 and sixteen thousand women.
Num 31:47 From the people of Israel's half, Moses took one out of every fifty, both of people and animals. He gave them to the Levites who kept care of the tabernacle of Yehowah, as Yehowah had commanded him to do.
Num 31:48 Then the officers of the military force, the commanders over thousands and the captains over hundreds, came to Moses.
Num 31:49 They reported to him, "Your servants have counted the soldiers who are under our command, and not one man is missing.
Num 31:50 We have brought the offering of Yehowah, what each man found, articles of gold, armlets and bracelets, signet rings, earrings, and necklaces, to make atonement for ourselves before Yehowah."
Num 31:51 Moses and Eleazar the priest received from them the gold and all the articles of craftsmanship.
Num 31:52 All the gold of the offering that they gave to Yehowah, the offerings from the commanders of thousands and from the captains of hundreds, weighed 191 kilograms.
Num 31:53 Each soldier had taken plunder, each man for himself.
Num 31:54 Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold from the commanders of thousands and captains of hundreds. They took it into the Tent of Meeting as a reminder of the people of Israel for Yehowah.

Numbers Chapter 32

Num 32:1 Now the descendants of Reuben and of Gad had large numbers of livestock. When they saw the land of Jazer and Gilead, the land was a wonderful place for livestock.
Num 32:2 So the descendants of Gad and Reuben came and spoke to Moses, to Eleazar the priest, and to the leaders of the congregation,
Num 32:3 “This is a list of places we have surveyed: Ataroth, Dibon, Jazer, Nimrah, Heshbon, Elealeh, Sebam, Nebo, and Beon.
Num 32:4 These are the lands that Yehowah attacked before the congregation of Israel, and they are good places for livestock. We, your servants, have a lot of livestock.”
Num 32:5 They entreated, “If we have found grace in your sight, let this land be given to us, your servants, as a possession. Do not make us cross over the Jordan River.”
Num 32:6 Moses replied to the descendants of Gad and Reuben, “Should your brothers go to war while you settle down here?
Num 32:7 Why discourage the hearts of the people of Israel from going over into the land that Yehowah has given them?
Num 32:8 Your fathers did the same thing when I sent them from Kadesh Barnea (modern Tabuk, Saudi Arabia) to examine the land.
Num 32:9 They went up to the Valley of Eshcol. They saw the land and then discouraged the hearts of the people of Israel, so that they refused to enter the land that Yehowah had given them.
Num 32:10 The anger of Yehowah was kindled on that day. He took an oath,
Num 32:11 ‘Surely none of the men who came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and up, will see the land about which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, because they have not completely followed me, except for
Num 32:12 Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite, and Joshua son of Nun. Only Caleb and Joshua have completely followed Yehowah.’
Num 32:13 So the anger of Yehowah was kindled against Israel. He made them wander around in the wilderness for forty years (c. 1650 – 1611 BC), until all the generation who had done evil in the sight of Yehowah was destroyed.
Num 32:14 Look, you have risen up in your fathers’ place, just like more sinful men, to add to the burning anger of Yehowah toward Israel.
Num 32:15 If you turn away from following him, he will again leave Israel in the wilderness, and you will have destroyed all this people.”
Num 32:16 So they came near Moses and said, “Allow us to build fences here for our livestock and cities for our families.
Num 32:17 However, we ourselves will be ready and armed to go with Israel’s

military force, until we have led them into their place. But our families will live in the fortified cities, because of the other people who still live in this land.
Num 32:18 We will not return to our houses, until every one of the people of Israel has obtained his inheritance.
Num 32:19 We will not inherit the land with them on the other side of the Jordan River, and beyond, because our inheritance is here on the east side of the Jordan River."
Num 32:20 So Moses replied to them, "If you do what you say, if you arm yourselves to go before Yehowah to war,
Num 32:21 then every one of your armed men must cross over the Jordan River before Yehowah, until he has driven out his enemies from before him,
Num 32:22 and the land is subdued before Yehowah. Then afterward you may return. You will be guiltless toward Yehowah and toward Israel. This land will be your possession before Yehowah.
Num 32:23 But if you do not do so, look, you will have sinned against Yehowah. Be sure that your sin will find you out.
Num 32:24 Build cities for your families and pens for your sheep; then do what you have said."
Num 32:25 The descendants of Gad and Reuben spoke to Moses, "Your servants will do as our master commands.
Num 32:26 Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our livestock will stay there in the cities of Gilead.
Num 32:27 However we, your servants, will cross over before Yehowah to battle, every man who is armed for war, as you, our master, say."
Num 32:28 So Moses gave instructions concerning them to Eleazar the priest, to Joshua son of Nun, and to the leaders of the ancestor's clans in the tribes of the people of Israel.
Num 32:29 Moses said to them, "If the descendants of Gad and Reuben cross over the Jordan River with you, every man who is armed to battle before Yehowah, and if the land is subdued before you, then you will give them the land of Gilead as a possession.
Num 32:30 But if they do not cross over with you armed, then they will acquire their possessions among you in the land of Canaan."
Num 32:31 So the descendants of Gad and Reuben answered, "As Yehowah has said to us, your servants, this is what we will do.
Num 32:32 We will cross over armed before Yehowah into the land of Canaan, but our possessed inheritance will remain with us on this side of the Jordan River."
Num 32:33 So to the descendants of Gad and Reuben, and also to the half tribe of Manasseh son of Joseph, Moses gave the kingdom of Sihon, king of the Amorites, and of Og, king of Bashan. He gave to them the land, and distributed

to them all its cities with their borders, the cities of the land around them.
Num 32:34 The descendants of Gad rebuilt Dibon, Ataroth, Aroer,
Num 32:35 Atroth Shophan, Jazer, Jogbehah,
Num 32:36 Beth Nimrah, and Beth Haran as fortified cities with pens for sheep.
Num 32:37 The descendants of Reuben rebuilt Heshbon, Elealeh, Kiriathaim,
Num 32:38 Nebo, Baal Meon, their names were later changed, and Sibmah. They gave other names to the cities that they rebuilt.
Num 32:39 The descendants of Machir son of Manasseh went to Gilead and took it away from the Amorites who were in it.
Num 32:40 Then Moses gave Gilead to Machir son of Manasseh, and his people settled there.
Num 32:41 Jair son of Manasseh went and captured its towns and called them Havvoth Jair.
Num 32:42 Nobah went and captured Kenath and its villages, and he called it Nobah, after his own name.

Numbers Chapter 33

Num 33:1 These were the movements of the people of Israel after they left the land of Egypt by their armed forces under the leadership of Moses and Aaron.
Num 33:2 Moses wrote down the places from where they left to where they went, as commanded by Yehowah. These were their movements, departure after departure.
Num 33:3 They traveled from Rameses during the first month, leaving on the fifteenth day of the first month (Abib 15, c. 1650 BC). On the next day following the Passover, the people of Israel left openly, in the sight of all the Egyptians.
Num 33:4 This happened while the Egyptians were burying all their firstborn, those whom Yehowah had killed among them, for Yehowah also inflicted punishment on their deities.
Num 33:5 The people of Israel set out from Rameses and camped at Succoth (Exo. 12:37).
Num 33:6 They set out from Succoth and camped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness (of Shur, or Etham; Exo. 13:20; 15:22).
Num 33:7 They set out from Etham and turned back to Pi Hahiroth (house of Hathor, Exo. 14:2), which is opposite Baal Zephon (deity of the north), where they camped opposite Migdol.
Num 33:8 Then they set out from opposite Pi Hahiroth and passed through the middle of the SEA into the wilderness. They traveled three days' journey into the wilderness of Etham (or Shur; Exo. 15:22) and camped at Marah.
Num 33:9 They set out from Marah and arrived at Elim (modern Ein Zik). At Elim were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees (Exo. 15:27). That is where they camped.
Num 33:10 They set out from Elim and camped by the End Salt Sea.
Num 33:11 They set out from the End Salt Sea and camped in the wilderness of Sin (just east of Mt. Sin).
Num 33:12 They set out from the wilderness of Sin and camped at Dophkah.
Num 33:13 They set out from Dophkah and camped at Alush.
Num 33:14 They set out from Alush and camped at Rephidim, where no water was found for the people to drink.
Num 33:15 They set out from Rephidim and camped in the wilderness of Sinai.
Num 33:16 They set out from the wilderness of Sinai and camped at Kibroth Hattaavah.
Num 33:17 They set out from Kibroth Hattaavah and camped at Hazeroth.
Num 33:18 They set out from Hazeroth and camped at Rithmah.
Num 33:19 They set out from Rithmah and camped at Rimmon Perez.
Num 33:20 They set out from Rimmon Perez and camped at Libnah.

Num 33:21 They set out from Libnah and camped at Rissah.
Num 33:22 They set out from Rissah and camped at Kehelathah.
Num 33:23 They set out from Kehelathah and camped at Mount Shepher.
Num 33:24 They set out from Mount Shepher and camped at Haradah.
Num 33:25 They set out from Haradah and camped at Makheloth.
Num 33:26 They set out from Makheloth and camped at Tahath.
Num 33:27 They set out from Tahath and camped at Terah.
Num 33:28 They set out from Terah and camped at Mithkah.
Num 33:29 They set out from Mithkah and camped at Hashmonah.
Num 33:30 They set out from Hashmonah and camped at Moseroth.
Num 33:31 They set out from Moseroth and camped at Bene Jaakan.
Num 33:32 They set out from Bene Jaakan and camped at Hor Haggidgad.
Num 33:33 They set out from Hor Haggidgad and camped at Jotbathah.
Num 33:34 They set out from Jotbathah and camped at Abronah.
Num 33:35 They set out from Abronah and camped at Ezion Geber.
Num 33:36 They set out from Ezion Geber and camped in the wilderness of Sin at Kadesh (modern Tabuk, Saudi Arabia).
Num 33:37 They set out from Kadesh and camped at Mount Hor, at the edge of the land of Edom.
Num 33:38 Aaron the priest went up Mount Hor at the command of Yehowah and died there in the fortieth year, after the people of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, on the first of the fifth month.
Num 33:39 Aaron was 123 years old when he died on Mount Hor (c. 1611 BC).
Num 33:40 The Canaanite, the king of Arad, who lived in the southern wilderness in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the people of Israel.
Num 33:41 They set out from Mount Hor and camped at Zalmonah.
Num 33:42 They set out from Zalmonah and camped at Punon.
Num 33:43 They set out from Punon and camped at Oboth (Num. 21:10).
Num 33:44 They set out from Oboth and camped at Iye Abarim (modern Azraq, Jordan), on the border of Moab.
Num 33:45 They set out from Iye Abarim and camped at Dibon Gad (modern Dhībān, Jordan).
Num 33:46 They set out from Dibon Gad and camped at Almon Diblathaim.
Num 33:47 They set out from Almon Diblathaim and camped in the mountains of Abarim, opposite Nebo.
Num 33:48 They set out from the mountains of Abarim and camped in the plains of Moab by the Jordan River at Jericho.
Num 33:49 They camped by the Jordan River, from Beth Jeshimoth to Abel Shittim in the plains of Moab.
Num 33:50 Yehowah commanded Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan River at Jericho,

Num 33:51 “Speak to the people of Israel, ‘When you cross over the Jordan River into the land of Canaan,
Num 33:52 then you must drive out all the land’s inhabitants before you. You must destroy all their carved figures. You must destroy all their cast figures and demolish all their high places.
Num 33:53 You must take possession of the land and settle in it, because I have given you the land to possess.
Num 33:54 You must inherit the land by lot, according to each clan. To the larger clans you must give a larger share of land, and to the smaller clans you must give a smaller share of land. Wherever the lot falls to each clan, that land will belong to it. You will inherit the land according to your ancestors’ tribes.
Num 33:55 But if you do not drive out the land’s inhabitants before you, then the people you allow to stay will become like objects in your eyes and thorns in your sides. They will make your lives difficult in the land where you settle.
Num 33:56 Then it will happen that what I now intend to do to those people, I will do also to you.’”

Numbers Chapter 34

Num 34:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 34:2 “Command the people of Israel, ‘When you enter the land of Canaan, the land that will belong to you, the land of Canaan and its borders,
Num 34:3 your southern border will extend from the wilderness of Zin along the border of Edom. The southern border will be on a line that ends at the southern end of the End Salt Sea (Gulf of Aqaba) eastward.
Num 34:4 Your border will turn from the south to the Ascent of Scorpions (Ascent of Akrabbim on Route 8784 highway to Tabuk) and pass along through the wilderness of Zin. From there, it will run south of Kadesh Barnea (modern Tabuk, Saudi Arabia) and continue to Hazar Addar and further to Azmon.
Num 34:5 From there, the border will turn from Azmon toward the brook of Egypt and follow it to the Mediterranean Sea.
Num 34:6 The western border will be the coastline of the Mediterranean Sea. This will be your western border.
Num 34:7 Your northern border will extend along a line that you must mark out from the Mediterranean Sea to Mount Hor,
Num 34:8 then from Mount Hor to Lebo Hamath, then on to Zedad.
Num 34:9 Then the border will continue to Ziphron and end at Hazar Enan. This will be your northern border.
Num 34:10 Then you must mark out your eastern border from Hazar Enan south to Shepham.
Num 34:11 Then the eastern border will go down from Shepham to Riblah, on the east side of Ain. The border will continue along the east side of the Sea of Galilee (Lake Kinneret).
Num 34:12 Then the border will continue south along the Jordan River to the Dead Sea and continue down the eastern border of the Dead Sea. This will be your land, following its borders all around.’”
Num 34:13 Then Moses commanded the people of Israel, “This is the land that you will receive by lot, which Yehowah has commanded to give to the nine tribes and to the half tribe.
Num 34:14 The tribe of the descendants of Reuben, following the assignment of property to their ancestor’s tribe, and the tribe of the descendants of Gad, following the assignment of property to their ancestor’s tribe, and the half tribe of Manasseh have all received their land.
Num 34:15 The two tribes and the half tribe have received their share of land beyond the Jordan River at Jericho eastward, toward the sunrise.”
Num 34:16 Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 34:17 “These are the names of the men who will divide the land for your

inheritance: Eleazar the priest and Joshua son of Nun.
Num 34:18 You must choose one leader from every tribe to divide the land for their clans.
Num 34:19 These are the names of the men: from the tribe of Judah, Caleb son of Jephunneh.
Num 34:20 From the tribe of the descendants of Simeon, Shemuel son of Ammihud.
Num 34:21 From the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad son of Chislon.
Num 34:22 From the tribe of the descendants of Dan a leader, Bukki son of Jogli.
Num 34:23 From the descendants of Joseph, of the tribe of the descendants of Manasseh a leader, Hanniel son of Ephod.
Num 34:24 From the tribe of the descendants of Ephraim a leader, Kemuel son of Shiphtan.
Num 34:25 From the tribe of the descendants of Zebulun a leader, Elizaphan son of Parnach.
Num 34:26 From the tribe of the descendants of Issachar a leader, Paltiel son of Azzan.
Num 34:27 From the tribe of the descendants of Asher a leader, Ahihud son of Shelomi.
Num 34:28 From the tribe of the descendants of Naphtali a leader, Pedahel son of Ammihud.”
Num 34:29 Yehowah commanded these men to divide the land of Canaan and to give each of the tribes of Israel their share.

Numbers Chapter 35

Num 35:1 Yehowah spoke to Moses on the plains of Moab by the Jordan River at Jericho,
Num 35:2 “Command the people of Israel to give some of their own shares of land to the Levites. They must give them cities to live in and pastureland surrounding those cities.
Num 35:3 The Levites will have these cities to live in. The pastureland will be for their livestock, their flocks, and all their animals.
Num 35:4 The pasturelands around the cities that you will give to the Levites must extend from the city walls for 914 meters in every direction.
Num 35:5 You must measure 914 meters from outside the city on the east side, and 914 meters to the south side, 914 meters to the west side, and 914 meters to the north side. This will be the pasture lands for their cities. The cities will be in the center.
Num 35:6 Six of the cities that you will give to Levites must serve as cities of refuge. You must provide these as places to which a person who has killed someone can flee. Also provide forty-two other cities.
Num 35:7 The cities that you give to the Levites will total forty-eight. You must give their pasturelands with them.
Num 35:8 The larger tribes of the people of Israel, the tribes that have more land, must provide more cities. The smaller tribes will provide fewer cities. Each tribe must provide for the Levites according to the share that it has received.”
Num 35:9 Then Yehowah spoke to Moses,
Num 35:10 “Speak to the people of Israel, ‘When you cross over the Jordan River into the land of Canaan,
Num 35:11 then you must choose cities to serve as cities of refuge for you, a place to which a person who has killed someone unintentionally may flee.
Num 35:12 These cities must be your refuge from the avenger, so that the accused man will not be executed without first standing trial before the community.
Num 35:13 You must choose six cities as cities of refuge.
Num 35:14 You must provide three cities beyond the Jordan River and three in the land of Canaan. They will be cities of refuge.
Num 35:15 For the people of Israel, for the sojourning foreigners, and for resident aliens among you, these six cities will serve as a refuge to which anyone who kills someone unintentionally can flee.
Num 35:16 But if an accused man has struck his victim with an instrument of iron, and if his victim dies, then the accused is indeed a murderer. He must certainly be executed.

Num 35:17 If an accused man has struck his victim with a stone in his hand that might kill the victim, and if his victim dies, then the accused is indeed a murderer. He must certainly be executed.
Num 35:18 If an accused man has struck his victim with a wooden weapon that might kill the victim, and if the victim dies, then the accused is indeed a murderer. He must certainly be executed.
Num 35:19 The avenger of blood may put the murderer to death. When he meets him, the avenger of blood must execute him.
Num 35:20 If he strikes another in hatred or throws something at him, while hiding to ambush him, so that the victim dies,
Num 35:21 or if he strikes him down in hatred with his hand, so that the victim dies, then the accused who struck him must surely be executed. He is a murderer. The avenger of blood may execute the murderer when he meets him.
Num 35:22 But if an accused man suddenly hits a victim without premeditated hate or throws something that hits the victim without lying in wait,
Num 35:23 or if he throws a stone that could kill a victim without seeing the victim, then the accused was not the victim's enemy; he was not trying to hurt the victim. But this is what to do if the victim dies anyway.
Num 35:24 In that case, the congregation must judge between the accused and the avenger of blood on the basis of these rules.
Num 35:25 The congregation must rescue the accused from the power of the avenger of blood. The congregation must return the accused to the city of refuge to which he had originally fled. He must live there until the death of the current high priest, the one who was anointed with the set-apart oil.
Num 35:26 But if the accused man at any time goes beyond the border of the city of refuge to which he fled,
Num 35:27 and if the avenger of blood finds him outside the border of his city of refuge, and if he kills the accused man, the avenger of blood will not be guilty of murder.
Num 35:28 This is because the accused man should have remained in his city of refuge, until the death of the high priest. After the death of the high priest, the accused may return to the land where he has his own property.
Num 35:29 These laws must be statutes for you through all your people's generations in all the places where you live.
Num 35:30 Whoever kills any person, the murderer must be executed, as testified to by the words of witnesses. But one witness's word alone may not cause any person to be executed.
Num 35:31 Also, you must not accept ransom for the life of a murderer who is guilty of murder. He must certainly be executed.

Num 35:32 You must not accept ransom for the one who has fled to a city of refuge. You must not in this way allow him to reside on his own property, until the high priest dies.
Num 35:33 Do not pollute in this way the land where you live, because blood from murder pollutes the land. No atonement can be made for the land when blood has been shed on it, except by the blood of the (executed) one who shed it.
Num 35:34 So you must not defile the land in which you live, because I am living in it. I, Yehowah, live among the people of Israel.'"

Numbers Chapter 36

Num 36:1 Then the leaders of the ancestors' families of the clan of Gilead son of Machir, who was Manasseh's son, who were from the clans of the descendants of Joseph, came and spoke before Moses and before the leaders who were the heads of the ancestor's families of the people of Israel.
Num 36:2 They said, "Yehowah commanded you, our master, to give a share of land by lot to the people of Israel. You, our master, were commanded by Yehowah to give the share of Zelophehad our brother to his daughters.
Num 36:3 But if his daughters marry men in another tribe of the people of Israel, then their share of land will be removed from our ancestor's share. It will be added to the share of the tribes that they join. In that case, it will be removed from the assigned share of our inheritance.
Num 36:4 In that case, when the year of Jubilee of the people of Israel comes, then their share will be joined to the share of the tribe that they have joined. In this way, their share will be taken away from the share of our ancestor's tribe."
Num 36:5 So Moses gave a command to the people of Israel, at the Word of Yehowah. He said, "What the tribe of Joseph's descendants says is right.
Num 36:6 This is what Yehowah commands concerning Zelophehad's daughters, 'Let them be married to whom they think best, but they must be married only within their father's tribe.'
Num 36:7 No share of the people of Israel must change from one tribe to another. Each one of the people of Israel must continue with the share of his ancestor's tribe.
Num 36:8 Every woman of the people of Israel who owns a share in her tribe must marry someone from the clans belonging to her father's tribe. This is so that everyone of the people of Israel may own an inheritance from his ancestors.
Num 36:9 No share may change hands from one tribe to another. Everyone of the tribes of the people of Israel must keep his own inheritance."
Num 36:10 So Zelophehad's daughters did as Yehowah had commanded Moses.
Num 36:11 Mahlah, Tirzah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, married descendants of Manasseh.
Num 36:12 They married into the clans of the descendants of Manasseh son of Joseph. In this way, their inheritances remained in the tribe to which their father's clan belonged.
Num 36:13 These are the commands and the decrees that Yehowah gave by Moses to the people of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan River at Jericho.

Book of Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy Chapter 1

Deu 1:1 These are the words that Moses spoke to all Israel beyond the Jordan River in the wilderness, in the plain of the Jordan Valley over against Suph, between Paran, Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Di Zahab.
Deu 1:2 It is eleven days journey from Horeb (Mount Sinai) by the way of Mount Seir to Kadesh Barnea (modern Tabuk, Saudi Arabia).
Deu 1:3 It happened in the fortieth year (winter, c. 1612-1611 BC), on the first of the eleventh month, that Moses spoke to the people of Israel, telling them all that Yehowah commanded him concerning them.
Deu 1:4 This was after Yehowah had attacked Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth at Edrei.
Deu 1:5 Beyond the Jordan River, in the land of Moab, Moses began to announce these instructions,
Deu 1:6 "Yehowah our Divine One spoke to us at Horeb, 'You have lived long enough in this hill country.
Deu 1:7 Turn and take your journey, and go to the hill country of the Amorites and to all the places near there in the plain of the Jordan River valley, in the hill country, in the lowland, in the Negev, and by the seashore, the land of the Canaanites, and in Lebanon as far as the great river, the Euphrates.
Deu 1:8 Look, I have set the land before you; go in and possess the land that Yehowah swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their descendants after them.'
Deu 1:9 I spoke to you at that time, 'I am not able to carry you myself alone.
Deu 1:10 Yehowah your Divine One has multiplied you, and look, you are today as the multitude of the stars of heaven.
Deu 1:11 May Yehowah, Mighty One of your fathers, make you a thousand times as many as you are, and bless you, as he has promised you!
Deu 1:12 But how can I myself alone carry your loads, your burdens, and your disputes?
Deu 1:13 Take wise men, understanding men, and men of good repute from each tribe, and I will make them heads over you.'
Deu 1:14 You answered me, 'The thing that you have spoken is good for us to do.'

Deu 1:15 So I took the heads of your tribes, wise men, and men of good repute, and made them heads over you, captains of thousands, captains of hundreds, captains of fifties, captains of tens, and officers, tribe by tribe.
Deu 1:16 I commanded your judges at that time, 'Hear the disputes between your brothers and judge righteously between a man and his brother, and the sojourning foreigner who is with him.
Deu 1:17 You will not show partiality to anyone in a dispute; you will hear the small and the great alike. You will not be afraid of the face of man, for the judgment belongs to the Almighty. The dispute that is too hard for you, you will bring to me, and I will hear it.'
Deu 1:18 I commanded you at that time all the things that you should do.
Deu 1:19 We journeyed away from Horeb and went through all that great and terrible wilderness that you saw, on our way to the hill country of the Amorites, as Yehowah our Divine One had commanded us; and we came to Kadesh Barnea (modern Tabuk, Saudi Arabia).
Deu 1:20 I said to you, 'You have come to the hill country of the Amorites, which Yehowah our Divine One is giving to us.
Deu 1:21 Look, Yehowah your Divine One has set the land before you; go up, take possession, as Yehowah, Mighty One of your fathers, has spoken to you; do not be afraid, neither be discouraged.'
Deu 1:22 Every one of you came to me and said, 'Let us send men ahead of us, so that they may search out the land for us, and bring us word about the way by which we should attack, and about the cities to which we will come.'
Deu 1:23 The advice pleased me well; I took twelve men of you, one man for every tribe.
Deu 1:24 They turned and went up into the hill country, came to the Valley of Eshcol, and scouted it.
Deu 1:25 They took some of the produce of the land in their hands and brought it down to us. They also brought us word, 'It is a good land that Yehowah our Divine One is giving to us.'
Deu 1:26 Yet, you refused to attack but rebelled against the commandment of Yehowah your Divine One.
Deu 1:27 You complained in your tents, "It is because Yehowah hated us, that he has brought us out of the land of Egypt, to give us into the hand of the Amorites to destroy us.
Deu 1:28 Where can we go now? Our brothers have made our heart to melt, reporting, 'Those people are bigger and taller than we are; their cities are large and are fortified up to the heavens; moreover, we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.'"
Deu 1:29 Then I encouraged you, 'Do not be terrified, neither be afraid of them.

Deu 1:30 Yehowah your Divine One, who goes before you, he will fight for you, like everything that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes,
Deu 1:31 and also in the wilderness, where you have seen how Yehowah your Divine One carried you, as a man carries his son, everywhere you went, until you came to this place.'
Deu 1:32 Yet in spite of this word, you did not believe Yehowah your Divine One,
Deu 1:33 who went before you on the way to find a place for you to make camp, to show you the way you should go, in fire by night and in a cloud by day.
Deu 1:34 Yehowah heard the sound of your words and was angry; he swore,
Deu 1:35 'Surely not one of these men of this evil generation will see the good land that I swore to give to your ancestors,
Deu 1:36 save Caleb son of Jephunneh; he will see it. To him I will give the land that he has stepped on, and to his children, because he has wholly followed Yehowah.'
Deu 1:37 Also, Yehowah was angry with me because of you, saying, 'You also will not go in there;
Deu 1:38 Joshua son of Nun, who stands before you, he will go in there; encourage him, for he will lead Israel to inherit it.
Deu 1:39 Moreover, your little children, the ones you said would be victims, who today have no knowledge of good or evil, they will go in there. To them I will give it, and they will possess it.
Deu 1:40 But as for you, turn and take your journey into the wilderness along the way to the End Salt Sea.'
Deu 1:41 Then you answered me, 'We have sinned against Yehowah; we will go up and fight, and we will follow all that Yehowah our Divine One has commanded us to do.' Every man among you put on his weapons of war, and you were ready to attack the hill country.
Deu 1:42 Yehowah ordered me, 'Command them, "Do not attack and do not fight, for I will not be with you, and you will be defeated by your enemies."'
Deu 1:43 I spoke to you in this way, but you did not listen. You rebelled against the commandment of Yehowah; you were presumptuous and attacked the hill country.
Deu 1:44 But the Amorites, who lived in that hill country, came out against you and chased you like bees, and struck you down in Seir, as far as Hormah (the destroyed Arad; Num. 21:1).
Deu 1:45 You returned and wept before Yehowah; but Yehowah did not listen to your voice, nor did he pay attention to you.
Deu 1:46 So you stayed in Kadesh many days, all the days that you stayed there.

Deuteronomy Chapter 2

Deu 2:1 Then we turned and took our journey into the wilderness by the way to the End Salt Sea, as Yehowah had spoken to me; we went around Mount Seir for many days.
Deu 2:2 Yehowah ordered me,
Deu 2:3 ‘You have gone around this mountain long enough; turn northward.
Deu 2:4 Command the people, “You are to pass through the border of your brothers, the descendants of Esau, who live in Seir; they will be afraid of you. Therefore, be careful
Deu 2:5 not to fight with them, for I will not give you any of their land, no, not even enough for the sole of a foot to step on; for I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession.
Deu 2:6 You will purchase food from them with money, so that you may eat; you will also buy water from them with money, so that you may drink.
Deu 2:7 For Yehowah your Divine One has blessed you in all the work of your hand; he has known your walking through this great wilderness. For these forty years Yehowah your Divine One has been with you, and you have lacked nothing.”’
Deu 2:8 So we passed by our brothers, the descendants of Esau who live in Seir, away from the Arabah road, from Elath and from Ezion Geber. Then we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab.
Deu 2:9 Yehowah ordered me, ‘Do not trouble Moab and do not fight with them in battle. For I will not give you his land for your own possession, because I have given Ar to the descendants of Lot, for their possession.’
Deu 2:10 The Emim lived there previously, a people as great, as many, and as tall as the Anakim;
Deu 2:11 these also are considered to be the giants, like the Anakim; but the Moabites call them the Emim.
Deu 2:12 The Horites also lived in Seir previously, but the descendants of Esau succeeded them. They destroyed them from before them and lived in their place, like Israel did to the land of his possession that Yehowah gave to them.
Deu 2:13 ‘Now rise up and go over the brook Zered.’ So we went over the brook Zered (aka Wadi al-Hasa).
Deu 2:14 Now the days from when we came from Kadesh Barnea (modern Tabuk, Saudi Arabia), until we crossed the brook Zered, were thirty-eight years (c. 1649-1611 BC). It was by that time that all that generation of the military force were gone from the people, as Yehowah had sworn to them.
Deu 2:15 Moreover, the hand of Yehowah was against that generation in order to destroy them from the camp, until they were gone.

Deu 2:16 So it happened, when all the men fit for fighting were dead and gone from among the people,
Deu 2:17 that Yehowah spoke to me,
Deu 2:18 “You are today to pass over Ar, the border of Moab.
Deu 2:19 When you come near opposite the people of Ammon, do not trouble them or fight them; for I will not give you any of the land of the people of Ammon as a possession; because I have given it to the descendants of Lot as a possession.”
Deu 2:20 That also is considered to be a land of the giants. The giants lived there previously, but the Ammonites call them Zamzummim,
Deu 2:21 a people as great, as many, and as tall as the Anakim. But Yehowah destroyed them before the Ammonites, and they succeeded them and lived in their place.
Deu 2:22 This Yehowah also did for the people of Esau, who live in Seir, when he destroyed the Horites from before them, and the descendants of Esau succeeded them and have lived in their place even until today.
Deu 2:23 As for the Avvites who lived in villages as far as Gaza, the Caphtorim, who came from Caphtor (Crete, Aegean Sea people, Philistines; Gen. 10:14; 1 Chron. 1:12; Amos 9:7; Jer. 47:4), destroyed them and settled in their place.
Deu 2:24 “Now rise up, go on your journey, and pass over the Valley of the Arnon; look, I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land. Begin to possess it and fight with him in battle.
Deu 2:25 Today, I will begin to put the fear and terror of you on the people that are under the whole sky; they will hear news about you, will tremble, and be in anguish because of you.”
Deu 2:26 I sent messengers from the wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon, king of Heshbon, with words of peace,
Deu 2:27 ‘Let me pass through your land; I will go along the highway; I will turn neither to the right hand nor to the left.
Deu 2:28 You will sell me food for money, so that I may eat; give me water for money, so that I may drink; only let me pass through on my feet;
Deu 2:29 as the descendants of Esau who live in Seir, and as the Moabites who live in Ar did for me; until I pass over the Jordan River into the land that Yehowah our Divine One is giving us.’
Deu 2:30 But Sihon, king of Heshbon, would not let us pass by him; for Yehowah your Divine One had hardened his mind and made his heart obstinate, that he might defeat him by your might, which he has now done today.
Deu 2:31 Yehowah said to me, “Look, I have begun to deliver up Sihon and his land before you; begin to possess it, in order that you may inherit his land.”
Deu 2:32 Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz.

Deu 2:33 Yehowah our Divine One gave him over to us, and we defeated him; we struck him dead, his sons, and all his people.
Deu 2:34 We took all his cities at that time and completely destroyed every city, men, the women, and the little ones; we left no survivor.
Deu 2:35 Only the livestock we took as spoils for ourselves, along with the spoil of the cities that we had taken.
Deu 2:36 From Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and from the city that is in the valley, all the way to Gilead, there was not a city too high for us. Yehowah our Divine One gave us victory over all our enemies before us.
Deu 2:37 It was only to the land of the descendants of Ammon that you did not go, as well as all the side of the Jabbok (modern Yarmuk) River, and the cities of the hill country, wherever Yehowah our Divine One had forbidden us to go.

Deuteronomy Chapter 3

Deu 3:1 Then we turned and went up the way to Bashan. Og, the king of Bashan, came and attacked us, he and all his people, to fight at Edrei.
Deu 3:2 Yehowah said to me, 'Do not fear him; for I have given you victory over him and have put all his people and his land under your control. You will do to him as you did to Sihon, king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon.'
Deu 3:3 So Yehowah our Divine One also gave us victory over Og the king of Bashan, and all his people were put under our control. We struck them down, until not one of his people remained.
Deu 3:4 We took all his cities at that time; there was not one city that we did not take from them: sixty cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.
Deu 3:5 These were all cities fortified with high walls, gates, and bars; this was besides a multitude of unwalled villages.
Deu 3:6 We completely destroyed them, as we did to Sihon king of Heshbon, completely destroying every city, men, the women, and the little ones.
Deu 3:7 But all the livestock and the spoil of the cities, we took as spoils for ourselves.
Deu 3:8 At that time, we took the land out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites, who were beyond the Jordan River, from the Valley of the Arnon to Mount Hermon.
Deu 3:9 Mount Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion, and the Amorites call it Senir,
Deu 3:10 and all the cities of the plain, all Gilead, and all Bashan, all the way to Salecah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan."
Deu 3:11 For of the remnant of the giants, only Og king of Bashan had remained. Look! His bed was a bed of iron. Was it not in Rabbah (modern Amman), where the descendants of Ammon live? It was four and one half meters long and two meters wide, the way people measure.
Deu 3:12 "This land that we took in possession at that time, from Aroer, that is by the Valley of the Arnon, and half the hill country of Gilead, and its cities, I gave to the Reubenites and to the Gadites.
Deu 3:13 The rest of Gilead and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to the half tribe of Manasseh: all the region of Argob and all Bashan. The same territory is called the land of giants.
Deu 3:14 Jair, a descendant of Manasseh, took all the region of Argob to the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites. He called the region, even Bashan, by his own name, Havvoth Jair, to this day.
Deu 3:15 I gave Gilead to Machir.
Deu 3:16 To the Reubenites and to the Gadites I gave territory from Gilead to the

Valley of the Arnon, the middle of the valley is the territory's border, and to the Jabbok River (modern Yarmuk River), which is the border with the descendants of Ammon.
Deu 3:17 Another of its borders is also the plain of the Jordan River valley, from the Sea of Galilee to the Sea of the Arabah, that is, the Dead Sea, to the slopes of Mount Pisgah eastward.
Deu 3:18 I commanded you at that time, 'Yehowah your Divine One has given you this land to possess it; you, all the warriors, will pass over armed before your brothers, the people of Israel.
Deu 3:19 But your wives, your little ones, and your livestock, I know that you have much livestock, will stay in your cities that I have given you,
Deu 3:20 until Yehowah gives rest to your brothers, as he has to you, until they also possess the land that Yehowah your Divine One is giving them beyond the Jordan River; then will you return, every man of you, to your own property that I have given you.'
Deu 3:21 I commanded Joshua at that time, 'Your eyes have seen all that Yehowah your Divine One has done to these two kings; Yehowah will do the same to all the kingdoms where you go over.
Deu 3:22 You will not fear them, for Yehowah your Divine One is the One who will fight for you.'
Deu 3:23 I entreated Yehowah at that time,
Deu 3:24 'O Lord Yehowah, you have begun to show your servant your greatness and your strong hand; for what deity is there in Heaven or in earth that can do the same works as you have done, and the same mighty acts?
Deu 3:25 Let me go over, I beg you, and see the good land that is beyond the Jordan River, that good hill country, and also Lebanon.'
Deu 3:26 But Yehowah was angry with me because of you; he did not listen to me. Yehowah said to me, 'Let this be enough for you, speak no more to me about this matter:
Deu 3:27 Go up to the top of Pisgah and lift up your eyes westward, northward, southward, and eastward; look with your eyes, for you will not go over the Jordan River.
Deu 3:28 Instead, instruct Joshua and encourage and strengthen him, for he will go over before this people, and he will cause them to inherit the land that you will see.'
Deu 3:29 So we stayed in the valley opposite Beth Peor.

Deuteronomy Chapter 4

Deu 4:1 Now Israel, listen to the laws and the decrees that I am about to teach you, to do them; so that you may live, go in, and possess the land that Yehowah, Mighty One of your fathers, is giving you.
Deu 4:2 You will not add to the word that I command you, neither will you take away from it, so that you may keep the commandments of Yehowah your Divine One that I am about to command you.
Deu 4:3 Your eyes have seen what Yehowah did because of Baal Peor; for all the men who followed Baal of Peor, Yehowah your Divine One has destroyed them from among you.
Deu 4:4 But you who clung to Yehowah your Divine One are alive today, every one of you.
Deu 4:5 Look, I have taught you laws and decrees, as Yehowah my Divine One had commanded me, that you should do so in the midst of the land which you are going into, in order to possess it.
Deu 4:6 Therefore, keep them and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the people who will hear about all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'
Deu 4:7 For what great ethnicity is there that has a deity so near to them, as Yehowah our Divine One is whenever we call upon him?
Deu 4:8 What great ethnicity is there that has laws and decrees so righteous as all this law that I am setting before you today?
Deu 4:9 Only pay attention and carefully guard yourself, so that you do not forget the things that your eyes have seen, so that they do not leave your heart for all the days of your life. Instead, make them known to your children and your children's children.
Deu 4:10 On the day that you stood before Yehowah your Divine One at Horeb, when Yehowah ordered me, 'Assemble to me the people, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.'
Deu 4:11 You came near and stood at the foot of the mountain. The mountain burned with fire to the heart of the sky, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness.
Deu 4:12 Yehowah spoke to you out of the middle of the fire; you heard the voice with its words, but you saw no form; you only heard a voice.
Deu 4:13 He declared to you his covenant that he commanded you to perform, the Ten Words. He wrote them on two tablets of stone.

Deu 4:14 Yehowah commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and ordinances, so that you might do them in the land that you are crossing over to take possession of.
Deu 4:15 So take great heed to yourselves, for you saw no kind of form on the day that Yehowah spoke to you at Horeb out of the middle of the fire,
Deu 4:16 that you do not corrupt yourselves and make a carved figure in the likeness of any creature, the form of a male or a female person,
Deu 4:17 or the likeness of any beast that is on the earth, or the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the sky,
Deu 4:18 or the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, or the likeness of any fish that is in the water under the earth.
Deu 4:19 You will not lift your eyes up to the heavens and look at the sun, the moon, or the stars, all the host of the heavens, and be drawn away to worship them and adore them, those things of which Yehowah your Divine One has given a share to all the ethnicities under the whole sky.
Deu 4:20 But Yehowah has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be to him a people of his own inheritance, as you are today.
Deu 4:21 Yehowah was angry with me because of you; he swore that I should not go over the Jordan River, and that I should not go into that good land, the land that Yehowah your Divine One is giving to you as an inheritance.
Deu 4:22 Instead, I must die in this land; I must not go over the Jordan River; but you will go over and possess that good land.
Deu 4:23 Pay attention to yourselves, so that you do not forget the covenant of Yehowah your Divine One, which he made with you, and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of anything that Yehowah your Divine One has forbidden you to make.
Deu 4:24 For Yehowah your Divine One is a consuming fire, a jealous Almighty.
Deu 4:25 When you beget children and grandchildren, and when you will have been in the land for a long time, and if you corrupt yourselves and make a carved figure in the form of anything, and do what is evil in the sight of Yehowah your Divine One, to provoke him to anger,
Deu 4:26 I call Heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you will soon utterly perish from off the land that you are going over the Jordan River to possess; you will not prolong your days in it, but you will be completely destroyed.
Deu 4:27 Yehowah will scatter you among the people, and you will be left few in number among the ethnicities, where Yehowah will lead you away.
Deu 4:28 There you will serve false deities, the work of men’s hands, wood and stone, which neither see, hear, eat, nor smell.
Deu 4:29 But from there you will seek Yehowah your Divine One, and you will find him, when you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul.

Deu 4:30 When you are in distress, and when all these things will have come on you, in those later days, you will return to Yehowah your Divine One and listen to his voice.
Deu 4:31 For Yehowah your Divine One is a merciful Almighty; he will not fail you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers that he swore to them.
Deu 4:32 For ask now about the days that are past, which were before you: Since the day that the Almighty created man on the earth, and from one end of the heavens to the other, ask whether there has been anything like this great thing, or has anything like it ever been heard?
Deu 4:33 Did ever a people hear the voice of the Almighty speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and live?
Deu 4:34 Or has the Almighty ever attempted to go and take for himself a nation from the midst of another ethnicity, by trials, by signs, by wonders, by war, by a mighty hand, by an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, as everything that Yehowah your Divine One did for you in Egypt before your eyes?
Deu 4:35 To you these things were shown, so that you might know that Yehowah is the Almighty, and that there is no one else besides him.
Deu 4:36 Out of Heaven he made you to hear his voice, so that he might instruct you; on earth he made you see his great fire; you heard his words out of the midst of the fire.
Deu 4:37 Because he loved your fathers, he chose their descendants after them, and brought you out of Egypt with his presence, with his great power;
Deu 4:38 in order to drive out from before you ethnicities greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land as an inheritance, as today.
Deu 4:39 Know therefore today, and lay it on your heart, that Yehowah is the Almighty in Heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no one else.
Deu 4:40 You will keep his statutes and his commandments that I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you forever."
Deu 4:41 Then Moses selected three cities on the east side of the Jordan River,
Deu 4:42 so that anyone might flee to one of them if he killed another person accidentally, without being his enemy previously. By fleeing to one of these cities, he might survive.
Deu 4:43 They were: Bezer in the wilderness, the plain country, for the Reubenites; Ramoth in Gilead, for the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, for the Manassites.
Deu 4:44 This is the law that Moses placed before the people of Israel;
Deu 4:45 these are the covenant testimonies, laws, and other decrees that he spoke to the people of Israel when they came out of Egypt,

Deu 4:46 when they were east of the Jordan River, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, in the land of Sihon, king of the Amorites, who had lived at Heshbon, whom Moses and the people of Israel had defeated when they came out of Egypt.
Deu 4:47 They took his land as a possession, and the land of Og king of Bashan, these, the two kings of the Amorites, who were beyond the Jordan River toward the east.
Deu 4:48 This territory went from Aroer, on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon (aka Zarqa), to Mount Sion, the summit of Mount Hermon,
Deu 4:49 and included all of the plain of the Jordan River valley, eastward beyond the Jordan River, to the Dead Sea, to the slopes of Mount Pisgah.

Deuteronomy Chapter 5

Deu 5:1 Moses called to all Israel, “Listen, Israel, to the statutes and the decrees that I will speak in your ears today, that you may learn them, keep them, and do them.
Deu 5:2 Yehowah our Divine One made a covenant with us at Horeb.
Deu 5:3 Yehowah did not make this covenant with our ancestors, but with us, all of us alive here today.
Deu 5:4 Yehowah spoke with you face to face on the mount out of the middle of the fire.
Deu 5:5 I stood between Yehowah and you at that time, to reveal to you the Word of Yehowah; for you were afraid because of the fire, and you did not go up the mountain. He said,
Deu 5:6 ‘I am Yehowah your Divine One, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery (1st Commandment: Believe in Yehowah).
Deu 5:7 You will have no other deities before me (2nd Commandment: No idolatry).
Deu 5:8 You will not make for yourself a carved figure nor any likeness of anything that is in the heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water below.
Deu 5:9 You will not bow down to them or serve them, for I, Yehowah your Divine One, am a jealous Almighty. I punish the ancestors’ wickedness by bringing punishment on the children, to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,
Deu 5:10 and showing covenant faithfulness to thousands, to those who love me and keep my commandments.
Deu 5:11 You will not swear an oath in the name of Yehowah your Divine One and then not keep it, for Yehowah will not hold him guiltless that swears an oath in his name and does not keep it (3rd Commandment: No false oaths).
Deu 5:12 Guard the consecrated Sabbath day, as Yehowah your Divine One commanded you (4th).
Deu 5:13 For six days you will labor and do all your work;
Deu 5:14 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to Yehowah your Divine One. On it you will not do any work, not you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your livestock, nor any sojourning alien who is within your gates. This is so that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you.
Deu 5:15 You will call to mind that you were a servant in the land of Egypt, and Yehowah your Divine One brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by

an outstretched arm. Therefore, Yehowah your Divine One has commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.
Deu 5:16 Honor your father and your mother, as Yehowah your Divine One has commanded you to do, that you may live a long time in the land that Yehowah your Divine One gives you, and so that it may go well with you (5th).
Deu 5:17 You will not murder (6th).
Deu 5:18 You will not commit adultery (7th Commandment: No sexual immorality).
Deu 5:19 You will not steal (8th).
Deu 5:20 You will not give false witness against your neighbor (9th).
Deu 5:21 You will not covet your neighbor's wife, you will not covet your neighbor's house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his jack donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor' (10th).
Deu 5:22 These words Yehowah spoke in a loud voice to all your congregation on the mountain out of the middle of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness; and he added no more words. He wrote them down on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.
Deu 5:23 It came about, when you heard the voice out of the middle of the darkness, while the mountain was burning, that you came near to me, all your elders and the heads of your tribes.
Deu 5:24 You said, 'Look, Yehowah our Divine One has shown us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the middle of the fire; we have seen today that when the Almighty speaks with people, they can live.
Deu 5:25 But why should we die? For this great fire will consume us; if we hear the voice of Yehowah our Divine One any longer, we will die!
Deu 5:26 For who besides us is there among all flesh who has heard the voice of the living Almighty speak out of the middle of the fire and lived, as we have done?
Deu 5:27 As for you, you should go and listen to everything that Yehowah our Divine One says; repeat to us everything that Yehowah our Divine One says to you; we will listen to it and obey it.'
Deu 5:28 Yehowah heard your words when you spoke to me. Yehowah said to me, 'I have heard the words of this people, what they said to you. What they said was good.
Deu 5:29 Oh, that there were such a heart in them, that they would honor me and always keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their children forever!
Deu 5:30 Go order them, "Return to your tents."
Deu 5:31 But as for you, stand here by me, and I will tell you all the commandments, the statutes, and the decrees that you will teach them, so that they may keep them in the land that I will give them to possess.'

Deu 5:32 You will keep, therefore, what Yehowah your Divine One has commanded you; you will not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.
Deu 5:33 You will walk in all the Ways that Yehowah your Divine One has commanded you, so that you may live, and so that it may go well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land that you will possess.

Deuteronomy Chapter 6

Deu 6:1 Now these are the commandments, statutes, and decrees that Yehowah your Divine One has commanded me to teach you, so that you might keep them in the land that you are going over the Jordan River to possess;
Deu 6:2 so that you might honor Yehowah your Divine One, so as to keep all his statutes and commandments that I am commanding you; you, your sons, and your grandchildren, all the days of your lives, so that your days may be prolonged.
Deu 6:3 Therefore, listen to them, Israel, and keep them, so that it may go well with you, so that you may greatly multiply in a land flowing with milk and honey, as Yehowah, Mighty One of your fathers, has promised you would do.
Deu 6:4 Hear, Israel: Yehowah our Divine One, Yehowah is Oneness.
Deu 6:5 You will love Yehowah your Divine One with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might (Mat. 22:37; Mark 12:29-30; Luke 10:27; 11:28).
Deu 6:6 The words that I am commanding you today will be in your heart;
Deu 6:7 and you will diligently teach them to your children; you will talk about them when you sit in your house, when you walk on the road, when you lie down, and when you get up (John 5:39).
Deu 6:8 You will tie them as a sign upon your hand, and they will serve as frontlets between your eyes (tefillin).
Deu 6:9 You will write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.
Deu 6:10 When Yehowah your Divine One brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, that he would give you, with large and good cities that you did not build,
Deu 6:11 and houses full of all kinds of good things that you did not make, cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant, you will eat and be satisfied,
Deu 6:12 then be careful, so that you do not forget Yehowah, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
Deu 6:13 You will honor Yehowah your Divine One; him you will worship, and you will swear by his name (Luke 4:8).
Deu 6:14 You will not go after false deities, the deities of the people who are all around you,
Deu 6:15 for Yehowah your Divine One in the midst of you is a jealous Almighty. If you do, the anger of Yehowah your Divine One will be kindled against you, and he will destroy you from the surface of the earth.
Deu 6:16 You will not test Yehowah your Divine One as you tested him at Massah (Luke 4:12).

Deu 6:17 You will diligently keep the commandments of Yehowah your Divine One, his commands and his statutes, that he has commanded you.
Deu 6:18 You will do what is right and good in the sight of Yehowah, that it may go well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land that Yehowah swore to your fathers,
Deu 6:19 to drive out all your enemies from before you, as Yehowah has said.
Deu 6:20 When your son asks you in time to come, 'What are the covenant decrees, the statutes, and the other decrees that Yehowah our Divine One commanded you?'
Deu 6:21 Then you will answer your son, 'We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt; Yehowah brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand,
Deu 6:22 and he displayed signs and wonders, great and severe, on Egypt, on Pharaoh, and on all his household, before our eyes;
Deu 6:23 and he brought us out from there, so that he might bring us in, to give us the land that he swore to our fathers.
Deu 6:24 Yehowah commanded us to always keep all these statutes, to fear Yehowah our Divine One for our good, so that he might keep us alive, as we are today.
Deu 6:25 If we keep all these commands before Yehowah our Divine One, as he has commanded us, this will be our righteousness.'

Deuteronomy Chapter 7

Deu 7:1 When Yehowah your Divine One brings you into the land that you go to possess, he will drive out many ethnicities before you, the Hethites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven ethnicities greater and mightier than you.
Deu 7:2 It is Yehowah your Divine One who gives them over to you when you defeat them, and then you must completely destroy them. You will make no covenant with them, and show them no mercy.
Deu 7:3 Neither will you arrange any marriages with them. You will not give your daughters to their sons, and you will not take their daughters for your sons.
Deu 7:4 For they will turn away your sons from following me, so that they may worship false deities. So the anger of Yehowah will be kindled against you, and he will destroy you quickly.
Deu 7:5 This is how you will deal with them: You will break down their altars, dash their stone pillars in pieces, cut down their Asherah poles, and burn their carved idols.
Deu 7:6 For you are a nation that is set apart to Yehowah your Divine One. Yehowah your Divine One has chosen you to be a people for him to possess, more than all the other people that are on the face of the earth.
Deu 7:7 Yehowah did not set his love upon you or choose you because you were more in number than any people, for you were the fewest of all people,
Deu 7:8 but because Yehowah loves you, and he wished to keep the oath that he had sworn to your fathers. This is why Yehowah has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt.
Deu 7:9 Therefore, know that Yehowah your Divine One, he is Almighty, the faithful Almighty, who keeps covenant and faithfulness for a thousand generations with those who love him and keep his commandments,
Deu 7:10 but repays to their face those who hate him, to destroy them; he will not be lenient on whoever hates him; he will repay him to his face.
Deu 7:11 You will therefore keep the commandments, the statutes, and the decrees that I command you today, so that you will do them.
Deu 7:12 If you listen to these decrees, and keep and do them, it will happen that Yehowah your Divine One will keep with you the covenant and the faithfulness that he swore to your fathers.
Deu 7:13 He will love you, bless you, and multiply you; he will also bless the fruit of your body and the fruit of your ground, your grain, your new wine, and your oil, the multiplication of your cattle and the young of your flocks, in the land that he swore to your fathers to give you.

Deu 7:14 You will be blessed more than all other people; there will not be a childless male or a barren female among you or among your livestock.
Deu 7:15 Yehowah will take away from you all sickness; none of the evil diseases of Egypt that you have known will he put on you, but he will put them on all those who hate you.
Deu 7:16 You will consume all the ethnicities over which Yehowah your Divine One gives you victory, and your eye will not pity them. You will not worship their deities, for that will be a trap for you.
Deu 7:17 If you say in your heart, 'These ethnicities are more numerous than I. How can I dispossess them?'
Deu 7:18 Do not be afraid of them; you will call to mind what Yehowah your Divine One did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt;
Deu 7:19 the great sufferings that your eyes saw, the signs, the wonders, the mighty hand, and the outstretched arm by which Yehowah your Divine One brought you out. Yehowah your Divine One will do the same to all the people whom you fear.
Deu 7:20 Moreover, Yehowah your Divine One will send the hornet among them, until those who are left, and who hide themselves from you, perish from your presence.
Deu 7:21 You will not be frightened at them, for Yehowah your Divine One is among you, the great and fearsome Almighty.
Deu 7:22 Yehowah your Divine One will drive out those ethnicities before you little by little. You will not defeat them all at once, or the wild animals would multiply around you.
Deu 7:23 But Yehowah your Divine One will give you victory over them when you meet them in battle; he will greatly confuse them, until they are destroyed.
Deu 7:24 He will put their kings under your power, and you will make their name perish from under the heavens. No one will be able to stand before you, until you have destroyed them.
Deu 7:25 You will burn the carved figures of their deities, do not covet the silver or the gold that covers them and take it for yourself, because if you do, you will become trapped by it, for it is an abomination to Yehowah your Divine One.
Deu 7:26 You will not bring any abomination into your house and start to worship it. You will utterly detest and abhor it, for it is set apart for destruction.

Deuteronomy Chapter 8

Deu 8:1 You must keep all the commands that I am giving you today, so that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that Yehowah swore to your fathers.
Deu 8:2 You will call to mind all the Ways that Yehowah your Divine One has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order that he might humble you, that he might test you to know what was in your heart, as to whether you would keep his commandments or not.
Deu 8:3 He humbled you and made you hunger, and fed you with manna, which you had not known, and which your fathers had not known. He did that to make you know that it is not by bread alone that people live; rather, it is by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of Yehowah that people live (Mat. 4:4; Luke 4:4).
Deu 8:4 Your clothing did not wear out and fall off you, and your feet did not swell up during those forty years.
Deu 8:5 You will think about in your heart, how, as a man disciplines his son, so Yehowah your Divine One disciplines you.
Deu 8:6 You will keep the commandments of Yehowah your Divine One, so that you might walk in his Ways and honor him.
Deu 8:7 For Yehowah your Divine One is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out into valleys and among hills;
Deu 8:8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines, fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of olive oil and honey.
Deu 8:9 It is a land in which you will eat bread without lack, and where you will not go without anything; a land whose stones are made of iron, and out of whose hills you may dig copper.
Deu 8:10 You will eat and be full, and you will bless Yehowah your Divine One for the good land that he has given you.
Deu 8:11 Be careful that you do not forget Yehowah your Divine One, and that you do not neglect his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today,
Deu 8:12 otherwise, when you eat and are full, and when you build good houses and live in them, your heart will be lifted up.
Deu 8:13 Be careful when your herds and flocks multiply, and when your silver and gold increase, and all that you have is multiplied,
Deu 8:14 then your heart becomes lifted up, and you forget Yehowah your Divine One, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Deu 8:15 Do not forget him who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its poisonous snakes, scorpions, and thirsty ground, where there was no water, who brought you water out of the rock of flint.
Deu 8:16 He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors had never known, so that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end,
Deu 8:17 but you may say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand acquired all this wealth.'
Deu 8:18 But you will call to mind Yehowah your Divine One, for it is he who gives you the power to get wealth; that he may establish his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is today.
Deu 8:19 It will happen that if you will forget Yehowah your Divine One and walk after false deities, worship them, and reverence them, I testify against you today that you will surely perish.
Deu 8:20 Like the ethnicities that Yehowah is making to perish before you, so will you perish, because you would not listen to the voice of Yehowah your Divine One.

Deuteronomy Chapter 9

Deu 9:1 Hear Israel; you are about to cross over the Jordan River today, to go in to dispossess ethnicities greater and mightier than yourself, and cities that are great and fortified up to the heavens,
Deu 9:2 a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you know, and of whom you have heard people ask, 'Who can stand before the sons of Anak?'
Deu 9:3 Know therefore today that Yehowah your Divine One is he who goes over before you like a consuming fire; he will destroy them, and he will subdue them before you; so will you drive them out and make them to perish quickly, as Yehowah has said to you.
Deu 9:4 Do not say in your heart, after Yehowah your Divine One has thrust them out from before you, 'It was because of my righteousness that Yehowah has brought me in to possess this land,' for it was because of the wickedness of these ethnicities that Yehowah is driving them out from before you.
Deu 9:5 It is not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart that you are going in to possess their land, but it is because of the wickedness of these ethnicities that Yehowah your Divine One is driving them out from before you, and so that he may make come true the word that Yehowah swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
Deu 9:6 Know therefore, that Yehowah your Divine One is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stubborn people.
Deu 9:7 Remember and do not forget how you provoked Yehowah your Divine One to anger in the wilderness; from the day that you left the land of Egypt, until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against Yehowah.
Deu 9:8 Also, at Horeb you provoked Yehowah to anger, and Yehowah was angry enough with you to destroy you.
Deu 9:9 When I went up the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant that Yehowah made with you, I stayed on the mountain for forty days and forty nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water.
Deu 9:10 Yehowah gave to me the two tablets of stone written with the finger of the Almighty; on them was written everything just like all the words that Yehowah announced to you on the mountain out of the middle of the fire on the day of the assembly.
Deu 9:11 It happened at the end of those forty days and forty nights that Yehowah gave me the two tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant.
Deu 9:12 Yehowah said to me, 'Arise, go down quickly from here, for your people, whom you brought out of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. They have quickly

turned aside out of the Path that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a cast figure.'
Deu 9:13 Furthermore, Yehowah spoke to me, 'I have seen this people; they are a stubborn people.
Deu 9:14 Let me alone, so that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under Heaven, and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.'
Deu 9:15 So I turned around and came down the mountain, and the mountain was burning. The two tablets of the covenant were in my hands.
Deu 9:16 I looked, and behold, you had sinned against Yehowah your Divine One. You had molded for yourselves a calf. You had quickly turned aside out of the Path that Yehowah had commanded you.
Deu 9:17 I took the two tablets and threw them out of my hands. I broke them before your eyes.
Deu 9:18 Again, I lay facedown before Yehowah for forty days and forty nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all your sin that you had committed, in doing that which was evil in the sight of Yehowah, so as to provoke him to anger.
Deu 9:19 For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure with which Yehowah was angry enough against you to destroy you. But Yehowah listened to me that time also.
Deu 9:20 Yehowah was extremely angry with Aaron so as to destroy him; I prayed for Aaron also at the same time.
Deu 9:21 I took your sin, the calf that you had made, and burned it, beat it, and ground it to powder, until it was as fine as dust. I threw its dust into the stream that came down from the mountain.
Deu 9:22 At Taberah, at Massah, and at Kibroth Hattaavah, you provoked Yehowah to wrath.
Deu 9:23 When Yehowah sent you from Kadesh Barnea (modern Tabuk, Saudi Arabia) and ordered, 'Go up and take possession of the land that I have given you,' then you rebelled against the commandment of Yehowah your Divine One, and you did not believe or listen to his voice.
Deu 9:24 You have been rebellious against Yehowah from the day that I knew you.
Deu 9:25 So I lay facedown before Yehowah those forty days and forty nights, because he had said that he would destroy you.
Deu 9:26 I prayed to Yehowah, 'O Lord Yehowah, do not destroy your people or your inheritance whom you have redeemed through your greatness, which you have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand.
Deu 9:27 Call to mind your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; do not look at the stubbornness of this people, nor at their wickedness, nor at their sin,

Deu 9:28 so that the land from where you brought us should say, “Because Yehowah was not able to bring them into the land that he promised to them, and because he hated them, he has brought them out to kill them in the wilderness.”
Deu 9:29 Yet they are your people and your inheritance, whom you brought out by your great strength and by the display of your power.’

Deuteronomy Chapter 10

Deu 10:1 At that time, Yehowah said to me, ‘Carve two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to me on the mountain, and make an ark of wood.
Deu 10:2 I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets that you broke, and you will put them in the ark.’
Deu 10:3 So I made an ark of acacia wood, and I carved two tablets of stone like the first, and I went up the mountain, having the two tablets in my hand.
Deu 10:4 He wrote on the tablets, like the first writing, the Ten Words which Yehowah had spoken to you on the mountain out of the middle of the fire on the day of the assembly; then Yehowah gave them to me.
Deu 10:5 I turned and came down from the mountain, and put the tablets in the ark that I had made; there they are, as Yehowah commanded me.”
Deu 10:6 The people of Israel journeyed from Beeroth Bene Jaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died (c. 1611 BC), and there he was buried; Eleazar, his son, served in the priest’s office in his place.
Deu 10:7 From there they journeyed to Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land of streams of water.
Deu 10:8 At that time, Yehowah chose the tribe of Levi to carry the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah, to stand before Yehowah to serve him, and to bless people in his name, as today.
Deu 10:9 Therefore, Levi has no portion nor inheritance of land with his brothers; Yehowah is his inheritance, as Yehowah your Divine One spoke to him.
Deu 10:10 “I stayed on the mountain as at the first time, forty days and forty nights. Yehowah listened to me that time also; Yehowah did not wish to destroy you.
Deu 10:11 Yehowah ordered me, ‘Arise, go before the people to lead them on their journey; they will go in and possess the land that I swore to their ancestors to give to them.’
Deu 10:12 Now Israel, what does Yehowah your Divine One require of you? This only: To fear Yehowah your Divine One, to walk in all his Ways, to love him, and to worship Yehowah your Divine One with all your heart and with all your soul (Mat. 22:37; Mic. 6:8),
Deu 10:13 to keep the commandments of Yehowah and his statutes, which I am commanding you today for your own good.
Deu 10:14 Behold, to Yehowah your Divine One belongs Heaven and the Heaven of heavens, the earth, with all that is in them.
Deu 10:15 Only Yehowah took pleasure in your fathers so as to love them, and he chose you, their descendants after them, more than any of the other ethnicities, as he does today.

Deu 10:16 Therefore, circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stubborn no longer.
Deu 10:17 For Yehowah your Divine One, he is the Mighty One of deities and Lord of masters, the great Almighty, the powerful One and the fearsome One, who favors no one and takes no bribe.
Deu 10:18 He executes justice for the fatherless and widow, and he shows love for the sojourning foreigner by giving him food and clothing.
Deu 10:19 Therefore, love the sojourning foreigner (Mat. 22:39), for you were foreigners in the land of Egypt.
Deu 10:20 You will fear Yehowah your Divine One; him will you worship. To him you must cling, and by his name will you swear (Luke 4:8).
Deu 10:21 He is your praise, and he is your Divine One, who has done for you these great and fearsome things, which your eyes have seen.
Deu 10:22 Your fathers went down into Egypt as seventy persons (Gen. 46:27; Exo. 1:5; Acts 7:14); now Yehowah your Divine One has made you as many as the stars of heaven.

Deuteronomy Chapter 11

Deu 11:1 Therefore, you will love Yehowah your Divine One and always keep his instructions, his statutes, his decrees, and his commandments.
Deu 11:2 Notice that I am not speaking to your children, who have not known nor have they seen the punishment of Yehowah your Divine One, his greatness, his mighty hand, or his outstretched arm,
Deu 11:3 the signs and deeds that he did in the midst of Egypt to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and to all his land.
Deu 11:4 Neither did they see what he did to the military force of Egypt, to their horses, or to their chariots, how he made the water of the SEA overwhelm them as they pursued after you, and how Yehowah has destroyed them until today,
Deu 11:5 or what he did for you in the wilderness, until you came to this place.
Deu 11:6 They had not seen what Yehowah had done to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab son of Reuben, how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, their households, their tents, and every living thing that followed them, in the middle of all Israel.
Deu 11:7 But your eyes have seen all the great works of Yehowah that he did.
Deu 11:8 Therefore, keep all the commandments that I am commanding you today, that you may be strong, and go in and possess the land where you are going over to possess it,
Deu 11:9 and that you may prolong your days in the land that Yehowah swore to your fathers to give to them and to their descendants, a land flowing with milk and honey.
Deu 11:10 For the land, where you go in to possess it, is not like the land of Egypt, from where you came, where you sowed your seed and watered it with your foot (-operated irrigation system), like a garden of herbs;
Deu 11:11 but the land where you go over to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinks water of the rain of the heavens,
Deu 11:12 a land that Yehowah your Divine One cares for; the eyes of Yehowah your Divine One are always upon it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.
Deu 11:13 It will happen, if you will listen diligently to my commandments that I command you today, to love Yehowah your Divine One and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,
Deu 11:14 that I will give the rain of your land in its season, the autumn rain and the spring rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil.
Deu 11:15 I will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you will eat and be full.

Deu 11:16 Pay attention to yourselves, so that your heart is not deceived, and you turn aside, worship false deities, and bow down to them;
Deu 11:17 so that the anger of Yehowah is not kindled against you; and so that he does not shut up the heavens, so that there will be no rain, and the land will not yield its fruit, and so that you perish quickly from off the good land that Yehowah is giving you.
Deu 11:18 Therefore, lay up these words of mine in your heart and soul, bind them as a sign on your hand, and let them be as frontlets between your eyes (tefillin).
Deu 11:19 You will teach them to your children and talk about them when you sit in your house, when you walk on the road, when you lie down, and when you get up.
Deu 11:20 You will write them on the doorposts of your house and on your city gates,
Deu 11:21 that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that Yehowah swore to your ancestors to give them, for as long as the heavens are above the earth.
Deu 11:22 For if you diligently keep all these commandments that I am commanding you, so as to do them, to love Yehowah your Divine One, to walk in all his Ways, and to cling to him,
Deu 11:23 then Yehowah will drive out all these ethnicities from before you, and you will dispossess ethnicities larger and mightier than yourselves.
Deu 11:24 Every place where the sole of your foot will tread will be yours (Josh. 1:3); from the wilderness to Lebanon, from the river, the Euphrates River, to the Mediterranean Sea will be your border.
Deu 11:25 No man will be able to stand before you. Yehowah your Divine One will lay the fear of you and the terror of you upon all the land that you tread on, as he has said to you.
Deu 11:26 Look, I set before you today a blessing and a curse:
Deu 11:27 The blessing, if you obey the commandments of Yehowah your Divine One that I command you today,
Deu 11:28 and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of Yehowah your Divine One, but turn aside from the Way that I command you today, to go after false deities that you have not known.
Deu 11:29 It will happen, when Yehowah your Divine One brings you into the land which you go to possess, that you will set the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal.
Deu 11:30 Are they not beyond the Jordan River, west of the western road, in the land of the Canaanites who live in the Arabah, over against Gilgal, beside the oaks of Moreh?

Deu 11:31 For you are to cross over the Jordan River to go in to possess the land that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you, and you will possess it and live in it.
Deu 11:32 You will keep all the statutes and the decrees that I set before you today.

Deuteronomy Chapter 12

Deu 12:1 These are the statutes and the decrees that you will keep in the land that Yehowah, Mighty One of your fathers, has given you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth.
Deu 12:2 You will surely destroy all the places where the ethnicities that you will dispossess worshiped their deities, on the high mountains, on the hills, and under every green tree.
Deu 12:3 You must break down their altars, dash in pieces their stone pillars, and burn their Asherah poles. You must cut down the carved figures of their deities and destroy their name out of that place.
Deu 12:4 You will not worship Yehowah your Divine One like that.
Deu 12:5 But to the place that Yehowah your Divine One will choose out of all your tribes to put his name, that will be the place where he lives, and it is there that you will go.
Deu 12:6 It is there that you will bring your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, and the offerings presented by your hand, your offerings for vows, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks.
Deu 12:7 It is there that you will eat before Yehowah your Divine One and rejoice about everything that you have put your hand to, you and your households, where Yehowah your Divine One has blessed you.
Deu 12:8 You will not do all the things that we are doing here today; now everyone is doing whatever is right in his own eyes;
Deu 12:9 for you have not yet come to the rest, to the inheritance that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you.
Deu 12:10 But when you go over the Jordan River and live in the land that Yehowah your Divine One is causing you to inherit, and when he gives you rest from all your enemies round about, so that you live in safety,
Deu 12:11 then it will happen that to the place where Yehowah your Divine One will choose to cause his name to live, there will you bring all that I command you: Your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, and the offerings presented by your hand, and all your choice offerings for vows that you will vow to Yehowah.
Deu 12:12 You will rejoice before Yehowah your Divine One, you, your sons, your daughters, your male servants, your female servants, and the Levites who are within your gate, because he has no portion or inheritance among you.
Deu 12:13 Pay attention to yourself that you do not offer your burnt offerings at every place that you see;

Deu 12:14 but it is at the place that Yehowah will choose among one of your tribes that you will offer your burnt offerings, and there you will do everything that I command you.
Deu 12:15 However, you may kill and eat animals within all your gates, as you wish, receiving the blessing of Yehowah your Divine One for all that he has given you; the unclean and the clean persons both may eat of it, animals such as the gazelle and the deer.
Deu 12:16 But you will not eat the blood; you will pour it out on the earth like water.
Deu 12:17 You may not eat within your gates from the tithe of your grain, your new wine, your oil, or the firstborn of your herd or flock; and you may not eat any of the meat you sacrifice along with any of your vows that you make, nor that of your freewill offerings, nor that of the offering you present with your hand.
Deu 12:18 Instead, you will eat them before Yehowah your Divine One in the place that Yehowah your Divine One will choose, you, your son, your daughter, your male servant, your female servant, and the Levite who is within your gates; you will rejoice before Yehowah your Divine One about everything to which you put your hand.
Deu 12:19 Pay attention to yourself, so that you do not forsake the Levite as long as you live on your land.
Deu 12:20 When Yehowah your Divine One enlarges your borders, as he has promised you, and you say, 'I will eat flesh,' because of your desire to eat meat, you may eat meat, as your soul desires.
Deu 12:21 If the place that Yehowah your Divine One chooses to put his name is too far from you, then you will kill some of your herd and your flock that Yehowah has given you, as I have commanded you; you may eat within your gates, as your soul desires.
Deu 12:22 Like the gazelle and the deer are eaten, so you will eat of it; the unclean and the clean persons may eat of it alike.
Deu 12:23 Only be sure that you do not consume the blood, for the blood is the life; you will not eat the life with the meat.
Deu 12:24 You will not eat it; you will pour it out on the earth like water.
Deu 12:25 You will not eat it, so that it may go well with you, and with your children after you, when you will do what is right in the eyes of Yehowah.
Deu 12:26 But the things that belong to Yehowah that you have and the offerings for your vows, you will take these and go to the place that Yehowah chooses.
Deu 12:27 There you will offer your burnt offerings, the meat and the blood, on the altar of Yehowah your Divine One; the blood of your sacrifices will be poured out on the altar of Yehowah your Divine One, and you will eat the flesh.

Deu 12:28 Observe and listen to all these words that I command you, that it may go well with you and with your children after you forever, when you do what is good and right in the eyes of Yehowah your Divine One.
Deu 12:29 When Yehowah your Divine One cuts off the ethnicities from before you, when you go in to dispossess them, and you dispossess them and live in their land,
Deu 12:30 pay attention to yourself that you are not trapped into following them, after they are destroyed from before you, trapped into investigating their deities, into asking, 'How do these ethnicities worship their deities? I will do the same.'
Deu 12:31 You will not do that in respect to Yehowah your Divine One, for everything that is an abomination to Yehowah, things that he hates, they have done these with their deities; they even burn their sons and their daughters in fire for their deities.
Deu 12:32 Whatever I command you, observe it. Do not add to it or take away from it.

Deuteronomy Chapter 13

Deu 13:1 If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and if he gives you a sign or a wonder,
Deu 13:2 and if the sign or the wonder comes about, of which he spoke to you, ‘Let us go after false deities that you have not known, and let us worship them,’
Deu 13:3 do not listen to the words of that prophet, or to that dreamer of dreams; for Yehowah your Divine One is testing you to know whether you love Yehowah your Divine One with all your heart and with all your soul.
Deu 13:4 You will walk after Yehowah your Divine One, honor him, keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and you will worship him and cling to him.
Deu 13:5 That prophet or that dreamer of dreams will be executed, because he has spoken rebellion against Yehowah your Divine One, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and who redeemed you out of the house of bondage. That prophet wants to draw you out of the Way in which Yehowah your Divine One commanded you to walk. So put away the evil from among you.
Deu 13:6 Suppose that your brother, the son of your mother, or your son, or your daughter, or the wife of your bosom, or your friend who is to you like your own soul, secretly entices you and says, ‘Let us go and worship false deities that you have not known, neither you nor your ancestors,
Deu 13:7 any of the deities of the people that are round about you, near to you, or far off from you, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth.’
Deu 13:8 Do not consent to him or listen to him. Neither must your eye pity him, neither will you spare him or conceal him.
Deu 13:9 Instead, you will surely execute him; your hand will be the first on him to execute him, and afterwards the hand of all the people.
Deu 13:10 You will execute him by stoning, because he has tried to draw you away from Yehowah your Divine One, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
Deu 13:11 All Israel will hear of his execution and fear, and will not continue to do this kind of wickedness among you.
Deu 13:12 If you hear anyone say about one of your cities, that Yehowah your Divine One gives you to live in:
Deu 13:13 Some wicked fellows have gone out from among you and have drawn away the inhabitants of their city and said, ‘Let us go and worship false deities that you have not known.’
Deu 13:14 Then you will examine the evidence, research, and investigate it thoroughly. When you discover that it is true and certain that such an abominable thing has been done among you, then you will take action.

Deu 13:15 You will surely attack the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, completely destroy it and all the people who are in it, along with its livestock, with the edge of the sword.
Deu 13:16 You will gather all the spoil from it into the middle of its street and will burn the city, as well as all its spoil, for Yehowah your Divine One. The city will be a heap of ruins forever; it must never be built again.
Deu 13:17 None of those things set apart for destruction must stick in your hand. This must be the case, so that Yehowah will turn from the fierceness of his anger, show you mercy, have compassion on you, and make you increase in numbers, as he has sworn to your fathers.
Deu 13:18 He will do this, because you are listening to the voice of Yehowah your Divine One, to keep all his commandments that I am commanding you today, to do that which is right in the eyes of Yehowah your Divine One.

Deuteronomy Chapter 14

Deu 14:1 You are the people of Yehowah your Divine One. Do not cut yourselves nor shave any part of your face for the dead.
Deu 14:2 For you are a nation that is set apart to Yehowah your Divine One, and Yehowah has chosen you to be a people for his own possession, more than all people that are on the surface of the earth.
Deu 14:3 You must not eat any abominable thing.
Deu 14:4 These are the animals that you may eat: the ox (possibly hartebeest), the sheep, and the goat,
Deu 14:5 the deer, the gazelle, the roebuck (possibly giraffe), the wild goat, and ibex, and the oryx antelope, and the mountain sheep.
Deu 14:6 You may eat any animal that parts the hoof, that is, that has the hoof divided in two and that chews the cud.
Deu 14:7 Nevertheless, you must not eat some animals that chew the cud or that have the hoof divided in two: The camel, the rabbit, and the rock badger; because they chew the cud but do not part the hoof, they are unclean for you.
Deu 14:8 The pig is unclean for you as well, because he parts the hoof but does not chew the cud; he is unclean to you. Do not eat pig meat and do not touch their carrion.
Deu 14:9 Of these things that are in water you may eat: Whatever has fins and scales;
Deu 14:10 but whatever has no fins and scales you must not eat; they are unclean for you.
Deu 14:11 All clean birds you may eat.
Deu 14:12 But these are the birds that you must not eat: the Tawny Eagle, the Griffon Vulture, the Short-toed Eagle,
Deu 14:13 the Red Kite and Black Kite, and the Peregrine Falcon.
Deu 14:14 You must not eat the Fan-tailed Raven,
Deu 14:15 and the Desert Owl, and the Short-eared Owl, the Black-headed Gull, or the Eurasian Hobby,
Deu 14:16 the Tawny Owl, the Spotted Eagle Owl, the Greater Flamingo,
Deu 14:17 the Great White Pelican, the Common Crane, the Great Cormorant.
Deu 14:18 You must not eat the Egyptian Ibis, the Grey Heron, the Eurasian Hoopoe, and the bat.
Deu 14:19 All winged, swarming things are unclean for you; they must not be eaten.
Deu 14:20 You may eat all clean flying things.
Deu 14:21 You must not eat of anything that dies of itself; you may give it to the sojourning foreigner who is within your towns, that he may eat it; or you may

sell it to a foreigner. For you are a nation that is set apart to Yehowah your Divine One. You must not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.
Deu 14:22 You must surely tithe all the yield of your seed, that which comes out from the field year after year.
Deu 14:23 You must eat before Yehowah your Divine One, in the place that he will choose as his sanctuary, the tithe of your grain, of your (unleavened) new wine (Lev. 2:11), and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and your flock; that you may learn to always honor Yehowah your Divine One.
Deu 14:24 If the journey is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry it, because the place that Yehowah your Divine One will choose as his sanctuary is too far from you, then when Yehowah your Divine One blesses you,
Deu 14:25 you will convert the offering into money, tie up the money in your hand, and go to the place that Yehowah your Divine One will choose.
Deu 14:26 There you will spend the money for whatever you desire: For oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for beer, or for whatever you desire; you will eat there before Yehowah your Divine One, and you will rejoice, you and your household.
Deu 14:27 The Levite who is within your gates, do not forsake him, for he has no portion nor inheritance with you.
Deu 14:28 At the end of every three years, you will present all the tithe of your produce in the same year, and you will store it up within your gates;
Deu 14:29 and the Levite, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and the sojourning alien, the fatherless, and the widow who are within your gates, will come, eat, and be satisfied. Do this, so that Yehowah your Divine One may bless you in all the work of your hand that you do.

Deuteronomy Chapter 15

Deu 15:1 At the end of every seven years, you must cancel (shemitah) debts.
Deu 15:2 This is the manner of the release: Every creditor will cancel that which he has lent to his neighbor; he will not demand it from his neighbor or his brother, because the cancellation of debts for Yehowah has been proclaimed.
Deu 15:3 From a foreigner you may demand it; but whatever of yours is with your brother your hand must release.
Deu 15:4 However, there should be no poor among you, for Yehowah will surely bless you in the land that Yehowah your Divine One gives you as an inheritance to possess,
Deu 15:5 if only you diligently listen to the voice of Yehowah your Divine One, to keep all these commandments that I am commanding you today.
Deu 15:6 For Yehowah your Divine One will bless you, as he promised you; you will lend to many ethnicities, but you will not borrow; you will rule over many ethnicities, but they will not rule over you.
Deu 15:7 If there is a poor man among you, one of your brothers, within any of your gates in your land that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you, you must not harden your heart nor shut your hand from your poor brother;
Deu 15:8 but you must freely open your hand to him and surely lend him sufficient for his need.
Deu 15:9 Be careful not to have a wicked thought in your heart, saying, 'The seventh year, the year of release, is near,' so that you will not be stingy in regard to your poor brother and give him nothing; he might cry out to Yehowah about you, and it would be sin for you.
Deu 15:10 You must surely give to him, and your heart must not be sorry when you give to him, because in return for this, Yehowah your Divine One will bless you in all your work and in all that you put your hand to.
Deu 15:11 For the poor will never cease to exist in the land (Mat. 26:11; John 12:8); therefore, I command you, 'You must freely open your hand to your brother, to your poor and needy in your land.'
Deu 15:12 If your brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you and serves you for six years, then in the seventh year you must let him go free from you.
Deu 15:13 When you let him go free from you, you must not let him go empty-handed.
Deu 15:14 You must liberally provide for him out of your flock, out of your threshing floor, and out of your winepress. As Yehowah your Divine One has blessed you, you must give to him.

Deu 15:15 You must remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and that Yehowah your Divine One redeemed you; therefore, I am commanding you today to do this.
Deu 15:16 It will happen that if he says to you, ‘I will not go away from you,’ because he loves you and your household, and because he is well off with you,
Deu 15:17 then you must take an awl and thrust it through his ear to a door, and he will be your servant forever. You must do the same with your female servant.
Deu 15:18 It must not seem difficult for you to let him go free from you, because he has served you for six years and given twice the value of a hired person. Yehowah your Divine One will bless you in all that you do.
Deu 15:19 All the firstborn males in your herd and your flock you must set apart to Yehowah your Divine One. You will do no work with the firstborn of your herd nor shear the firstborn of your flock.
Deu 15:20 You must eat the firstborn before Yehowah your Divine One year by year in the place that Yehowah will choose, you and your household.
Deu 15:21 If it has any blemish, for example, if it is lame or blind, or has any blemish whatever, you must not sacrifice it to Yehowah your Divine One.
Deu 15:22 You will eat it within your gates; the unclean and the clean persons alike must eat it, as you would eat a gazelle or a deer.
Deu 15:23 Only you must not eat its blood; you must pour its blood out on the ground like water.

Deuteronomy Chapter 16

Deu 16:1 Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover to Yehowah your Divine One, for in the month of Abib, Yehowah your Divine One brought you out of Egypt by night (of the 15th).
Deu 16:2 You will sacrifice the Passover to Yehowah your Divine One with some of the flock and the herd in the place that Yehowah will choose as his sanctuary.
Deu 16:3 You will eat no leavened bread with it; seven days will you eat unleavened bread with it, the bread of affliction; for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste. Do this all the days of your life, so that you may call to mind the day (Abib 15) when you came out of the land of Egypt.
Deu 16:4 No yeast must be seen among you within all your borders during seven days; nor must any of the meat that you sacrifice at dusk on the first day (Abib 14) remain until dawn (Abib 15).
Deu 16:5 You may not sacrifice the Passover within any of your city gates that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you.
Deu 16:6 Instead, sacrifice at the place that Yehowah your Divine One will choose as his sanctuary. There you will perform the sacrifice of the Passover at dusk, at the going down of the sun (Exo. 12:6), at the appointment calendar time of year that you came out of Egypt.
Deu 16:7 You must roast it and eat it at the place that Yehowah your Divine One will choose; at dawn you will turn and go to your tents.
Deu 16:8 For six days you will eat unleavened bread; on the seventh day (Abib 21), there will be a festive assembly for Yehowah your Divine One; on that day (Abib 21), you must do no work.
Deu 16:9 You will count seven weeks for yourselves; from the time you begin (day after the Sabbath, Omer day 1, Lev. 23:10-11) to put the sickle to the standing (barley) grain you must start counting seven weeks (Lev. 23:15-16).
Deu 16:10 You must keep the Festival of Shavuot (Weeks, Pentecost) for Yehowah your Divine One with the contribution of a freewill offering from your hand that you will give, according as Yehowah your Divine One has blessed you.
Deu 16:11 You will rejoice before Yehowah your Divine One, you, your son, your daughter, your male servant, your female servant, the Levite who is within your city gates, and the sojourning alien, the fatherless, and the widow who are among you, at the place that Yehowah your Divine One will choose for his sanctuary.
Deu 16:12 You will call to mind that you were a slave in Egypt; you must observe and do these statutes.
Deu 16:13 You must keep the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days after you have gathered in the harvest from your threshing floor and from your winepress.

Deu 16:14 You will rejoice during your feast, you, your son, your daughter, your male servant, your female servant, the Levite, the sojourning alien, the fatherless, and the widow who are within your gates.
Deu 16:15 For seven days you must celebrate the feast for Yehowah your Divine One at the place that Yehowah will choose, because Yehowah your Divine One will bless you in all your harvest and all the work of your hands, and you will be completely joyful!
Deu 16:16 Three times in a year all your males must appear before Yehowah your Divine One at the place that he will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Shavuot (Weeks, Pentecost), and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they will not appear before Yehowah empty-handed:
Deu 16:17 Instead, every man will give as he is able, that you might know the blessing that Yehowah your Divine One has given to you.
Deu 16:18 You must make judges and officers within all your city gates that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you; they will be taken from each of your tribes, and they must judge the people with righteous judgment.
Deu 16:19 You must not take justice away by force; you must not show partiality nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts the words of the righteous.
Deu 16:20 You must follow after justice, after justice alone, so that you may live and inherit the land that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you.
Deu 16:21 You must not set up for yourselves an Asherah, any sort of pole, beside the altar of Yehowah your Divine One that you will make for yourself.
Deu 16:22 Neither must you set up for yourself any memorial stone pillar, which Yehowah your Divine One hates.

Deuteronomy Chapter 17

Deu 17:1 You must not sacrifice to Yehowah your Divine One an ox or a sheep in which is any blemish or anything bad, for that would be an abomination to Yehowah your Divine One.
Deu 17:2 If there is found among you, within any of your city gates that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you, any man or woman who does what is evil in the sight of Yehowah your Divine One and transgresses his covenant,
Deu 17:3 anyone who has gone and worshiped false deities and bowed down to them, either the sun, the moon, or any of the host of heaven, nothing that I have commanded,
Deu 17:4 and if you are told about this, or if you have heard of it, then you must make a careful investigation. If it is true and certain that such an abomination has been done in Israel, this is what you should do:
Deu 17:5 You must bring that man or woman, who has done this evil thing, to your city gates, that man or woman, and you must stone that person to death.
Deu 17:6 At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, will he who must die be executed; but at the mouth of only one witness, he must not be executed.
Deu 17:7 The hand of the witnesses must be the first to execute him, and afterward the hand of all the people; and you will remove the evil from among you.
Deu 17:8 If a matter arises that is too hard for you to judge, perhaps a question of murder or accidental death, of one person's right and another person's right, or a question of one kind of harm done, or another kind of matter, matters of controversy within your city gates, then you must go up to the place that Yehowah your Divine One will choose as his sanctuary.
Deu 17:9 You must go to the priests, the descendants of Levi, and to the judge who will be serving at that time; you will seek their advice, and they will give you the verdict.
Deu 17:10 You must follow the word given to you at the place Yehowah will choose as his sanctuary. You will be careful to do everything that they direct you to do.
Deu 17:11 Follow the law they teach you, and do according to the decisions they give you. Do not turn aside from what they tell you, to the right hand or to the left.
Deu 17:12 Anyone who acts arrogantly, in not listening to the priest who is standing to serve before Yehowah your Divine One, or in not listening to the judge, that man will be executed; you will put away the evil from Israel.
Deu 17:13 All the people must hear about the execution and fear, and act presumptuously no more.

Deu 17:14 When you have come to the land that Yehowah your Divine One gives you, and when you take possession of it and begin to live in it, and then you say, ‘I will set a king over myself, like all the ethnicities that are round about me,’
Deu 17:15 then you must surely set as king over yourself someone whom Yehowah your Divine One will choose. You must set as king over yourself someone from among your brothers. You may not put a foreigner, who is not your brother, over yourself.
Deu 17:16 But he must not multiply horses for himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, so that he may multiply horses, for Yehowah had said to you, ‘You will never return that way again.’
Deu 17:17 He must not take many wives for himself, so that his heart does not turn away. He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold.
Deu 17:18 When he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he must write for himself in a Scroll a copy of this law, from the law that is before the priests, who are Levites (Deut. 31:9; Josh. 8:32; Rev. 5:10; Hos. 8:12).
Deu 17:19 The Scroll must be with him, and he must read in it all the days of his life, so that he may learn to honor Yehowah his Divine One, so as to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to observe them.
Deu 17:20 He must do this, so that his heart is not lifted up above his brothers, and so that he does not turn away from the commandments, to the right hand or to the left; for the purpose that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children, among Israel.

Deuteronomy Chapter 18

Deu 18:1 The priests, who are Levites, and all the tribe of Levi, will have no portion nor inheritance with Israel; they must eat the offerings of Yehowah made by fire as their inheritance.
Deu 18:2 They must have no inheritance among their brothers; Yehowah is their inheritance, as he said to them.
Deu 18:3 This will be the priests' due from the people, from those who offer a sacrifice, whether it be oxen or sheep: They must give to the priest the shoulder, the two cheeks, and the inner parts.
Deu 18:4 The firstfruits of your grain, of your new wine, of your oil, and the first of the fleece of your sheep, you must give him.
Deu 18:5 For Yehowah your Divine One has chosen him out of all your tribes to stand to serve in the name of Yehowah, him and his sons forever.
Deu 18:6 If a Levite comes from any of your towns out of all Israel from where he is living, and desires with all his soul to come to the place Yehowah will choose,
Deu 18:7 then he must serve in the name of Yehowah his Divine One as all his brothers the Levites do, who stand there before Yehowah.
Deu 18:8 They must have similar portions to eat, besides what comes of the sale of his family's inheritance.
Deu 18:9 When you have come into the land that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you, you must not learn to observe the abominations of those ethnicities.
Deu 18:10 There must not be found among you anyone who puts his son or his daughter into the fire, anyone who uses divination, anyone who practices magic, or any enchanter, or any sorcerer,
Deu 18:11 any witch, or medium, or necromancer, or wizard who conjures up dead spirits.
Deu 18:12 For whoever does these things is an abomination to Yehowah; it is because of these abominations that Yehowah your Divine One is driving them out from before you.
Deu 18:13 You must be blameless before Yehowah your Divine One.
Deu 18:14 For these ethnicities that you will dispossess listen to those who practice sorcery and divination; but as for you, Yehowah your Divine One has not allowed you to do so.
Deu 18:15 Yehowah your Divine One will raise up for you a Prophet from among you, one of your brothers like me. You must listen to and obey him (Acts 3:22-23, 7:37; John 1:21, 25; 6:14; 9:17).

Deu 18:16 This is what you asked from Yehowah your Divine One at Horeb on the day of the assembly, ‘Let us not hear again the voice of Yehowah our Divine One, nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die.’
Deu 18:17 Yehowah said to me, ‘What they have said is good.
Deu 18:18 I will raise up a Prophet for them from among their brothers, just like you. I will put my words in his mouth, and he will speak to them all that I command him.
Deu 18:19 It will happen that if anyone does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, I will require it of him.
Deu 18:20 But the prophet who speaks a word presumptuously in my name, a word that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of false deities, that prophet must be executed.’
Deu 18:21 This is what you must ask in your heart: ‘How will we recognize a message that Yehowah has not spoken?’
Deu 18:22 You will recognize a message that Yehowah has spoken when a prophet speaks in the name of Yehowah: If that thing does not occur nor happen, then that is something that Yehowah has not spoken, and the prophet has spoken it arrogantly, and you must not be afraid of him.

Deuteronomy Chapter 19

Deu 19:1 When Yehowah your Divine One cuts off the ethnicities, those whose land Yehowah your Divine One is giving you, and when you come after them and live in their cities and houses,
Deu 19:2 you must select three cities for yourself in the middle of your land that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you to possess.
Deu 19:3 You must build a road and divide the borders of your land into three parts, the land that Yehowah your Divine One is causing you to inherit, so that everyone who kills another person may flee there.
Deu 19:4 This is the law for the one who kills another, and who flees there to live: Whoever kills his neighbor unawares and did not previously hate him,
Deu 19:5 as when a man goes into the forest with his neighbor to cut wood, and his hand strikes with the ax to cut down a tree, and the head slips from the shaft and strikes his neighbor, so that he dies, then that man must flee to one of these cities and live.
Deu 19:6 Otherwise, the avenger of blood might go after the one who took a life, and in the heat of his anger overtake him, if the distance is too great, strike him and kill him, even though that man did not deserve to die, since he had not hated his neighbor in the past.
Deu 19:7 Therefore, I command you to select three cities for yourself.
Deu 19:8 If Yehowah your Divine One enlarges your borders, as he has sworn to your ancestors to do, and gives you all the land that he promised to give to your ancestors;
Deu 19:9 if you keep all these commandments to do them, which I am commanding you today, commandments to love Yehowah your Divine One and to always walk in his Ways, then you must add three more cities for yourself, besides these three.
Deu 19:10 Do this, so that innocent blood is not shed in the midst of the land that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you as an inheritance, so that no bloodguilt may be on you.
Deu 19:11 But if anyone hates his neighbor, lies in wait for him, rises up against him, and mortally wounds him, so that he dies, and if he then flees into one of these cities,
Deu 19:12 then the elders of his city must send and bring him back from there, and turn him over into the hand of the responsible relative, so that he may be executed.
Deu 19:13 Your eye must not pity him; instead, you must eradicate the bloodguilt from Israel, that it may go well with you.

Deu 19:14 You must not remove your neighbor's boundary stone that they set in place a long time ago, in your inheritance that you will inherit, in the land that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you to possess (Hos. 5:10; Deut. 27:17; Prov. 22:28; 23:10-11; 15:25; Job 24:2; Isa 5:8).
Deu 19:15 One sole witness must not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any matter that he sins; at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, must any matter be confirmed.
Deu 19:16 Suppose that an unrighteous witness rises up against any man to testify against him of wrongdoing.
Deu 19:17 Then both men, the ones between whom the controversy exists, must stand before Yehowah, before the priests and the judges who serve in those days.
Deu 19:18 The judges must make diligent inquiries; see if the witness is a false witness and has testified falsely against his brother,
Deu 19:19 then must you do to him, as he had wished to do to his brother; and you will remove the evil from among you.
Deu 19:20 Then those who remain will hear and fear, and will from then on commit no longer any such evil among you.
Deu 19:21 Your eyes must not pity; life will pay for life by execution, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

Deuteronomy Chapter 20

Deu 20:1 When you march out to battle against your enemies, and see horses, chariots, and a people more numerous than you, you must not be afraid of them; for Yehowah your Divine One is with you, he who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Deu 20:2 When you are about to enter into battle, the priest must approach and speak to the people.
Deu 20:3 He must say to them, 'Listen, Israel, you are going to battle against your enemies. Do not let your hearts faint. Do not fear or tremble. Do not be afraid of them.
Deu 20:4 For Yehowah your Divine One is the One who is going with you to fight for you against your enemies and to save you.'
Deu 20:5 The officers must speak to the people, 'What man is there who has built a new house and has not dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, so that he does not die in battle and another man dedicates it.
Deu 20:6 Is there anyone who has planted a vineyard and has not enjoyed its fruit? Let him go home, so he will not die in battle and another man enjoy its fruit.
Deu 20:7 What man is there who is engaged to marry a woman but has not yet married her? Let him go home, so that he does not die in battle and another man marries her.'
Deu 20:8 The officers must speak further to the people, 'What man is there who is fearful or fainthearted? Let him go and return to his house, so that his brother's heart does not melt like his own heart.'
Deu 20:9 When the officers have finished speaking to the people, they must appoint commanders over them.
Deu 20:10 When you march up to attack a city, make those people an offer of peace.
Deu 20:11 If they accept your offer and open their gates to you, all the people who are found in it must become forced labor for you and must serve you.
Deu 20:12 But if it makes no offer of peace to you, but instead makes war against you, then you must besiege it,
Deu 20:13 and when Yehowah your Divine One gives you victory and puts them under your control, you must kill every man in the town with the sword.
Deu 20:14 But the women, the little ones, the livestock, everything that is in the city, and all its spoil, you will take as booty for yourself. You will consume the booty of your enemies, whom Yehowah your Divine One has given to you.
Deu 20:15 You must act in this way toward all the cities that are a great distance from you, cities that are not of the cities of these following ethnicities.

Deu 20:16 In the cities of these people that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you as an inheritance, you must save alive nothing that breathes.
Deu 20:17 Instead, you must completely destroy them: The Hethite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, as Yehowah your Divine One has commanded you.
Deu 20:18 Do this, so that they do not teach you to act in any of their abominable ways, as they have done with their deities. If you do, you will sin against Yehowah your Divine One.
Deu 20:19 When you will besiege a city for a long time, as you wage war against it to capture it, you must not destroy its trees by wielding an ax against them. For you may eat from them, so you must not cut them down. For is the tree of the field a man whom you should besiege?
Deu 20:20 Only the trees that you know are not trees for food, you may destroy and cut down; you will build siege works against the city that makes war with you, until it falls.

Deuteronomy Chapter 21

Deu 21:1 If a homicide victim is found in the land that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you to possess, lying in the field, and it is not known who has attacked him;
Deu 21:2 then your elders and your judges must go out, and they must measure to the cities that are around the homicide victim.
Deu 21:3 Then the elders of the town nearest to the homicide victim must take a heifer from the herd, one that has never been put to work and that has not borne the yoke.
Deu 21:4 Then they must lead the heifer down to a valley with running water, a valley that has been neither plowed nor sown, and there in the valley they must break the heifer's neck.
Deu 21:5 The priests, descendants of Levi, must come near; for them, Yehowah your Divine One has chosen to serve him and to bless the people in the name of Yehowah; listen to their advice, for their word will be the verdict in every dispute and case of assault.
Deu 21:6 All the elders of the city that is the nearest to the homicide victim must wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley;
Deu 21:7 and they must answer to the case, 'Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen it.
Deu 21:8 Forgive, Yehowah, your people Israel, whom you have redeemed, and do not put guilt for innocent bloodshed in the midst of your people Israel.' Then the bloodshed will be forgiven them.
Deu 21:9 In this way, you will put away the innocent blood from your midst, when you do what is right in the eyes of Yehowah.
Deu 21:10 When you go out to do battle against your enemies, and Yehowah your Divine One gives you victory and puts them under your control, and you take them away as captives,
Deu 21:11 if you see among the captives a beautiful woman, and you have a desire for her and wish to take her for yourself as a wife,
Deu 21:12 then you will bring her home to your house; she will shave her head and cut her nails.
Deu 21:13 Then she will take off the clothes she was wearing when she was taken captive, and she will remain in your house and mourn for her father and her mother a full month. After that, you may make love to her and be her husband, and she will be your wife.
Deu 21:14 But if you take no delight in her, then you may let her go where she wishes. But you must not sell her at all for money, and you must not treat her like a slave, because you have humiliated her.

Deu 21:15 If a man has two wives and one is loved and the other is hated, and they have both borne him children, both the beloved wife and the hated wife, if the firstborn son is of her that is hated,
Deu 21:16 then on the day that the man causes his sons to inherit what he possesses, he may not make the son of the beloved wife the firstborn before the son of the hated wife, the son who is actually the firstborn.
Deu 21:17 Instead, he must acknowledge the firstborn, the son of the hated wife, by giving him a double portion of all that he possesses; for that son is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn belongs to him.
Deu 21:18 If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and who, even though they correct him, will not listen to them;
Deu 21:19 then his father and his mother must lay hold on him and bring him out to the elders of his city and to the gate of his city.
Deu 21:20 They must say to the elders of his city, 'This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard' (Luke 7:34).
Deu 21:21 Then all the men of his city must execute him by stoning; and you will remove the evil from among you. All Israel will hear of the execution and fear.
Deu 21:22 If a man has committed a sin worthy of death, and he is executed, and you hang him on a tree,
Deu 21:23 then his body must not remain all night on the tree. Instead, you must surely bury him the same day; for whoever is hanged is cursed by the Almighty. Obey this commandment, so that you do not defile the land that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you as an inheritance (1 Cor. 12:3; Gal. 3:13-14).

Deuteronomy Chapter 22

Deu 22:1 You must not watch your fellow Israeli's ox or his sheep go astray and hide yourself from them; you must surely bring them back to him.
Deu 22:2 If your fellow Israeli is not near to you, or if you do not know him, then you must bring the animal home to your house, and it must be with you until he looks for it, and then you must restore it to him.
Deu 22:3 You must do the same with his donkey; you must do the same with his garment; you must do the same with every lost thing of your fellow Israeli's, anything that he has lost, and you have found; you must not hide yourself.
Deu 22:4 You must not see your fellow Israeli's donkey or his ox fallen down in the road and hide yourself from them; you must surely help him to lift it up again.
Deu 22:5 A woman must not wear what pertains to a man, and neither must a man put on women's clothing; for whoever does these things is an abomination to Yehowah your Divine One (Zeph. 1:8).
Deu 22:6 If a bird's nest happens to be in front of you on the road, in any tree or on the ground, with young ones or eggs in it, and the mother sitting on the young or on the eggs, you must not take the mother along with the young.
Deu 22:7 You must surely let the mother go, but the young you may take for yourself. Obey this command, so that it may go well with you, and that you may prolong your days.
Deu 22:8 When you build a new house, then you must make a railing for your roof, so that you do not bring blood on your household, if anyone falls from there.
Deu 22:9 You must not plant your vineyard with two kinds of seed, so that the whole harvest is not confiscated by the consecrated place, the seed that you have sown and the yield of the vineyard.
Deu 22:10 You must not plow with an ox and a donkey together.
Deu 22:11 You must not wear fabric made of wool and linen together.
Deu 22:12 You must make yourself tassels on the four corners of the cloak with which you clothe yourself.
Deu 22:13 Suppose a man takes a wife, makes love to her, and then hates her,
Deu 22:14 and then accuses her of shameful things, puts a bad reputation on her, and says, 'I took this woman, but when I came near to her, I found no proof of virginity in her.'
Deu 22:15 Then the father and mother of the girl must take proof of her virginity to the elders at the city gate.
Deu 22:16 The girl's father must say to the elders, 'I gave my daughter to this man as a wife, and he hates her.

Deu 22:17 See, he has accused her of shameful things by saying, “I did not find in your daughter the proof of virginity.” But here is the proof of my daughter’s virginity.’ Then they will spread the garment out before the elders of the city.
Deu 22:18 The elders of that city must take that man and punish him;
Deu 22:19 and they must fine him 100-weight silver-currency, and give it to the father of the girl, because the man has caused a bad reputation for a virgin of Israel. She must be his wife; he may not divorce her during all his days.
Deu 22:20 But if this thing is true, that the proof of virginity was not found in the girl,
Deu 22:21 then they must bring out the girl to the door of her father’s house, and the men of her city must execute her by stoning, because she has committed a disgraceful action in Israel, to act as a harlot in her father’s household; and you will remove the evil from among you.
Deu 22:22 If a man is found having sex with a woman who is married to another man, then they must both be executed, the man who was having sex with the woman and the woman herself; and you will remove the evil from among you.
Deu 22:23 If there is a girl who is a virgin, engaged to a man, and another man finds her in the city and has sex with her,
Deu 22:24 take both of them to the city gate and execute them by stoning. You must stone the girl, because she did not cry out, even though she was in the city. You must execute the man, because he violated his neighbor’s wife; and you will remove the evil from among you.
Deu 22:25 But if the man finds the engaged girl in the field, and if he seizes her and rapes her, then only the man who raped her must be executed.
Deu 22:26 But to the girl you must do nothing; there is no sin in the girl worthy of execution. For this case is like when a man attacks his neighbor and murders him.
Deu 22:27 For he found her in the field; the engaged girl cried out, but there was no one to save her.
Deu 22:28 If a man finds a girl who is a virgin, but who is not engaged, and if he seizes her and rapes her, and if they are discovered,
Deu 22:29 then the man who raped her must give 50-weight silver-currency to the girl’s father, and she must become his wife, because he has humiliated her. He may not divorce her during all his days.
Deu 22:30 A man must not take his father’s wife as his own; he must not take away his father’s marriage rights.

Deuteronomy Chapter 23

Deu 23:1 No man emasculated by having his testicles crushed or by having his penis cut off, may enter the congregation of Yehowah.
Deu 23:2 No illegitimate child may belong to the congregation of Yehowah; as far as to the tenth generation of his descendants, none of them may belong to the congregation of Yehowah.
Deu 23:3 An Ammonite or a Moabite may not belong to the congregation of Yehowah; as far as to the tenth generation of his descendants, none of them may belong to the congregation of Yehowah.
Deu 23:4 This is because they did not meet you with bread and with water on the road when you had come out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam son of Beor from Pethor in Adam Naharaim (two rivers: Jabbok and Jordan), to curse you.
Deu 23:5 But Yehowah your Divine One would not listen to Balaam; instead, Yehowah your Divine One turned the curse into a blessing for you, because Yehowah your Divine One loved you.
Deu 23:6 You must never seek their peace or prosperity, during all your days.
Deu 23:7 You must not detest an Edomite, for he is your brother; you must not abhor an Egyptian, because you were a foreigner in his land.
Deu 23:8 The descendants of the third generation that are born to them may belong to the congregation of Yehowah.
Deu 23:9 When you march out as a military force against your enemies, then you must keep yourselves from every evil thing.
Deu 23:10 If there is among you any man who is unclean because of a nocturnal emission, then he must go out of the camp; he must not come back into the camp.
Deu 23:11 When dusk approaches, he must bathe himself in water; when the sun goes down, he will come back inside the camp.
Deu 23:12 You must have a place also outside the camp to which you will go;
Deu 23:13 and you will have something among your tools to dig with; when you squat down to relieve yourself, you must dig with it, then put back the earth to cover up your excrement.
Deu 23:14 For Yehowah your Divine One walks in the midst of your camp to give you victory and to hand over your enemies to you. Therefore, your camp must be set apart, so that he may not see any unclean thing among you and turn away from you.
Deu 23:15 You must not give back to his master a slave who has escaped from his master to you.

Deu 23:16 Let him live with you, in whatever town he chooses. Do not oppress him.
Deu 23:17 There must be no cultic prostitute among any of the daughters of Israel, neither must there be a male cultic prostitute among the sons of Israel.
Deu 23:18 You must not bring the wages of a prostitute or the wages of a male prostitute into the temple of Yehowah your Divine One for any vow; for both of these are abominations to Yehowah your Divine One.
Deu 23:19 You must not lend on interest to your fellow Israeli, interest of money, interest of food, or the interest of anything that is lent on interest.
Deu 23:20 To a foreigner you may lend on interest; but to your fellow Israeli you must not lend on interest, so that Yehowah your Divine One may bless you in all that you put your hand to, in the land which you are going in to possess.
Deu 23:21 When you make a vow to Yehowah your Divine One, you must not be slow in fulfilling it, for Yehowah your Divine One will surely require it of you; it would be sin for you not to fulfill it.
Deu 23:22 But if you will refrain from making a vow, it will be no sin for you.
Deu 23:23 That which has gone out from your lips, you must observe and do; according as you have vowed to Yehowah your Divine One, anything that you have freely promised with your mouth.
Deu 23:24 When you go into your neighbor’s vineyard, you may eat as many grapes as you desire, but do not put any in your basket.
Deu 23:25 When you go into your neighbor’s ripe grain, you may pluck the heads of grain with your hand (Mat. 12:1; Mark 2:23; Luke 6:1), but do not put a sickle to your neighbor’s ripe grain.

Deuteronomy Chapter 24

Deu 24:1 When a man takes a wife and marries her, if she finds no grace in his eyes, because he has found some unsuitable thing in her, then he must write her a certificate of divorce, put it into her hand, and send her out of his house.
Deu 24:2 When she has gone out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife.
Deu 24:3 If the second husband hates her and writes her a certificate of divorce, puts it into her hand, and sends her out of his house; or if the second husband dies, the man who took her to be his wife,
Deu 24:4 then her former husband, the one who had first sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after she has become impure; for that would be an abomination to Yehowah. You must not cause the land to become guilty, the land that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you as an inheritance.
Deu 24:5 When a man takes a new wife, he will not go to war with the military force, neither may he be commanded to go on any forced duty; he will be free to be at home for one year and will cheer his wife whom he has taken.
Deu 24:6 No man may take a mill or an upper millstone as a pledge, for that would be taking a person's life as a pledge.
Deu 24:7 If a man is found kidnapping any of his brothers from among the people of Israel, treats him as a slave and sells him, that thief must be executed; and you will remove the evil from among you.
Deu 24:8 Take heed regarding any plague of leprosy, so that you carefully observe and follow every instruction given to you which the priests, the Levites, teach you; as I commanded them, so you will act.
Deu 24:9 Call to mind what Yehowah your Divine One did to Miriam as you were coming out of Egypt.
Deu 24:10 When you make your neighbor any kind of loan, you must not go into his house to get his pledge.
Deu 24:11 You will stand outside, and the man to whom you have lent will bring the pledge outside to you.
Deu 24:12 If he is a poor man, you must not sleep with his pledge in your possession.
Deu 24:13 You must surely restore to him the pledge by the time the sun goes down, so that he may sleep in his garment and bless you; it will be righteousness for you before Yehowah your Divine One.
Deu 24:14 You must not defraud a hired day laborer who is poor and needy, whether he is of your fellow Israelis, or of the sojourning foreigners who are in your land within your city gates.

Deu 24:15 Each day, you must give him his wage; the sun must not go down on this unsettled matter, for he is poor and is counting on it. Do this, so that he does not cry out against you to Yehowah, and so that it not be a sin that you have committed.
Deu 24:16 The parents must not be executed for their children, neither must the children be executed for their parents. Instead, everyone must be executed for his own sin.
Deu 24:17 You must not use force to take away the justice that is due the sojourning foreigner or the fatherless, nor take the widow's shawl as a pledge.
Deu 24:18 Instead, you must call to mind that you were a slave in Egypt, and that Yehowah your Divine One rescued you from there. Therefore, I instruct you to obey this command.
Deu 24:19 When you reap your harvest in your field, and if you have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you must not go back to get it; it must be for the sojourning foreigner, for the fatherless, or for the widow, so that Yehowah your Divine One may bless you in all the work of your hands.
Deu 24:20 When you shake your olive tree, you must not go over the branches again; it will be for the sojourning foreigner, for the fatherless, or for the widow.
Deu 24:21 When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you must not glean it again. What is left over will be for the sojourning foreigner, for the fatherless, and for the widow.
Deu 24:22 You must call to mind that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore, I instruct you to obey this command.

Deuteronomy Chapter 25

Deu 25:1 If there is a dispute between men, and they go to court, and the judges judge them, then they will acquit the righteous and condemn the wicked.
Deu 25:2 If the guilty man deserves to be beaten, then the judge will make him lie down and be beaten in his presence with the ordered number of blows, as was his crime.
Deu 25:3 The judge may give him forty blows, but he may not exceed that number; for if he should exceed that number and beat him with many more blows, then your fellow Israeli would be humiliated before your eyes.
Deu 25:4 You must not muzzle the ox when he treads out the grain.
Deu 25:5 If brothers live together and one of them dies, not having any son, then the wife of the dead man must not be married off to someone else outside the family. Instead, her husband's brother must make love to her and take her to himself as a wife, and do the duty of a husband's brother to her (Levirate marriage; Mark 12:19-22).
Deu 25:6 This is so that the firstborn that she bears will succeed in the name of that man's dead brother, so that his name will not perish from Israel.
Deu 25:7 But if the man does not wish to take his brother's wife for himself, then his brother's wife must go up to the gate to the elders and say, 'My husband's brother refuses to raise up for his brother a name in Israel; he will not perform the duty of a husband's brother to me.'
Deu 25:8 Then the elders of his city must call him and speak to him. But suppose that he insists, 'I do not wish to take her.'
Deu 25:9 Then his brother's wife must come up to him in the presence of the elders, take off his sandal from his foot, and spit in his face. She must answer him, 'This is what is done to the man who does not build up his brother's household.'
Deu 25:10 His name will be called in Israel, 'The house of him whose sandal has been taken off.'
Deu 25:11 If men fight with each other, and the wife of one comes to rescue her husband out of the hand of him who struck him, and if she stretches out her hand and takes him by the genitals,
Deu 25:12 then you must cut off her hand; your eye must have no pity.
Deu 25:13 You must not have in your bag different weights, a large and a small.
Deu 25:14 You must not have in your house different measures, a large and a small.
Deu 25:15 A perfect and just weight you must have (1 weight = 11.5 grams; Lev. 27:25); a perfect and just measure you must have, so that your days may be long in the land that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you.

Deu 25:16 For all who do such things, all that act unrighteously, are an abomination to Yehowah your Divine One.
Deu 25:17 Call to mind what Amalek did to you on the road as you came out of Egypt,
Deu 25:18 how he met you on the road and attacked those of you at the rear, all who were feeble in your rearguard, when you were faint and weary; he did not honor the Almighty.
Deu 25:19 Therefore, when Yehowah your Divine One has given you rest from all your enemies round about, in the land that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you to possess as an inheritance, you must not forget that you must blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under Heaven.

Deuteronomy Chapter 26

Deu 26:1 (Shavuot Ceremonial Liturgy) When you have come into the land that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you as an inheritance, and when you possess it and live in it,
Deu 26:2 then you must take some of the first of all the harvest of the land that you have brought in from the land that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you. You must put it in a basket and go to the place that Yehowah your Divine One will choose as his sanctuary.
Deu 26:3 You must go to the priest who will be serving in those days, and say to him, 'I acknowledge today to Yehowah your Divine One that I have come to the land that Yehowah swore to our ancestors to give us.'
Deu 26:4 The priest must take the basket out of your hand and set it down before the altar of Yehowah your Divine One.
Deu 26:5 You must say before Yehowah your Divine One, 'My ancestor was a wandering Aramean. He went down into Egypt and stayed there, and his people were few in number. There he became a great, mighty, and populous nation.
Deu 26:6 The Egyptians treated us badly and afflicted us. They made us work as slaves.
Deu 26:7 We cried out to Yehowah, Mighty One of our fathers, and Yehowah heard our voice, saw our affliction, our labor, and our oppression.
Deu 26:8 Yehowah brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, with great fearsomeness, with signs, and with wonders;
Deu 26:9 and he has brought us to this place and has given us this land, a land that flows with milk and honey.
Deu 26:10 Now look, I have brought the first of the harvest of the land that you, Yehowah, have given me.' You must set it down before Yehowah your Divine One and worship before Yehowah your Divine One;
Deu 26:11 and you must rejoice in all the good that Yehowah your Divine One has done for you, for your household, you, the Levite, and the sojourning alien who is among you.
Deu 26:12 When you have finished giving all the tithe of your harvest in the third year, that is, the year of tithing, then you must give it to the Levite, to the sojourning alien, to the fatherless, and to the widow, so that they may eat within your city gates and be filled.
Deu 26:13 You must say before Yehowah your Divine One, 'I have brought out of my house the things that belong to Yehowah, and have given them to the Levite, to the sojourning alien, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all your commandments that you have given me. I have not transgressed any of your commandments, neither have I forgotten them.

Deu 26:14 I have not eaten any of it in my mourning, nor have I put it somewhere else when I was impure, nor have I given any of it in honor of the dead. I have listened to the voice of Yehowah my Divine One; I have obeyed everything you have commanded me to do.
Deu 26:15 Look down from the Set-apart Place where you live, from Heaven, and bless your people Israel, and the land that you have given us, as you had sworn to our fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey.'
Deu 26:16 Today, Yehowah your Divine One is commanding you to obey these statutes and decrees; you will therefore keep them and do them with all your heart and with all your soul.
Deu 26:17 You have declared today that Yehowah is your Divine One, and that you will walk in his Ways and keep his statutes, his commandments, and his decrees, and that you will listen to his voice.
Deu 26:18 Today, Yehowah has declared that you are a people who are his own possession, as he had promised to make you, and that you should keep all his commandments.
Deu 26:19 Yehowah has today declared that he will set you high above all the ethnicities that he has made, in respect to praise, to reputation, and to honor. You will be a people that is set apart to Yehowah your Divine One, just as he said."

Deuteronomy Chapter 27

Deu 27:1 Moses and the elders of Israel ordered the people, “Keep all the commandments that I command you today.
Deu 27:2 On the day when you will pass over the Jordan River to the land that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you, you must set up some large stones and plaster them with plaster.
Deu 27:3 You must write on them all the words of this law when you have passed over (Deut. 17:18-19); that you may go into the land that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you, a land flowing with milk and honey, as Yehowah, Mighty One of your ancestors, has promised you.
Deu 27:4 When you have passed over the Jordan River, set up these stones that I am commanding you about today, on Mount Ebal, and plaster them with plaster.
Deu 27:5 There you must build an altar to Yehowah your Divine One, an altar of stones; but you must raise no iron tool to work the stones (Josh. 8:30).
Deu 27:6 You must build the altar of Yehowah your Divine One of unworked stones; you must offer burnt offerings on it to Yehowah your Divine One,
Deu 27:7 and you will sacrifice peace offerings and will eat there; you will rejoice before Yehowah your Divine One.
Deu 27:8 You will calligraphically write legibly on the stones all the words of this law.”
Deu 27:9 Moses and the priests, the Levites, spoke to all Israel, “Be silent and listen, Israel: Today you have become the people of Yehowah your Divine One.
Deu 27:10 You must therefore obey the voice of Yehowah your Divine One and obey his commandments and statutes that I am commanding you today.”
Deu 27:11 Moses commanded the people the same day,
Deu 27:12 “These tribes must stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people after you have passed over the Jordan River: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin.
Deu 27:13 These are the tribes that must stand on Mount Ebal to pronounce curses: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.
Deu 27:14 The Levites will answer and say to all the men of Israel in a loud voice:
Deu 27:15 ‘May the man be cursed who makes a carved or cast figure, an abomination to Yehowah, the work of the hands of a craftsman, and who sets it up in secret!’ Then all the people must answer, ‘Amein!’
Deu 27:16 ‘May the man be cursed who dishonors his father or his mother!’ Then all the people must say, ‘Amein!’
Deu 27:17 ‘May the man be cursed who removes his neighbor’s boundary stone!’ Then all the people must say, ‘Amein!’

Deu 27:18 ‘May the man be cursed who makes the blind to wander away from the road!’ Then all the people must say, ‘Amein!’
Deu 27:19 ‘May the man be cursed who uses force to take away the justice due to a sojourning foreigner, fatherless, or widow!’ Then all the people must say, ‘Amein!’
Deu 27:20 ‘May the man be cursed who has sex with his father’s wife, because he has taken away his father’s rights!’ Then all the people must say, ‘Amein!’
Deu 27:21 ‘May the man be cursed who has sex with any kind of beast!’ Then all the people must say, ‘Amein!’
Deu 27:22 ‘May the man be cursed who has sex with his sister, the daughter of his father, or with the daughter of his mother!’ Then all the people must say, ‘Amein!’
Deu 27:23 ‘May the man be cursed who has sex with his mother-in-law!’ Then all the people must say, ‘Amein!’
Deu 27:24 ‘May the man be cursed who murders his neighbor secretly!’ Then all the people must say, ‘Amein!’
Deu 27:25 ‘May the man be cursed who takes a bribe to murder an innocent person!’ Then all the people must say, ‘Amein!’
Deu 27:26 ‘May the man be cursed who does not confirm the words of this law, that he will obey them!’ Then all the people must say, ‘Amein!’

Deuteronomy Chapter 28

Deu 28:1 If you listen carefully to the voice of Yehowah your Divine One, so as to keep all his commandments that I am commanding you today, Yehowah your Divine One will set you high above all the ethnicities of the earth.
Deu 28:2 All these blessings will come on you and overtake you, if you listen to and obey the voice of Yehowah your Divine One:
Deu 28:3 Blessed will you be in the city, and blessed will you be in the field.
Deu 28:4 Blessed will be the fruit of your body, the fruit of your ground, the fruit of your livestock, the increase of your cattle, and the young of your flock.
Deu 28:5 Blessed will be your basket and your kneading bowl.
Deu 28:6 Blessed will you be when you come in, and blessed will you be when you go out.
Deu 28:7 Yehowah will cause your enemies who rise up against you to be struck down before you; they will come out against you one way but will flee before you seven ways.
Deu 28:8 Yehowah will command the blessing to come on you in your barns, and in all that you put your hand to; he will bless you in the land that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you.
Deu 28:9 Yehowah will establish you as a people that is set apart for himself, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of Yehowah your Divine One and walk in his Ways.
Deu 28:10 All the people of the earth will see that you are called by the name of Yehowah, and they will be afraid of you.
Deu 28:11 Yehowah will make you superabundantly prosperous in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, in the fruit of your ground, and in the land that Yehowah swore to your fathers to give you.
Deu 28:12 Yehowah will open to you his storehouse of the heavens to give the rain for your land at the right time, and to bless all the work of your hand; you will lend to many ethnicities, but you will not borrow.
Deu 28:13 Yehowah will make you the head and not the tail; you will be only above, and you will never be beneath, if you listen to the commandments of Yehowah your Divine One that I am commanding you today, so as to observe and to do them,
Deu 28:14 and if you do not turn away from any of the words that I am commanding you today, to the right hand or to the left, so as to go after false deities to serve them.
Deu 28:15 But if you do not listen to the voice of Yehowah your Divine One, so as to keep all his commandments and his statutes that I am commanding you today, then all these curses will come on you and overtake you:

Deu 28:16 Cursed will you be in the city, and cursed will you be in the field.
Deu 28:17 Cursed will be your basket and your kneading bowl.
Deu 28:18 Cursed will be the fruit of your body, the fruit of your ground, the increase of your cattle, and the young of your flock.
Deu 28:19 Cursed will you be when you come in, and cursed will you be when you go out.
Deu 28:20 Yehowah will send on you curses, confusion, and rebukes in all that you put your hand to, until you are destroyed, and until you perish quickly, because of your wicked actions by which you will have forsaken me.
Deu 28:21 Yehowah will make the plague cling to you, until he destroys you from off the land that you are going in to possess.
Deu 28:22 Yehowah will attack you with infectious diseases, with fever, with inflammation, with drought and blistering heat, and with scorching winds and mildew. These will pursue you until you perish.
Deu 28:23 Your skies that are over your head will be bronze, and the earth that is under you will be iron.
Deu 28:24 Yehowah will make the rain of your land into powder and dust; from the heavens will it come down on you, until you are destroyed.
Deu 28:25 Yehowah will cause you to be struck down before your enemies; you will go out one way against them but will flee before them seven ways. You will be tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth.
Deu 28:26 Your dead body will be food for all the birds of the sky and for the beasts of the earth; there will be no one to frighten them away.
Deu 28:27 Yehowah will attack you with the boils of Egypt, and with ulcers, scurvy, and itch, from which you cannot be healed.
Deu 28:28 Yehowah will attack you with madness, with blindness, and with mental confusion.
Deu 28:29 You will grope about at noonday like the blind grope in the darkness, and you will not prosper in your ways; you will be always oppressed and robbed, and there will be no one to save you.
Deu 28:30 You will become engaged to a woman, but another man will seize her and rape her. You will build a house but not live in it; you will plant a vineyard but not enjoy its fruit.
Deu 28:31 Your ox will be slain before your eyes, but you will not eat its meat; your jack donkey will be forcibly taken away from before you and will not be restored to you. Your sheep will be given to your enemies, and you will have no one to aid you.
Deu 28:32 Your sons and your daughters will be given to other people; your eyes will look for them the entire day but will fail with longing for them. There will be no strength in your hand.

Deu 28:33 The harvest of your land and of all your labors, an ethnicity that you do not know will eat it up; you will always be oppressed and crushed,
Deu 28:34 so that you will become insane by what you have to see happen.
Deu 28:35 Yehowah will attack you in the knees and legs with severe boils from which you cannot be cured, from the bottom of your feet to the top of your head.
Deu 28:36 Yehowah will take you and the king whom you will place over yourself to an ethnicity that you have not known, neither you nor your ancestors; there you will worship false deities of wood and stone.
Deu 28:37 You will become a source of horror, a proverb, and a byword, among all the people where Yehowah will lead you away.
Deu 28:38 You will take much seed out into the field but will gather little seed in, for the locusts will consume it.
Deu 28:39 You will plant vineyards and cultivate them, but you will neither drink any of the wine, nor even gather in the grapes, for worms will eat them.
Deu 28:40 You will have olive trees within all your territory, but you will not rub any of the oil on yourself, for your olive trees will drop their fruit.
Deu 28:41 You will have sons and daughters, but they will not remain yours, for they will go into captivity.
Deu 28:42 All your trees and the fruit of your ground, the locusts will take them over.
Deu 28:43 The sojourning foreigner who is among you will rise up above you higher and higher; you yourself will come down lower and lower.
Deu 28:44 He will lend to you, but you will not lend to him; he will be the head, and you will be the tail.
Deu 28:45 All these curses will come on you and will pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed. This will happen, because you did not listen to the voice of Yehowah your Divine One, so as to keep his commandments and his regulations that he commanded you.
Deu 28:46 These curses will be on you as signs and wonders, and on your descendants forever.
Deu 28:47 Because you did not worship Yehowah your Divine One with joyfulness and gladness of heart when you were in prosperity,
Deu 28:48 therefore will you serve the enemies that Yehowah will send against you; you will serve them in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in poverty. He will put a yoke of iron on your neck, until he destroys you.
Deu 28:49 Yehowah will bring an ethnicity against you from far away, from the ends of the earth, like an eagle flies to its victim, an ethnicity whose language you do not understand;
Deu 28:50 an ethnicity with a fierce face that does not respect the aged and does not show grace to the young.

Deu 28:51 They will eat the young of your livestock and the fruit of your land, until you are destroyed. They will leave for you no grain, new wine, or oil, no young of your cattle or of your flock, until they have caused you to perish.
Deu 28:52 They will besiege you in all your city gates, until your high and fortified walls come down everywhere in your land, walls in which you had trusted. They will besiege you within all your city gates, throughout all the land that Yehowah your Divine One had given you.
Deu 28:53 You will eat the fruit of your own body, the flesh of your sons and of your daughters, whom Yehowah your Divine One gave you, in the siege, and in the distress which your enemies will put upon you.
Deu 28:54 The man who is tender and extremely delicate among you, he will be envious of his brother and his own dear wife, and of whatever children he has left.
Deu 28:55 So he will not give to any of them the flesh of his own children that he is going to eat, because he will have nothing left for himself in the siege, and in the distress which your enemy will put upon you within all your city gates.
Deu 28:56 The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not venture to put the bottom of her foot on the ground for delicateness and tenderness, she will be envious of her own dear husband, of her son, and of her daughter,
Deu 28:57 and of her own newborn that comes out from between her legs, and of the children whom she will bear. She will eat them in private for lack of anything else, during the siege, and in the distress which your enemy will put upon you within your city gates.
Deu 28:58 If you do not keep all the words of this law that are written in this Book, so as to honor this glorious and fearful name, Yehowah your Divine One,
Deu 28:59 then Yehowah will make your plagues terrible and those of your descendants; they will be great plagues of long duration, and severe diseases of long duration.
Deu 28:60 He will bring on you again all the diseases of Egypt that you were afraid of; they will cling to you.
Deu 28:61 Also, every sickness and plague that is not written in this Book of the Law, those also Yehowah will bring on you, until you are destroyed.
Deu 28:62 You will be left few in number, although you were like the stars of heaven in number, because you did not listen to the voice of Yehowah your Divine One.
Deu 28:63 As Yehowah once rejoiced over you in doing you good, and in multiplying you, so he will rejoice over you in making you perish and in destroying you. You will be plucked off the land that you are going into to possess.

Deu 28:64 Yehowah will scatter you among all people from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth; there you will worship false deities that you have not known, neither you nor your ancestors, deities of wood and stone.
Deu 28:65 Among these ethnicities will you find no ease, and there will be no rest for the bottoms of your feet. Instead, Yehowah will give you there a trembling heart, failing eyes, and a soul that mourns.
Deu 28:66 Your life will hang in doubt before you; you will fear every night and day and will have no certainty at all in your life.
Deu 28:67 At dawn you will say, ‘I wish it were dusk!’ and at dusk you will say, ‘I wish it were dawn!’ because of the fear in your hearts, and the things your eyes will have to see.
Deu 28:68 Yehowah will bring you into Egypt again by ships, by the route about which I had said to you, ‘You will not see Egypt again.’ There you will offer yourselves for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but no one will purchase you.”

Deuteronomy Chapter 29

Deu 29:1 These are the words that Yehowah commanded Moses to tell the people of Israel in the land of Moab, words that were added to the covenant that he had made with them at Horeb.
Deu 29:2 Moses called to all Israel, “You have seen everything that Yehowah did before your eyes in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, to all his servants, and to all his land,
Deu 29:3 the great sufferings that your eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders.
Deu 29:4 But until today, Yehowah has not given you a heart to know, eyes to see, or ears to hear.
Deu 29:5 I have led you for forty years in the wilderness (c. 1650 – 1611 BC); your clothes did not wear out on you, and your sandals did not wear out on your feet.
Deu 29:6 You did not eat any bread, and you did not drink any wine or beer, so that you might know that I am Yehowah your Divine One.
Deu 29:7 When you came to this place, Sihon, the king of Heshbon, and Og, the king of Bashan, came out against us to fight, and we struck them down.
Deu 29:8 We took their land and gave it as an inheritance to the Reubenites, to the Gadites, and to the half tribe of Manasseh.
Deu 29:9 Therefore, keep the words of this covenant and do them, so that you may prosper in everything that you do.
Deu 29:10 You stand today, all of you, before Yehowah your Divine One; your chiefs, your tribes, your elders, and your officers, all the men of Israel,
Deu 29:11 your little ones, your wives, and the sojourning alien who is among you in your camp, from him who cuts your wood to him who draws your water.
Deu 29:12 You are here in order to enter into the covenant of Yehowah your Divine One and into the oath that Yehowah your Divine One is making with you today,
Deu 29:13 so that he may make you today into a people for himself, and that he may be an Almighty for you, as he spoke to you, and as he swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.
Deu 29:14 For it is not only with you that I am making this covenant and this oath,
Deu 29:15 with everyone standing here with us today before Yehowah our Divine One, but also with those who are not here with us today.
Deu 29:16 You know how we lived in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the midst of the ethnicities through which you passed.
Deu 29:17 You have seen their disgusting things: Their idols of wood and stone, silver and gold, that were among them.

Deu 29:18 Make sure there is not among you any man, woman, family, or tribe whose heart is turning away today from Yehowah our Divine One, so as to go worship the deities of those ethnicities. Make sure there is not among you any root that produces gall and wormwood.
Deu 29:19 When that person hears the words of this curse, he will bless himself in his heart and say, 'I will have peace, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart.' This would destroy the wet together with the dry.
Deu 29:20 Yehowah will not pardon him, but instead, the anger of Yehowah and his jealousy will smolder against that man, and all the curses that are written in this Book will come on him, and Yehowah will blot out his name from under Heaven.
Deu 29:21 Yehowah will set him apart for disaster out of all the tribes of Israel, in keeping with all the curses of the covenant that are written in this Book of the Law.
Deu 29:22 The generation to come, your children who will rise up after you, and the foreigner who comes from a distant land, will speak when they see the plagues on this land and the diseases with which Yehowah has made it sick,
Deu 29:23 and when they see that the whole land has become sulfur and burning salt, where nothing is sown or bears fruit, where no vegetation grows, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, that Yehowah destroyed in his anger and wrath,
Deu 29:24 they will ask together with all the ethnicities, 'Why has Yehowah done this to this land? What does the heat of this great anger mean?'
Deu 29:25 Then people will answer, 'It is because they abandoned the covenant of Yehowah, Mighty One of their ancestors, that he made with them when he brought them out of the land of Egypt,
Deu 29:26 and because they went and served false deities, and bowed down to them, deities that they had not known, and that he had not given to them.
Deu 29:27 Therefore, the anger of Yehowah has been kindled against this land, so as to bring on it all the curses that are written in this Book.
Deu 29:28 Yehowah has uprooted them from their land in anger, in wrath, and in great fury, and has thrown them into another land, as today.'
Deu 29:29 The secret matters belong alone to Yehowah our Divine One; but the things that are revealed belong forever to us and to our descendants, so that we may do all the words of this law.

Deuteronomy Chapter 30

Deu 30:1 When all these things have come on you, the blessings and the curses that I have set before you, and when you call them to mind among all the ethnicities where Yehowah your Divine One has driven you,
Deu 30:2 and when you return to Yehowah your Divine One and obey his voice, following all that I am commanding you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul,
Deu 30:3 then Yehowah your Divine One will reverse your captivity and have compassion on you; he will return and gather you from all the ethnicities where Yehowah your Divine One has scattered you.
Deu 30:4 If any of your exiled people are in the farthest places under the heavens, from there Yehowah your Divine One will gather you, and from there he will bring you.
Deu 30:5 Yehowah your Divine One will bring you into the land that your forefathers possessed, and you will possess it again; he will do you good and will multiply you more than he did your forefathers.
Deu 30:6 Yehowah your Divine One will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, so you will love Yehowah your Divine One with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live (Mat. 22:37).
Deu 30:7 Yehowah your Divine One will put all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, those who persecuted you.
Deu 30:8 You will return and obey the voice of Yehowah, and you will do all his commandments that I am commanding you today.
Deu 30:9 Yehowah your Divine One will make you abundant in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground, for prosperity; for Yehowah will again rejoice over you for prosperity, as he rejoiced over your fathers.
Deu 30:10 He will do this if you will obey the voice of Yehowah your Divine One, so as to keep his commandments and regulations that are written in this Book of the Law, if you turn to Yehowah your Divine One with all your heart and all your soul.
Deu 30:11 For this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, neither is it too far for you to reach.
Deu 30:12 It is not in Heaven, so that you should have to ask, 'Who will go up for us to Heaven and bring it down to us and make us able to hear it, so that we may do it?'
Deu 30:13 Neither is it beyond the sea, so that you should have to ask, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us and make us to hear it, so that we may do it?'

Deu 30:14 But the word is quite near to you, in your mouth and in your heart, so that you may do it.
Deu 30:15 See, today I have placed before you life and good, death and evil.
Deu 30:16 If you obey the decrees of Yehowah your Divine One, in which I am commanding you today to love Yehowah your Divine One, to walk in his Ways, and to keep his commandments, his regulations, and his statutes, you will live and multiply, and Yehowah your Divine One will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess.
Deu 30:17 But if your heart turns away, and you do not listen but instead are drawn away and bow down to false deities and worship them,
Deu 30:18 then I announce to you today that you will surely perish; you will not prolong your days in the land that you are passing over the Jordan River to go into and possess.
Deu 30:19 I call Heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses; therefore, choose life, so that you may live, you and your descendants.
Deu 30:20 Do this, so as to love Yehowah your Divine One, to obey his voice, and to cling to him. For he is your life and the length of your days; do this, so that you may live in the land that Yehowah swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Deuteronomy Chapter 31

Deu 31:1 Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel,
Deu 31:2 “I am one hundred twenty years old today (c. 1611 BC); I can no more go out and come in; Yehowah has said to me, ‘You will not go over this Jordan River.’
Deu 31:3 Yehowah your Divine One, he will go over before you; he will destroy these ethnicities from before you, and you will dispossess them. Joshua, he will go over before you, as Yehowah has spoken.
Deu 31:4 Yehowah will do to them as he did to Sihon and to Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, which he destroyed.
Deu 31:5 Yehowah will give you victory over them when you meet them in battle, and you will do to them all that I commanded you.
Deu 31:6 Be strong and of good courage, fear not, and do not be afraid of them; for Yehowah your Divine One, he it is who goes with you; he will not fail you nor forsake you” (Heb. 13:5).
Deu 31:7 Moses called to Joshua and commanded him in the sight of all Israel, “Be strong and of good courage, for you will go with this people into the land that Yehowah has sworn to their ancestors to give them; you will cause them to inherit it.
Deu 31:8 Yehowah, he it is who goes before you; he will be with you; he will not fail you nor abandon you; do not be afraid, do not be discouraged.”
Deu 31:9 Moses wrote this law and gave it out to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah; he also gave copies of it to all the elders of Israel (Deut. 17:18; 27:1-8; Josh. 8:32; Hos. 8:12).
Deu 31:10 Moses commanded them, “At the beginning of every seventh year, at the time appointed for the cancellation of debts, during the Feast of Tabernacles (Exo. 21:2; Deut. 15:9, 12, 18; Neh. 10:31),
Deu 31:11 when all Israel has come to appear before Yehowah your Divine One in the place that he will choose for his sanctuary, you will read this law before all Israel in their hearing.
Deu 31:12 Assemble the people, the men, the women, and the little ones, and your sojourning alien who is within your city gates, so that they may hear and learn, and so that they may honor Yehowah your Divine One and keep all the words of this law.
Deu 31:13 Do this, so that their children, who have not known, may hear and learn to honor Yehowah your Divine One, as long as you live in the land that you are going over the Jordan River to possess.”
Deu 31:14 Yehowah said to Moses, “Look, the day is coming when you must die; call Joshua and present yourselves in the Tent of Meeting, so that I may give

him a command." Moses and Joshua went and presented themselves in the Tent of Meeting.
Deu 31:15 Yehowah appeared in the tent in a pillar of cloud; the pillar of cloud stood over the door of the tent.
Deu 31:16 Yehowah declared to Moses, "Look, you will sleep with your fathers; this people will rise up and act like a prostitute going after the foreign deities that are among them in the land where they are going. They will forsake me and break my covenant that I have made with them.
Deu 31:17 Then on that day, my anger will be kindled against them, and I will abandon them. I will hide my face from them, and they will be devoured. Many disasters and troubles will find them, so that they will say on that day, 'Have these disasters not come upon us because our Divine One is not in our midst?'
Deu 31:18 I will surely hide my face from them on that day, because of all the evil that they will have done, because they had turned to false deities.
Deu 31:19 Now therefore, write this song for yourselves and teach it to the people of Israel. Put it in their mouths, so that this song may be a witness for me inside the people of Israel.
Deu 31:20 For when I will have brought them into the land that I swore to give to their ancestors, a land flowing with milk and honey, and when they have eaten and become satisfied and fat, then they will turn to false deities, and they will serve them, they will despise me, and they will break my covenant.
Deu 31:21 When many evils and troubles come upon this people, this song will testify before them as a witness, for it will not be forgotten from the mouths of their descendants. For I know the plans that they are forming today, even before I have brought them into the land that I promised them."
Deu 31:22 So Moses wrote this song the same day and taught it to the people of Israel.
Deu 31:23 Yehowah gave Joshua son of Nun a command, "Be strong and of good courage; for you will bring the people of Israel into the land that I swore to them, and I will be with you."
Deu 31:24 It happened that when Moses had finished writing the words of this law in a Book,
Deu 31:25 that he commanded the Levites who carried the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah,
Deu 31:26 "Take this Book of the Law and put it by the side of the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah your Divine One, so that it may be there as a witness against you.
Deu 31:27 For I know your rebellion and your stiff neck; look, while I am still alive with you even today, you have been rebellious against Yehowah; how much more after my death?

Deu 31:28 Assemble to me all the elders of your tribes and your officers, so that I may speak these words in their ears and call Heaven and earth to witness against them.
Deu 31:29 For I know that after my death, you will utterly corrupt yourselves and turn aside out of the Way that I have commanded you; disaster will come on you in the last days. This will happen, because you will do what is evil in the sight of Yehowah, so as to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands."
Deu 31:30 Moses recited in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song, until they were finished.

Deuteronomy Chapter 32

Deu 32:1 Give ear, you heavens, and let me speak. Let the earth listen to the words of my mouth.
Deu 32:2 Let my teaching drop down like the rain, let my speech flow forth like the dew, like the gentle rain on the tender grass and like the showers on the plants.
Deu 32:3 For I will proclaim the name of Yehowah, and ascribe greatness to our Divine One.
Deu 32:4 The Rock, his work is perfect; for all his Paths are just. He is the faithful Almighty, without iniquity. He is just and upright.
Deu 32:5 They have acted corruptly against him. They are not his children. It is their disgrace. They are a perverted and crooked generation.
Deu 32:6 Do you reward Yehowah in this way, you foolish and senseless people? Is he not your Father, the One who has created you? He made you and established you.
Deu 32:7 Call to mind the days of ancient times, think about the years of many ages past. Ask your father, and he will show you, your elders, and they will tell you:
Deu 32:8 When the Most High gave the ethnicities their inheritance, when he divided all of mankind, he set the boundaries of the people according to the number of the children of Yehowah.
Deu 32:9 For the portion of Yehowah is his people; Jacob is his apportioned inheritance.
Deu 32:10 He found him in a desert land, and in the barren and howling wilderness; he shielded him and cared for him, he guarded him as the apple of his eye.
Deu 32:11 As an eagle that guards her nest and flutters over her young, Yehowah spread out his wings and took them, and carried them on his pinions.
Deu 32:12 Yehowah alone led him; no foreign deity was with him.
Deu 32:13 He made him ride on high places of the land, and he fed him the increase of the field; he nourished him with honey from the rock and oil from the flinty crag.
Deu 32:14 He ate butter from the herd and drank milk from the flock, with fat of lambs, rams of Bashan and goats, with the finest of the wheat, and you drank foaming wine made from the juice of grapes.
Deu 32:15 But Yeshurun grew fat and kicked, you grew fat, you were too fat, and you had eaten your fill, he abandoned the Almighty who made him, and he rejected the Rock of his salvation.

Deu 32:16 They made Yehowah jealous by their foreign deities; with their abominations they angered him.
Deu 32:17 They sacrificed to demons, which are not Divine, deities they had not known, deities that recently appeared, deities your fathers did not fear.
Deu 32:18 You have deserted the Rock, who became your Father, and you forgot the Almighty who gave you birth.
Deu 32:19 Yehowah saw this, and he rejected them, because his sons and his daughters provoked him so.
Deu 32:20 “I will hide my face from them,” he said, “and I will see what their end will be; for they are a perverse generation, children who are unfaithful.
Deu 32:21 They have made me jealous by what is not the Almighty and angered me by their worthless things. I will make them envious by those who are not a people; by a foolish ethnicity I will make them angry.
Deu 32:22 For a fire is kindled by my anger and is burning to the lowest place of the dead; it is devouring the earth and its harvest; it is setting on fire the foundations of the mountains.
Deu 32:23 I will heap disasters on them; I will shoot all my arrows at them.
Deu 32:24 They will be wasted by hunger and devoured by burning heat and bitter destruction; I will send on them the teeth of wild animals, with the poison of things that crawl in the dust.
Deu 32:25 Outside, the sword will bereave, and in the bedrooms terror will do so. It will destroy both young man and virgin, the nursing baby, and the man of gray hairs.
Deu 32:26 I said that I would scatter them far away, that I would make the memory of them to cease from among mankind.
Deu 32:27 Were it not that I feared the provocation of the enemy, and that their enemies would judge mistakenly, and that they would say, ‘Our hand is exalted,’ Yehowah would not have done all this.
Deu 32:28 For Israel is a nation devoid of wisdom, and there is no understanding in them.
Deu 32:29 Oh, that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their coming fate!
Deu 32:30 How could one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, and Yehowah had given them up?
Deu 32:31 For our enemies’ rock is not like our Rock, just as even our enemies admit.
Deu 32:32 For their vine comes from the vine of Sodom, and from the fields of Gomorrah; their grapes are grapes of poison; their clusters are bitter.
Deu 32:33 Their wine is the poison of serpents and the cruel venom of asps.
Deu 32:34 Is not this plan secretly kept by me, sealed up among my treasures?

Deu 32:35 Vengeance is mine to give, and recompense, at the time when their foot slips; for the day of disaster for them is near, and the things that are to come on them will hurry to happen."
Deu 32:36 For Yehowah will give justice to his people, and he will pity his servants. He will see that their power is gone, and no one remains, either slaves or free people.
Deu 32:37 Then he will say, "Where are their deities, the rock in whom they took refuge?
Deu 32:38 The deities who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection.
Deu 32:39 See now that I, even I, am He, and that there is no deity besides me; I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal, and there is no one who can save you from my might.
Deu 32:40 For I lift up my hand to Heaven and declare, 'As I live forever, I will act.
Deu 32:41 When I sharpen my glittering sword, and when my hand begins to bring justice, I will render vengeance on my enemies, and I will pay back those who hate me.
Deu 32:42 I will make my arrows drunk with blood, and my sword will devour flesh with the blood of the killed and the captives, and from the heads of the leaders of the enemy.'"
Deu 32:43 Rejoice, O Heaven, with him, and let all the angels of Yehowah worship him (LXX; Heb. 1:6); rejoice, you ethnicities, with his people, and let all the children of Yehowah strengthen themselves in him, for he will avenge the blood of his servants; he will render vengeance on his enemies, and he will make atonement for his land, for his people.
Deu 32:44 Moses came and recited all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he and Joshua son of Nun.
Deu 32:45 Then Moses finished reciting all these words to all Israel.
Deu 32:46 He ordered them, "Fix your mind on all the words that I have witnessed to you today, so that you may command your children to keep them, all the words of this law.
Deu 32:47 For this is no trivial matter for you, because it is your life, and through this thing you will prolong your days in the land that you are going over the Jordan River to possess."
Deu 32:48 Yehowah spoke to Moses on that same day,
Deu 32:49 "Go up into this range of the mountains of Abarim, up Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, opposite Jericho. You will look at the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the people of Israel as their possession (Num. 27:12).

Deu 32:50 You will die on the mountain that you go up, and you will be gathered to your people, as Aaron your fellow Israeli died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people.
Deu 32:51 This will happen, because you were unfaithful to me among the people of Israel at the waters of Meribah in Kadesh, in the wilderness of Sin; because you did not treat me with honor and respect among the people of Israel.
Deu 32:52 For you will see the land before you, but you will not go there, into the land that I am giving to the people of Israel.”

Deuteronomy Chapter 33

Deu 33:1 This is the blessing with which Moses the man of the Almighty blessed the people of Israel before his death.
Deu 33:2 He spoke: Yehowah will come from Sinai and rise from Seir upon them. He will shine out from Mount Paran, and he will come with ten thousands of set-apart ones. In his right hand is a fiery decree for them.
Deu 33:3 Indeed, he loves the people; all his set-apart ones are in your hand, and they bowed down at your feet; they received your words.
Deu 33:4 Moses commanded us a law, an inheritance for the congregation of Jacob.
Deu 33:5 Then there was a king in Yeshurun, when the heads of the people had gathered all the tribes of Israel together.
Deu 33:6 Let Reuben live and not die, but may his men be few.
Deu 33:7 This is the blessing for Judah. Moses said: Listen, Yehowah, to the voice of Judah, and bring him to his people again. Fight for him; be a help against his enemies.
Deu 33:8 About Levi, Moses said: Your Thummim and your Urim belong to your loyal one, the one whom you tested at Massah, with whom you struggled at the waters of Meribah.
Deu 33:9 The man who said about his father and mother, “I have not seen them.” Neither did he acknowledge his brothers, nor did he take account of his own children. For he guarded your word and kept your covenant.
Deu 33:10 He teaches Jacob your decrees and Israel your law. He will put incense before you and whole burnt offerings on your altar.
Deu 33:11 Bless, Yehowah, his possessions, and accept the work of his hands. Shatter the loins of those who rise up against him, and those of the people who hate him, so that they do not rise up again.
Deu 33:12 About Benjamin, Moses said: The one loved by Yehowah lives in security beside him; Yehowah shields him all the day long, and he lives between the arms of Yehowah.
Deu 33:13 About Joseph, Moses said: May his land be blessed by Yehowah with the precious things of the heavens, with the dew, and with the deep that lies beneath.
Deu 33:14 May his land be blessed with the precious things of the harvest of the sun, with the precious things of the produce of the months,
Deu 33:15 with the finest things of the ancient mountains, and with the precious things of the everlasting hills.
Deu 33:16 May his land be blessed with the precious things of the earth and its abundance, and with the good will of him who was in the bush. Let the blessing

come on the head of Joseph, and on the top of the head of him who was prince over his brothers.
Deu 33:17 The firstborn of an ox, majestic is he, and his horns are the horns of a wild ox. With them he will push the people, all of them, to the ends of the earth. These are the ten thousands of Ephraim; these are the thousands of Manasseh.
Deu 33:18 About Zebulun, Moses said: Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out, and you, Issachar, in your tents.
Deu 33:19 They will call the people to the mountains. There will they offer sacrifices of righteousness. For they will suck the abundance of the seas and from the sand on the seashore.
Deu 33:20 About Gad, Moses said: Blessed be he who enlarges Gad. He will live there like a lioness, and he will tear off an arm or a head.
Deu 33:21 He provided the best part for himself, for there was the leader's portion of land reserved. He came with the heads of the people. He carried out the justice of Yehowah and his decrees with Israel.
Deu 33:22 About Dan, Moses said: Dan is a lion cub that leaps out from Bashan.
Deu 33:23 About Naphtali, Moses said: Naphtali, satisfied with grace, and full of the blessing of Yehowah, take possession of the land to the west and south.
Deu 33:24 About Asher, Moses said: Blessed be Asher more than the other sons; let him be acceptable to his brothers, and let him dip his foot in olive oil.
Deu 33:25 May your city bars be iron and bronze; as long as will be your days, so long will your security be.
Deu 33:26 There is no one like the Mighty One of Yeshurun, the upright One, who rides through the heavens to your help, and in his majesty on the clouds.
Deu 33:27 The eternal Almighty is a refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. He thrust out the enemy from before you, and he shouted, "Destroy!"
Deu 33:28 Israel dwelt in safety. Jacob's spring was secure in a land of grain and new wine; indeed, let his heavens drop dew on him.
Deu 33:29 Your blessings are many, Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by Yehowah, the Shield of your help, and the Sword of your majesty? Your enemies will come trembling to you; you will trample down their high places.

Deuteronomy Chapter 34

Deu 34:1 Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. There Yehowah showed him all the land of Gilead as far as Dan,
Deu 34:2 and all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, to the Mediterranean Sea,
Deu 34:3 and the Negev, and the disk-shaped Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar.
Deu 34:4 Yehowah said to him, "This is the land that I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have allowed you to look at it with your eyes, but you will not go over there."
Deu 34:5 So Moses the servant of Yehowah, died there in the land of Moab, as the Word of Yehowah promised.
Deu 34:6 Yehowah buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth Peor, but no one knows where his grave is to this day.
Deu 34:7 Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died (c. 1611 BC); his eye was not dim, nor his vitality abated (Col. 1:29).
Deu 34:8 The people of Israel mourned for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days, and then the days of mourning for Moses were finished.
Deu 34:9 Joshua son of Nun was full of the Ruach of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. The people of Israel listened to him and did what Yehowah had commanded Moses.
Deu 34:10 There has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom Yehowah knew face to face.
Deu 34:11 There has never been any prophet like him in all the signs and wonders that Yehowah sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land.
Deu 34:12 There has never been any prophet like him in all the great, fearsome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Book of Joshua

Joshua Chapter 1

Jos 1:1 Now it came about after the death of Moses the servant of Yehowah, that Yehowah spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' chief assistant,
Jos 1:2 "Moses, my servant, is dead. Now therefore, arise, cross over this Jordan River, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel.
Jos 1:3 I have given you every place where the sole of your foot will walk (Deut. 11:23-24). I have given it to you, just as I promised to Moses.
Jos 1:4 From the wilderness and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the Euphrates, all the land of the (Old Empire) Hittites, and to the Mediterranean Sea, where the sun goes down, will be your land.
Jos 1:5 No one will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not abandon you or leave you.
Jos 1:6 Be strong and courageous. You will cause this people to inherit the land that I promised their ancestors I would give to them.
Jos 1:7 Be strong and extremely courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go.
Jos 1:8 You will always proclaim this Book of the Law. You will meditate on it day and night, so that you can obey all that is written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.
Jos 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged. Yehowah your Divine One is with you wherever you go."
Jos 1:10 Then Joshua commanded the leaders of the people,
Jos 1:11 "Go through the camp and command the people, 'Prepare provisions for yourselves. In three days you will cross over this Jordan River and go in and possess the land that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you to possess.'"
Jos 1:12 To the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half tribe of Manasseh, Joshua said,
Jos 1:13 "Call to mind the word that Moses the servant of Yehowah, commanded you when he said, 'Yehowah your Divine One is giving you rest, and he is giving you this land.'

Jos 1:14 Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock will stay in the land that Moses gave you beyond the Jordan River. But your fighting men will go over with your brothers and help them,
Jos 1:15 until Yehowah has given your brothers rest just as he has given it to you. Then they also will take possession of the land Yehowah your Divine One gives them. Then you will return to your own land and possess it, the land that Moses the servant of Yehowah gave you beyond the Jordan River, where the sun rises."
Jos 1:16 Then they answered Joshua, "All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.
Jos 1:17 We will obey you just as we obeyed Moses. Only may Yehowah your Divine One be with you, as he was with Moses.
Jos 1:18 Whoever rebels against your commands and disobeys your words will be executed. Only be strong and courageous."

Joshua Chapter 2

Jos 2:1 Then Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two men out from Shittim as spies. He ordered, “Go, look over the land, especially Jericho.” They went away and came to the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab, and they lodged there.
Jos 2:2 It was told to the king of Jericho, “Look, men of Israel have come here to spy on the land.”
Jos 2:3 The king of Jericho sent word to Rahab, “Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to spy on the whole land.”
Jos 2:4 But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She replied, “Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from.
Jos 2:5 They left when it was dusk, when it was time for the city gate to shut. I do not know where they went. You will probably catch them, if you hurry after them.”
Jos 2:6 But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax that she had laid out on the roof.
Jos 2:7 So the men pursued them on the road that leads to the fords of the Jordan River. The gate was shut as soon as the pursuers went out.
Jos 2:8 The men had not yet lain down for the night, when she came up to them on the roof.
Jos 2:9 She said, “I know that Yehowah has given you the land, and that the fear of you has come upon us. All those who live in the land will melt away before you.
Jos 2:10 We have heard how Yehowah dried up the water of the SEA for you when you came out of Egypt. We also heard what you did to the two kings of the Amorites on the other side of the Jordan River, Sihon and Og, whom you completely destroyed.
Jos 2:11 As soon as we had heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no courage left in anyone, for Yehowah your Divine One, he is the Almighty in Heaven above and on the earth below.
Jos 2:12 Now then, please swear to me by Yehowah, that just as I have been kind to you, you will also deal kindly with my father’s household. Give me a sure sign
Jos 2:13 that you will spare the lives of my father, mother, brothers, sisters, and all their families, and that you will save us from death.”
Jos 2:14 The men said to her, “Our life for yours, even to death! If you do not speak about our business, then when Yehowah gives us this land, we will be merciful and faithful to you.”

Jos 2:15 So she let them down out through the window using a rope. The house in which she lived was built up against the vertical surface of the city's fortification wall.
Jos 2:16 She said to them, "Go in the hills and hide or the pursuers will find you. Hide there for three days, until the pursuers have returned. Then go on your way."
Jos 2:17 The men replied to her, "We will not be bound to the promises of the oath you made us swear to, if you do not do this:
Jos 2:18 When we come into the land, you must tie this scarlet rope in the window through which you let us down, and you will gather into the house your father and mother, your brothers and all your father's household.
Jos 2:19 Whoever goes out of the doors of your house into the street, their blood will be upon their own heads, and we will be guiltless. But if a hand is laid upon any who is with you in the house, his blood will be on our head.
Jos 2:20 But if you speak about our business, we will be free from the oath you made us swear."
Jos 2:21 Rahab replied, "May what you say be done." She sent them away and they left. Then she tied the scarlet rope in the window.
Jos 2:22 They left and went up into the hills, and they stayed there three days, until their pursuers returned. The pursuers searched all along the road and found nothing.
Jos 2:23 The two men returned and came down from the hills and crossed over and came back to Joshua son of Nun, and they told him everything that had happened to them.
Jos 2:24 They reported to Joshua, "Truly, Yehowah has given this land to us. All the inhabitants of the land are melting away because of us."

Joshua Chapter 3

Jos 3:1 Joshua rose up at daybreak, and they set out from Shittim. They came to the Jordan River, he and all the people of Israel, and they camped there before they crossed over.
Jos 3:2 After three days, the officers went through the middle of the camp;
Jos 3:3 they commanded the people, “When you see the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah your Divine One, and the priests from the Levites carrying it, you must leave this place and follow it.
Jos 3:4 There must be a distance between you and it of about nine hundred meters. Do not come close to it, so that you can see which way to go, since you have not gone this way before.”
Jos 3:5 Joshua said to the people, “Consecrate yourselves tomorrow, for Yehowah will do wonders among you.”
Jos 3:6 Then Joshua ordered the priests, “Take up the Ark of the Covenant and pass in front of the people.” So they picked up the Ark of the Covenant and went in front of the people.
Jos 3:7 Yehowah said to Joshua, “This day I will make you a great man in the eyes of all Israel. They will know that as I was with Moses, I will be with you.
Jos 3:8 You will command the priests who carry the Ark of the Covenant, ‘When you have come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan River, you must stand still in the Jordan.’”
Jos 3:9 Then Joshua ordered the people of Israel, “Come here, and listen to the words of Yehowah your Divine One.
Jos 3:10 By this you will know that the living Almighty is among you and will drive out from before you the Canaanites, the Hethites, the Hivites, the Perizzites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, and the Jebusites.
Jos 3:11 Look! The Ark of the Covenant of the Lord of all the earth crosses over ahead of you into the Jordan River.
Jos 3:12 Now choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one man from each.
Jos 3:13 When the soles of the feet of the priests that carry the Ark of Yehowah, the Lord of all the earth, touch the waters of the Jordan River, the waters of the Jordan will be cut off, and even the waters that flow down from upstream will stop flowing, and they will stand in one heap.”
Jos 3:14 So when the people set out to cross over the Jordan River, the priests that carried the Ark of the Covenant went ahead of the people.
Jos 3:15 As soon as those who were carrying the ark had come to the Jordan River, and the feet of those who carried the chest were dipped in the edge of the water, now the Jordan River overflows all its banks throughout the time of the harvest,

Jos 3:16 the waters that flowed down from upstream stood up in one heap. The water stopped flowing from a great distance. The waters stopped flowing from Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, all the way down to the sea of the Negev, the Dead Sea. The people crossed over near Jericho.
Jos 3:17 The priests that carried the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan River, until all the people of Israel crossed over on dry ground.

Joshua Chapter 4

Jos 4:1 When all the people crossed over the Jordan River, Yehowah said to Joshua,
Jos 4:2 “Choose twelve men for yourselves from among the people, one man from each tribe.
Jos 4:3 Give them this command: ‘Take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan River where the priests are standing on the dry ground, and bring them over with you and lay them down in the place where you will spend the night tonight.’”
Jos 4:4 Then Joshua called the twelve men whom he had chosen from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe.
Jos 4:5 Joshua ordered them, “Go over before the Ark of Yehowah your Divine One into the middle of the Jordan River. Each of you is to take up a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel.
Jos 4:6 This will be a sign in your midst for you when your children ask in days to come, ‘What do these stones mean to you?’
Jos 4:7 Then you will answer them, ‘The waters of the Jordan River were cut off before the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones will be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.’”
Jos 4:8 The people of Israel did just as Joshua commanded, and they picked up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan River, as Yehowah commanded Joshua. They set the stones up according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel. They carried the stones with them, over to the place where they camped, and they set them down there.
Jos 4:9 Then Joshua set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan River, in the place where the feet of the priests that carried the Ark of the Covenant stood. The memorial is there to this day.
Jos 4:10 The priests that carried the ark stood in the middle of the Jordan River, until everything that Yehowah commanded Joshua to tell the people was completed, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua. The people hurried, and they crossed over.
Jos 4:11 When all the people had finished crossing over, the Ark of Yehowah and the priests crossed over before the people.
Jos 4:12 The tribe of Reuben, the tribe of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh passed before the people of Israel formed up as a military force, just as Moses commanded them.
Jos 4:13 About forty thousand men equipped for war passed before Yehowah, for battle on the plains of Jericho.

Jos 4:14 On that day, Yehowah made Joshua great in the eyes of all Israel. They honored him, just as they honored Moses all his days.
Jos 4:15 Then Yehowah spoke to Joshua,
Jos 4:16 “Command the priests who carry the Ark of the Testimony to come up out of the Jordan River.”
Jos 4:17 So Joshua ordered the priests, “Come up out of the Jordan River.”
Jos 4:18 When the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah came up out of the middle of the Jordan River, and the soles of their feet were lifted up out on dry ground, then the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and overflowed its banks, just as they were for days before.
Jos 4:19 The people came up out of the Jordan River on the tenth of the first month (c. 1610 BC). They stayed in Gilgal, east of Jericho.
Jos 4:20 The twelve stones that they took out of the Jordan River, Joshua set up in Gilgal.
Jos 4:21 He said to the people of Israel, “When your descendants ask their fathers in times to come, ‘What are these stones?’
Jos 4:22 Tell your children, ‘This is where Israel crossed over the Jordan River on dry ground.’
Jos 4:23 Yehowah your Divine One dried up the waters of the Jordan River for you, until you had crossed over, just as Yehowah your Divine One did to the SEA, which he dried up for us, until we passed over,
Jos 4:24 so that all the people of the earth may know that the hand of Yehowah is mighty, and that you will honor Yehowah your Divine One forever.”

Joshua Chapter 5

Jos 5:1 As soon as all the kings of the Amorites on the west side of the Jordan River, and all the kings of the Canaanites, who were along the Mediterranean seacoast, heard that Yehowah had dried up the waters of the Jordan River, until the people of Israel had crossed over, their hearts melted, and there was no longer any spirit in them because of the people of Israel.
Jos 5:2 At that time, Yehowah commanded Joshua, “Make flint knives and once more circumcise all the males of Israel.”
Jos 5:3 Then Joshua made himself flint knives, and he circumcised all the males of Israel at Gibeath Haaraloth.
Jos 5:4 This is the reason Joshua circumcised them: All the males who had come out of Egypt, including all the warriors, had died in the wilderness along the way, after they came out from Egypt.
Jos 5:5 Though all the males who came out of Egypt were circumcised, still, none of the boys born in the wilderness on the way out of Egypt had been circumcised.
Jos 5:6 For the people of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, until all the people, that is, all the warriors who had come out of Egypt, died, because they did not obey the voice of Yehowah. Yehowah swore to them that he would not let them see the land that Yehowah had sworn to their ancestors that he would give to us, a land flowing with milk and honey.
Jos 5:7 It was their children that Yehowah raised up in their place that Joshua circumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way.
Jos 5:8 When they were all circumcised, they remained where they were in the camp, until they healed.
Jos 5:9 Then Yehowah said to Joshua, “This day I have rolled away the disgrace of Egypt from you.” So the name of that place has been called Gilgal until this present day.
Jos 5:10 The people of Israel camped at Gilgal. They kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month, at dusk, on the plains of Jericho.
Jos 5:11 They ate some of the stored grain of the land on the day after the Passover: unleavened bread, and roasted grain on the same day (Abib 15).
Jos 5:12 The manna stopped on the day after they ate the stored grain of the land. There was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate the produce of the land of Canaan that year (c. 1610 BC).
Jos 5:13 When Joshua was near Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing in front of him; he had drawn his sword, and it was in his hand. Joshua went to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?”

Jos 5:14 He answered, “Neither. For I am the commander of the armed forces of Yehowah. Now I have come.” Then Joshua lay facedown on the ground to worship and asked him, “What does my master say to his servant?”
Jos 5:15 The commander of the military force of Yehowah ordered Joshua, “Take off your sandals from your feet, because the place where you are standing is set apart.” That is what Joshua did.

Joshua Chapter 6

Jos 6:1 Now all the entrances to Jericho were closed because of the military force of Israel. No one went out, and no one came in.
Jos 6:2 Yehowah said to Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hand, its king, and its trained soldiers.
Jos 6:3 You must march around the city, all the warriors going around the city one time. You must do this for six days.
Jos 6:4 Seven priests must carry seven signaling trumpets before the ark. On the seventh day, you must march around the city seven times, and the priests must sound blasts on the trumpets.
Jos 6:5 Then they must sound a long blast with the trumpet, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people must shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will collapse downslope. The soldiers must attack, each man going up straight ahead.”
Jos 6:6 Then Joshua son of Nun called the priests and commanded them, “Take up the Ark of the Covenant, and let seven priests carry seven signaling trumpets in front of the Ark of Yehowah.”
Jos 6:7 He ordered the people, “Go over and march around the city, and the armed men will go ahead of the Ark of Yehowah.”
Jos 6:8 Just as Joshua had said to the people, the seven priests carried the seven signaling trumpets before Yehowah. As they advanced, they gave a blast on the trumpets. The Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah followed after them.
Jos 6:9 Armed men walked before the priests, and they made a blast on their trumpets, but then the rearguard walked up behind the ark, and the priests blew their trumpets continually.
Jos 6:10 But Joshua commanded the people, “Do not shout. No sound must leave your mouths, until the day I tell you to shout. Only then you must shout.”
Jos 6:11 So he caused the Ark of Yehowah to go around the city one time that day. Then they entered their camp, and they stayed the night in the camp.
Jos 6:12 Then Joshua rose up at dawn, and the priests picked up the Ark of Yehowah.
Jos 6:13 The seven priests, who were carrying the seven signaling trumpets in front of the Ark of Yehowah, walked steadily and gave blasts on the trumpets. Armed soldiers were walking in front of them. But when the rearguard walked after the Ark of Yehowah, then the trumpets gave out continual blasts.
Jos 6:14 They marched around the city one time the second day and returned to the camp. They did this for six days.

Jos 6:15 It was on the seventh day that they rose up early at daybreak, and they marched around the city in the same way that was their pattern, this time for seven laps. It was on this day that they marched around the city seven laps.
Jos 6:16 It was on the seventh lap, when the priests gave a blast with the trumpets, that Joshua commanded the people, “Shout! For Yehowah has given you the city!
Jos 6:17 The city and all that is in it will be set apart to Yehowah for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute will live, she and all the ones with her in her house, because she hid the men we sent.
Jos 6:18 But as for you, be on guard about taking the things set apart for destruction, so that after you mark them for destruction, you do not then take any of them. If you do this, you will make the camp of Israel something that must be destroyed, and you will bring trouble on it.
Jos 6:19 All the silver, gold, and the things made of bronze and iron are set apart to Yehowah. They must go into the treasury of Yehowah.”
Jos 6:20 When they gave blasts with the trumpets, the people gave a great shout, and the wall collapsed downslope, so every man ascended up, straight in and captured the city (Jos. 6:5; Heb. 11:30).
Jos 6:21 They completely destroyed all that was in the city by the edge of the sword, man and woman, young and old, oxen, sheep, and donkeys.
Jos 6:22 Then Joshua ordered the two men who had spied out the land, “Go into the prostitute’s house. Bring out the woman and all who are with her, as you swore to her.”
Jos 6:23 So the young men who had been spies went in and brought Rahab out. They brought out her father, mother, brothers, and all the relatives that were with her. They brought them to a place outside the camp of Israel.
Jos 6:24 They burned the city and everything in it (c. 1610 BC). Only the silver, gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron were put into the treasury of the tabernacle of Yehowah.
Jos 6:25 But Joshua allowed Rahab the prostitute, her father’s household, and all that were with her to live. She lives in Israel to this day, because she hid the men whom Joshua sent to spy on Jericho.
Jos 6:26 Then Joshua commanded them at that time with an oath, “Cursed is the man in the sight of Yehowah who rebuilds this city, Jericho. At the cost of his firstborn son, he will lay the foundation, and at the cost of his youngest son, he will set up its gates.”
Jos 6:27 So Yehowah was with Joshua, and his fame spread throughout the land.

Joshua Chapter 7

Jos 7:1 But the people of Israel acted unfaithfully regarding the things that were set apart for destruction. Achan son of Carmi son of Zabdi son of Zerah, from the tribe of Judah, took some things that were set apart for destruction, and the anger of Yehowah burned against the people of Israel.
Jos 7:2 Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai (modern Khirbet el-Maqatir), which was near Beth Aven, east of Bethel (Beitin). He commanded them, "Go up and spy out the land." So the men went up and spied out Ai.
Jos 7:3 When they returned to Joshua, they reported to him, "Do not send all the people up to Ai. Send only two or three thousand men to go up and attack Ai. Do not make all the people labor in battle, for they are few in number."
Jos 7:4 So only about three thousand men went up from the military force, but these ran away from the men of Ai.
Jos 7:5 The men of Ai killed about thirty-six men as they pursued them from the city gate as far as to the stone quarries, and they killed them as they were going down a hill. The hearts of the people were afraid, and their courage left them.
Jos 7:6 Then Joshua tore his garments. He and the elders of Israel put dust on their heads and lay facedown on the ground in front of the Ark of Yehowah, remaining there until dusk.
Jos 7:7 Then Joshua asked, "Ah, Lord Yehowah, why have you brought this people across the Jordan River at all? To give us into the hands of the Amorites to destroy us? If only we made a different decision, and we had stayed on the other side of the Jordan River!
Jos 7:8 O Lord, what can I say, after Israel has turned their backs before their enemies?
Jos 7:9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it. They will surround us and make the people of the earth forget our name. What will you do for your great name?"
Jos 7:10 Yehowah ordered Joshua, "Get up! Why are you lying there on your face?
Jos 7:11 Israel has sinned. They have broken my covenant which I commanded them. They have stolen some of the things that were set apart. They have stolen, and then also hidden their sin by putting what they have taken among their own belongings.
Jos 7:12 As a result, the people of Israel cannot stand before their enemies. They turned their backs from their enemies, because they themselves have been set apart for destruction. I will not be with you any more, unless you destroy the things that should have been destroyed but are still among you.

Jos 7:13 Get up! Consecrate the people to me and order them, ‘Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow. For Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel declares, “There are things set apart to be destroyed that are still among you, Israel. You cannot stand against your enemies, until you remove from among you all the things that were set apart to be destroyed.”
Jos 7:14 At dawn, you must present yourselves by your tribes. The tribe that Yehowah selects will come near by their clans. The clan that Yehowah selects must come near by each household. The household that Yehowah selects must come near one by one.
Jos 7:15 It will happen that the one who is selected and who has those things that were set apart for destruction, he will be executed by burning, he and all he has, because he has broken the covenant of Yehowah, and because he has done a disgraceful thing in Israel.’”
Jos 7:16 So Joshua rose up at dawn and brought Israel near, tribe by tribe, and the tribe of Judah was selected.
Jos 7:17 Joshua brought the clans of Judah near, and the clan of the Zerahites was selected. He brought near the clan of the Zerahites person by person, and Zabdi was selected.
Jos 7:18 He brought Zabdi’s household near, person by person, and Achan son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, from the tribe of Judah, was selected.
Jos 7:19 Then Joshua said to Achan, “My son, tell the truth before Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, and give your confession to him. Please tell me what you have done. Do not hide it from me.”
Jos 7:20 Achan answered Joshua, “Truly, I have sinned against Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel. This is what I did:
Jos 7:21 When I saw among the plunder a beautiful coat from Babylon, 200-weight silver-currency, and a bar of gold weighing six hundred grams, I desired them and took them. They are hidden in the ground in the middle of my tent, and the silver is under it.”
Jos 7:22 Joshua sent messengers, who ran to the tent, and there were the things. When they looked, they found them hidden in his own tent, and the silver under them.
Jos 7:23 They took the items from the middle of the tent and brought them to Joshua and to all the people of Israel. They poured them out before Yehowah.
Jos 7:24 Then Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan son of Zerah, and the silver, the coat, the bar of gold, his sons and daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent, and all that he had, and they brought them up to the Valley of Achor.
Jos 7:25 Then Joshua said, “Why have you troubled us? Yehowah will trouble you today.” All Israel executed him by stoning. Then they executed the rest by stoning and burned them with fire.

Jos 7:26 They set up over him a great heap of stones that is there until this day. Yehowah turned away his burning anger. Therefore, the name of the place is the Valley of Achor until this present day.

Joshua Chapter 8

Jos 8:1 Yehowah commanded Joshua, “Do not fear; do not be discouraged. Take with you all the people of war. Go up to Ai. See, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, his people, his city, and his land.
Jos 8:2 You will do to Ai and her king as you have done to Jericho and her king, except that you will take the plunder and the livestock for yourselves. Set an ambush behind the city.”
Jos 8:3 So Joshua rose up and took all the warriors up to Ai. Then Joshua chose thirty thousand men, strong, courageous men, and he sent them out at night.
Jos 8:4 He commanded them, “Look, you will lie in ambush against the city, behind it. Do not go too far from the city, but all of you be ready.
Jos 8:5 I and all the men with me will approach the city, and when they come out to attack us, we will run away from them just as before.
Jos 8:6 They will come out after us, until we have drawn them away from the city. They will say, ‘They are running away from us as they did the last time.’ So we will run away from them.
Jos 8:7 Then you come up out of your place of hiding, and you will capture the city. Yehowah your Divine One will give it into your hand.
Jos 8:8 When you capture the city, you will set it on fire. You will do this when you obey the command given by the Word of Yehowah. See, I have commanded you.”
Jos 8:9 Joshua sent them out, and they went to the place of ambush, and they hid between Bethel and Ai to the west of Ai. But Joshua slept that night among the people.
Jos 8:10 Joshua rose up at dawn and mustered his soldiers, Joshua and the elders of Israel, and they attacked the people of Ai.
Jos 8:11 All the fighting men who were with him went up and approached the city. They came near the city and camped on the north side of Ai. Now there was a valley between them and Ai.
Jos 8:12 He took about five thousand men and set them in ambush on the west side of the city between Bethel and Ai.
Jos 8:13 They positioned all the soldiers, the main military force on the north side of the city, and the rearguard on the west side of the city. Joshua spent that night in the valley.
Jos 8:14 It came about when the king of Ai saw it, he and his military force rose up early and rushed out to attack Israel at an appointed time, at the place facing toward the Jordan River Valley. He did not know that an ambush was waiting to attack from behind the city.

Jos 8:15 Joshua and all Israel let themselves be defeated before them, and they fled toward the wilderness.
Jos 8:16 All the people who were in the city were called together to go after them, and they went after Joshua, and they were drawn away from the city.
Jos 8:17 There was not a man left in Ai and Bethel who had not gone out to pursue Israel. They abandoned the city and left it open as they pursued Israel.
Jos 8:18 Yehowah ordered Joshua, “Point that spear in your hand toward Ai, for I will give Ai into your hand.” Joshua held out the spear that was in his hand toward the city.
Jos 8:19 The soldiers hiding in ambush quickly rushed out of their place as he reached out with his hand. They ran and entered the city and captured it. They quickly set the city on fire.
Jos 8:20 The men of Ai turned and looked back. They saw the smoke from the city rising into the sky, and they could not escape this way or that. For the Israeli soldiers who had fled into the wilderness now turned back to face those who were pursuing them.
Jos 8:21 When Joshua and all Israel saw the ambush had captured the city with the smoke rising, they turned around and killed the men of Ai.
Jos 8:22 The other soldiers of Israel, those who had gone into the city, came out to attack them. So the men of Ai were caught between the armed forces of Israel, some on this side and some on that side. Israel attacked the men of Ai; none of them survived or escaped.
Jos 8:23 They kept the king of Ai, whom they captured alive, and they brought him to Joshua.
Jos 8:24 It came about when Israel had finished killing all the inhabitants of Ai in the field near the wilderness where they pursued them, and when all of them had fallen by the edge of the sword, and were consumed to the last one, all Israel returned to Ai. They attacked it with the edge of the sword.
Jos 8:25 All those who fell that day, both men and women, were twelve thousand, all the people of Ai.
Jos 8:26 Joshua did not draw back his hand with which he had reached out while holding his spear, until he had completely destroyed all the people of Ai.
Jos 8:27 Israel took only the livestock and the plunder from the city for themselves, just as Yehowah had commanded Joshua.
Jos 8:28 Joshua burned Ai (c. 1610 BC) and turned it into a heap of ruins forever. It is an abandoned place to this day.
Jos 8:29 He hanged the king of Ai on a tree until dusk. When the sun was going down, Joshua gave the command, and they took the king’s body down from the tree and threw it in front of the city gates. There they set up a great heap of stones on top of it. That heap remains there to this day.

Jos 8:30 Then Joshua built an altar to Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, on Mount Ebal (Deut. 27:5),
Jos 8:31 just as Moses the servant of Yehowah had commanded the people of Israel, as it was written in the Book of the Law of Moses: “An altar from uncut stones, on which no one has wielded an iron tool.” He offered on the altar burnt offerings to Yehowah, and they sacrificed peace offerings.
Jos 8:32 There, in the presence of the people of Israel, he wrote on the stones a copy of the Law of Moses (Deut. 17:18-19; 31:9; 27:1-8; Hos. 8:12).
Jos 8:33 All Israel, their elders, officers, and their judges stood on both sides of the ark before the priests and Levites who carried the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah, the sojourning foreigner as well as the native born, half of them stood in front of Mount Gerizim and the other half stood in front of Mount Ebal. They blessed the people of Israel, just as Moses the servant of Yehowah had commanded them at first.
Jos 8:34 Afterward, Joshua read all the words of the law, the blessings and the curses, just as they had been written in the Book of the Law.
Jos 8:35 There was not one word from all that Moses commanded that Joshua did not read in front of the congregation of Israel, including the women, the little children, and the sojourning foreigners who lived among them.

Joshua Chapter 9

Jos 9:1 Then all the kings who lived beyond the Jordan River in the hill country, and in the lowlands along the shore of the Mediterranean Sea toward Lebanon, the Hethites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and the Jebusites,
Jos 9:2 these joined together under one command, to wage war against Joshua and Israel.
Jos 9:3 When the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai,
Jos 9:4 they acted with a cunning plan. They went as messengers. They took worn out sacks and put them on their donkeys. They also took old wineskins that were worn, torn, and had been repaired.
Jos 9:5 They put old and patched sandals on their feet, and dressed in old, worn-out clothing. All the bread in their food supply was dry and moldy.
Jos 9:6 Then they went to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal and lied to him and to the men of Israel, “We have traveled from a far distant country, so now make a covenant with us.”
Jos 9:7 The men of Israel said to the Hivites, “Perhaps you live near us. How can we make a covenant with you?”
Jos 9:8 They answered Joshua, “We are your servants.” Joshua asked them, “Who are you? Where did you come from?”
Jos 9:9 They answered him, “Your servants have come here from a land extremely far away because of the name of Yehowah your Divine One. We have heard an intelligence report about him and about everything that he did in Egypt,
Jos 9:10 and everything that he did to the two kings of the Amorites on the other side of the Jordan River, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan who was at Ashtaroth.
Jos 9:11 Our elders and all the inhabitants of our country said to us, ‘Take provisions in your hand for the journey. Go to meet them and say to them, “We are your servants. Make a treaty with us.”
Jos 9:12 This is our bread, it was still warm when we took it from our houses on the day we set out to come to you. But now, see, it is dry and moldy.
Jos 9:13 These wineskins were new when we filled them, and look, now they are leaking. Our garments and our sandals are worn-out from an extremely long journey.’”
Jos 9:14 So the Israelis took some of their provisions, but they did not consult with Yehowah for guidance.
Jos 9:15 Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them, to let them live. The leaders of the people also made a vow to them.

Jos 9:16 Three days after the Israelis made this covenant with them, they learned that they were their neighbors, and that they lived nearby.
Jos 9:17 Then the people of Israel set out and came to their cities on the third day. Their cities were Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kiriath Jearim.
Jos 9:18 The people of Israel did not attack them, because their leaders had taken an oath about them before Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel. All the Israelis were grumbling against their leaders.
Jos 9:19 But all the leaders said to all the people, “We have taken an oath concerning them by Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, and now we cannot harm them.
Jos 9:20 This is what we will do to them: To avoid any wrath that may come on us because of the oath we swore to them, we will let them live.”
Jos 9:21 The leaders said to their people, “Let them live.” So the Gibeonites became cutters of wood and drawers of water for all the Israelis, just as the leaders said about them.
Jos 9:22 Joshua called for them and asked, “Why did you deceive us when you lied, ‘We are extremely far from you,’ when you live right here among us?
Jos 9:23 Now because of this, you are cursed, and some of you will always be slaves, those who cut wood and draw water for the tabernacle of my Divine One.”
Jos 9:24 They answered Joshua, “Because it was told to your servants that Yehowah your Divine One commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land before you, so we were deathly afraid for our lives because of you. That is why we did this thing.
Jos 9:25 Now look, you hold us in your power. Whatever seems good and right for you to do to us, do it.”
Jos 9:26 So Joshua did this for them: He removed them out of the control of the people of Israel, and the Israelis did not kill them.
Jos 9:27 That day Joshua made the Gibeonites cutters of wood and drawers of water for the community, and for the altar of Yehowah, to this day, in the place that Yehowah chooses.

Joshua Chapter 10

Jos 10:1 Now when Adonizedek, king of Jerusalem, heard that Joshua had captured Ai and had completely destroyed it, just as he had done to Jericho and its king, he also heard how the people of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were living among them.
Jos 10:2 The people of Jerusalem were deathly afraid because Gibeon was a large city, like one of the royal cities. It was larger than Ai, and all its men were mighty warriors.
Jos 10:3 So Adonizedek, king of Jerusalem, sent a message to Hoham, king of Hebron, to Piram, king of Jarmuth (now Tel Yarmuth), to Japhia, king of Lachish, and to Debir, king of Eglon:
Jos 10:4 “Come up to me and help me. Let us attack Gibeon, because they have made peace with Joshua and with the people of Israel.”
Jos 10:5 The five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon came up, they and all their armed forces. They set up their positions against Gibeon, and they attacked it.
Jos 10:6 The people of Gibeon sent a message to Joshua and to the military force at Gilgal. They entreated, “Hurry! Do not withdraw your hands from your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us! Help us, for all the kings of the Amorites who live in the hill country have gathered together to attack us.”
Jos 10:7 Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the warriors with him, and all the fighting men.
Jos 10:8 Yehowah said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid of them. I have given them into your hand. Not one of them will be able to stop your attack.”
Jos 10:9 Joshua came upon them suddenly, having marched all night from Gilgal.
Jos 10:10 Yehowah confused the enemy before Israel, and Israel killed them with a great slaughter at Gibeon and pursued them on the road going up to Beth Horon, and they killed them on the road to Azekah and Makkedah.
Jos 10:11 As they ran away from Israel, down the hill from Beth Horon, Yehowah threw large hailstones down from the heavens upon them all the way to Azekah, and they died. There were more who died because of the hailstones than who were killed with the sword by the men of Israel.
Jos 10:12 Then Joshua spoke to Yehowah on the day Yehowah gave the men of Israel victory over the Amorites. This is what Joshua said to Yehowah before Israel, “Sun, be still at Gibeon, and moon, in the Valley of Ayalon.”
Jos 10:13 The sun stood still, and the moon stopped moving, until the Israeli nation took vengeance on their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of

Jasher? The sun stayed in the middle of the sky; it did not go down for about a whole day.
Jos 10:14 There has been no other day like it before or after it, when Yehowah obeyed the voice of a human (c. 1605 BC). For Yehowah was waging war on behalf of Israel.
Jos 10:15 Joshua and all Israel with him returned to the camp at Gilgal.
Jos 10:16 Now the five kings had escaped and hidden themselves in the cave at Makkedah.
Jos 10:17 It was told to Joshua, “They have been found, the five kings hidden in the cave at Makkedah!”
Jos 10:18 Joshua said, “Roll large stones against the mouth of the cave and place soldiers there to guard them.
Jos 10:19 Do not stay yourselves. Pursue your enemies and attack them from the rear. Do not permit them to enter into their cities, because Yehowah your Divine One has given them into your hand.”
Jos 10:20 Joshua and the sons of Israel had finished slaughtering them with an extremely great slaughter, until they were almost completely destroyed; only a few survivors who escaped reached the fortified cities.
Jos 10:21 Then the whole military force returned in peace to Joshua at the camp at Makkedah. No one dared to say one word against any of the people of Israel.
Jos 10:22 Then Joshua ordered, “Open the mouth of the cave, and out of the cave bring to me these five kings.”
Jos 10:23 They did as he said. They brought to him these five kings from the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon.
Jos 10:24 When they brought the kings to Joshua, he summoned every man of Israel. He said to the commanders of the soldiers who had gone into battle with him, “Put your feet on their necks.” So they came up and put their feet on their necks.
Jos 10:25 Then he said to them, “Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Be strong and courageous. This is what Yehowah will do to all your enemies you are going to fight.”
Jos 10:26 Then Joshua attacked and executed the kings. He hung them on five trees. They hung on the trees until dusk.
Jos 10:27 When it was sunset, Joshua gave orders, and they took them down from the trees and threw them into the cave where they had hidden themselves. They put large stones over the mouth of the cave. Those stones remain there to this very day.
Jos 10:28 In this way, Joshua captured Makkedah on that day and killed everyone there with the sword, including its king. He completely destroyed them

and every living creature there. He left no survivors. He did to the king of Makkedah just as he had done to the king of Jericho.
Jos 10:29 Joshua and all Israel passed on from Makkedah to Libnah. He went into battle against Libnah.
Jos 10:30 Yehowah also gave it into the hand of Israel, along with their king. Joshua attacked every living creature in it with the sword. He did not leave a survivor alive in it. He did to the king just as he had done to the king of Jericho.
Jos 10:31 Then Joshua and all Israel with him passed on from Libnah to Lachish (modern Tel Lachish). He camped by it and waged war against it.
Jos 10:32 Yehowah gave Lachish into the hand of Israel. Joshua captured it on the second day. He attacked with the sword every living creature that was in it, just as he had done to Libnah.
Jos 10:33 Then Horam, king of Gezer, came up to help Lachish. Joshua attacked him and his military force, until there was not even one survivor left.
Jos 10:34 Then Joshua and all Israel passed on from Lachish to Eglon. They camped by it, waged war against it,
Jos 10:35 and captured it that same day. They struck it with the sword, and they completely destroyed everyone in it, as Joshua had done to Lachish.
Jos 10:36 Then Joshua and all Israel passed on from Eglon to Hebron. They waged war against it.
Jos 10:37 They captured it and struck with the sword everyone in it, including the king and all its surrounding villages. They completely destroyed every living creature in it, leaving no survivors, just as Joshua had done to Eglon. He completely destroyed it and every living creature in it.
Jos 10:38 Then Joshua turned, and all the military force of Israel with him, and they passed on to Debir and waged war against it.
Jos 10:39 He captured it and its king, and all its nearby villages. They struck them with the sword and completely destroyed every living creature that was in it. Joshua left no survivors, just as he had done to Hebron and its king, and just as he had done to Libnah and its king, so he did to Debir and its king.
Jos 10:40 Joshua conquered all the land, the hill country, the Negev, the lowlands, and the foothills. Of all their kings he left not one survivor. He completely destroyed every living thing, just as Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, had commanded.
Jos 10:41 Joshua struck them with the sword from Kadesh Barnea (modern Tabuk, Saudi Arabia) to Gaza, and all the country of Goshen to Gibeon.
Jos 10:42 Joshua captured all these kings and their land at one time, because Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, fought for Israel.
Jos 10:43 Then Joshua, and all Israel with him, returned to the camp at Gilgal.

Joshua Chapter 11

Jos 11:1 When Jabin, king of Hazor, heard this, he sent a message to Jobab, king of Madon, to the king of Shimron (modern Tel Shimron), and to the king of Acshaph.
Jos 11:2 He also sent the message to the kings who were in the northern hill country, in the Jordan River Valley south of the Sea of Galilee, in the lowlands, and in the hill country of Dor to the west.
Jos 11:3 He also sent a message to the Canaanites to the east and west, the Amorites, the Hethites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites in the hill country, and the Hivites by Mount Hermon in the land of Mizpah.
Jos 11:4 All their armed forces came out with them, a great number of soldiers, in number like the sand on the seashore. They had a large force of cavalry and chariots.
Jos 11:5 All these kings met at the appointed time, and they camped at the waters of Merom to wage war with Israel.
Jos 11:6 Yehowah declared to Joshua, “Do not be afraid in their presence, because tomorrow at this time, I am giving them all to Israel as dead men. You will hamstring their horses, and you will burn their chariots.”
Jos 11:7 Joshua and all the warriors came. They arrived suddenly at the waters of Merom and attacked the enemy.
Jos 11:8 Yehowah gave the enemy into the hand of Israel, and they struck them with the sword and pursued them to Sidon, Misrephoth Maim, and to the Valley of Mizpah to the east. They struck them, until not even one survivor of them was left.
Jos 11:9 Joshua did to them just as Yehowah told him. He hamstrung the horses and burned the chariots.
Jos 11:10 Joshua turned back at that time and captured Hazor. He struck its king with the sword. Hazor had been head of all these kingdoms.
Jos 11:11 They struck with the sword every living creature that was there, and he set them apart to be destroyed, so there was not any living creature left alive. Then he burned Hazor.
Jos 11:12 Joshua captured all the cities of these kings. He also captured all their kings and executed them with the sword. He completely destroyed them with the sword, just as Moses the servant of Yehowah had commanded.
Jos 11:13 Israel did not burn any of the cities built on mounds, except Hazor. It alone Joshua burned.
Jos 11:14 The military force of Israel took all the plunder from these cities along with the livestock for themselves. They killed every human with the sword, until all were dead. They left no living creature alive.

Jos 11:15 Just as Yehowah had commanded his servant Moses, in the same way, Moses commanded Joshua, and so Joshua did it. He left nothing undone of all that Yehowah commanded Moses to do.
Jos 11:16 Joshua took all that land, the hill country, all the Negev, all the land of Goshen, the foothills, the Jordan River Valley, the hill country of Israel, and the lowlands.
Jos 11:17 From Mount Halak near Edom, and going north as far as Baal Gad (Baalbek) in the (Baqaa) valley near Lebanon below Mount Hermon, he captured all their kings and executed them.
Jos 11:18 Joshua waged war for a long time with all the kings.
Jos 11:19 Not one city made peace with the military force of Israel except the Hivites who lived in Gibeon. Israel captured all the rest of the cities in battle.
Jos 11:20 For it was Yehowah who hardened their hearts, so they would wage war against Israel, so that he might completely destroy them without mercy, just as he had instructed Moses.
Jos 11:21 Then Joshua came at that time, and he destroyed the Anakim (giants). He did this in the hill country, at Hebron, Debir, Anab, and in all the hill country of Judah, and in all the hill country of Israel. Joshua completely destroyed them and their cities.
Jos 11:22 None of the Anakim were left in the land of Israel except at Gaza, Gath, and Ashdod.
Jos 11:23 So Joshua captured the whole land, just as Yehowah said to Moses. Joshua gave it as an inheritance to Israel, assigned to each of their tribes. Then the land had rest from the wars (c. 1604 BC).

Joshua Chapter 12

Jos 12:1 Now these are the kings of the land, whom the men of Israel conquered. The Israelis took possession of the land on the east side of the Jordan River where the sun rises, from the Valley of the Arnon River (aka Zarqa River) to Mount Hermon, and all the Arabah to the east.
Jos 12:2 Sihon, king of the Amorites, lived in Heshbon. He ruled from Aroer, which is on the rim of the Arnon Gorge from the middle of the valley, and half of Gilead down to the Jabbok River (modern Yarmuk River) on the border of the Ammonites.
Jos 12:3 Sihon also ruled over the Arabah to the Sea of Galilee, to the east, to the Sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, eastward, all the way to Beth Jeshimoth and southward, toward the foot of the slopes of Mount Pisgah.
Jos 12:4 Og, king of Bashan, one of the remnant of the giants, lived in Ashtaroth and Edrei.
Jos 12:5 He ruled over Mount Hermon, Salecah, and all Bashan, to the border of the people of Geshur and the Maacathites, and half of Gilead, to the border of Sihon, king of Heshbon.
Jos 12:6 Moses the servant of Yehowah, and the people of Israel had defeated them, and Moses the servant of Yehowah, gave the land as a possession to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh.
Jos 12:7 These are the kings of the land whom Joshua and the people of Israel defeated on the west side of the Jordan River, from Baal Gad (Baalbek) in the (Baqaa) valley near Lebanon to Mount Halak near Edom. Joshua gave land to the tribes of Israel for them to possess.
Jos 12:8 He gave them the hill country, the lowlands, the Arabah, the sides of the mountains, the wilderness, and the Negev, the land of the Hethites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites.
Jos 12:9 The kings included the king of Jericho, the king of Ai which is beside Bethel,
Jos 12:10 the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron,
Jos 12:11 the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish,
Jos 12:12 the king of Eglon, the king of Gezer,
Jos 12:13 the king of Debir, the king of Geder,
Jos 12:14 the king of Hormah, the king of Arad,
Jos 12:15 the king of Libnah, the king of Adullam,
Jos 12:16 the king of Makkedah, the king of Bethel,
Jos 12:17 the king of Tappuah, the king of Hepher,
Jos 12:18 the king of Aphek, the king of Lasharon,
Jos 12:19 the king of Madon, the king of Hazor,

Jos 12:20 the king of Shimron Meron, the king of Akshaph,
Jos 12:21 the king of Taanach, the king of Megiddo,
Jos 12:22 the king of Kedesh, the king of Jokneam in Carmel,
Jos 12:23 the king of Dor in Naphath Dor, the king of the ethnicities in Gilgal,
Jos 12:24 and the king of Tirzah. The number of kings was thirty-one in all.

Joshua Chapter 13

Jos 13:1 Now Joshua was quite old when Yehowah said to him, “You are extremely old, but there is still an extensive area of land to capture.
Jos 13:2 This is the land that still remains: All the regions of the Philistines, and all those of the Geshurites,
Jos 13:3 from Shihor, which is east of Egypt, and northward to the border of Ekron, which is considered property of the Canaanites; the five rulers of the Philistines, those of Gaza, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Gath (modern Tell es-Safi), and Ekron, the territory of the Avvites.
Jos 13:4 In the south, there are still all the lands of the Canaanites, and Mearah that belong to the Sidonians, to Aphek, to the border of the Amorites;
Jos 13:5 the land of the Gebalites, all of Lebanon toward the sunrise, from Baal Gad below Mount Hermon to Lebo Hamath.
Jos 13:6 Also, all the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon as far as Misrephoth Maim, including all the people of Sidon. I will drive them out before the military force of Israel. Be sure to assign the land to Israel as an inheritance, as I commanded you.
Jos 13:7 Divide this land as an inheritance to the nine tribes and to the half tribe of Manasseh.”
Jos 13:8 With the other half of the tribe of Manasseh, the Reubenites and the Gadites had received their inheritance that Moses, the servant of Yehowah, gave them on the east side of the Jordan River,
Jos 13:9 from Aroer, which is on the edge of the Arnon River (aka Zarqa River) gorge, including the city that is in the middle of the gorge, to all the plateau of Medeba as far as Dibon;
Jos 13:10 all the cities of Sihon, king of the Amorites, who ruled in Heshbon, to the border of the Ammonites;
Jos 13:11 Gilead, and the region of the Geshurites and Maacathites, all of Mount Hermon, all Bashan to Salecah;
Jos 13:12 all the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and Edrei, these are what was left of the remnant of the giants, Moses struck them and drove them out.
Jos 13:13 But the people of Israel did not drive out the Geshurites or the Maacathites. Instead, Geshur and Maacath live among Israel to this day.
Jos 13:14 To the tribe of Levi alone Moses gave no inheritance. The offerings of Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, made by fire, are their inheritance, as Yehowah commanded Moses.
Jos 13:15 Moses gave an inheritance to the tribe of Reuben, clan by clan.

Jos 13:16 Their territory was from Aroer, on the edge of the Arnon River gorge, and the city that is in the middle of the valley, and all the plateau by Medeba.
Jos 13:17 Reuben also received Heshbon and all its cities that are in the plateau, Dibon, and Bamoth Baal, and Beth Baalmeon,
Jos 13:18 and Jahaz, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath,
Jos 13:19 and Kiriathaim, and Sibmah, and Zerethshahar on the hill of the valley.
Jos 13:20 Reuben also received Beth Peor, the slopes of Pisgah, Beth Jeshimoth,
Jos 13:21 all the cities of the plateau, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, who had reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses had defeated together with the leaders of Midian, Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur and Reba, the princes of Sihon, who had lived in the land.
Jos 13:22 The people of Israel also executed with the sword Balaam son of Beor, who practiced divination, among the rest of those they had killed (Num. 31:8).
Jos 13:23 The border of the tribe of Reuben is the Jordan River; this is their boundary. This was the inheritance of the tribe of Reuben, given to each of their clans, with their cities and villages.
Jos 13:24 This is what Moses gave to the tribe of Gad, clan by clan:
Jos 13:25 Their territory was Jazer, all the cities of Gilead and half the land of the Ammonites, to Aroer, which is east of Rabbah,
Jos 13:26 from Heshbon to Ramath Mizpah and Betonim, from Mahanaim to the territory of Debir.
Jos 13:27 In the valley, Moses gave them Beth Haram, Beth Nimrah, Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, with the Jordan River as a border, to the lower end of the Sea of Galilee, eastward beyond the Jordan River.
Jos 13:28 This is the inheritance of the tribe of Gad, clan by clan, with their cities and villages.
Jos 13:29 Moses gave an inheritance to the half tribe of Manasseh. It was assigned to the half tribe of the people of Manasseh, according to their clans.
Jos 13:30 Their territory was from Mahanaim (Tall adh-Dhahab al-Gharbi), all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all the towns of Jair, which are in Bashan, sixty cities;
Jos 13:31 half of Gilead, and Ashtaroth and Edrei, the royal cities of Og in Bashan. These were assigned to the clan of Machir son of Manasseh, half of the people of Machir, given to each of their families.
Jos 13:32 This is the inheritance that Moses assigned to them on the plains of Moab, beyond the Jordan River east of Jericho.
Jos 13:33 Moses did not give an inheritance to the tribe of Levi. Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, is their inheritance, just as he commanded them.

Joshua Chapter 14

Jos 14:1 These are the areas of land that the people of Israel received as their inheritance in the land of Canaan, assigned to them by Eleazar the priest, by Joshua son of Nun, and by the tribal leaders of their ancestors' families within the people of Israel.
Jos 14:2 Their inheritance was selected by lot for the nine and one-half tribes, just as Yehowah had commanded by the hand of Moses.
Jos 14:3 For Moses had given the inheritance of the two and one-half tribes beyond the Jordan River, but to the Levites he gave no inheritance.
Jos 14:4 The tribe of Joseph was actually two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim. The Levites were given no portion of the inheritance in the land, but only certain cities to live in, with their pasturelands for livestock and for their own material resources.
Jos 14:5 The people of Israel did as Yehowah commanded Moses, so they assigned the land.
Jos 14:6 Then the tribe of Judah came to Joshua at Gilgal. Caleb, son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite, said to him, "You know what Yehowah said to Moses the man of the Almighty concerning you and me at Kadesh Barnea (modern Tabuk, Saudi Arabia).
Jos 14:7 I was forty years old (c. 1649 BC) when Moses the servant of Yehowah sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy on the land. I brought him an intelligence report again as it was in my heart to make.
Jos 14:8 But my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt with fear. But I completely followed Yehowah my Divine One.
Jos 14:9 Moses swore on that day, 'Surely the land on which your foot has walked will be an inheritance for you and for your children forever, because you have completely followed Yehowah my Divine One.'
Jos 14:10 Now look! Yehowah has kept me alive these forty-five years, just as he said, from the time when Yehowah spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness. Now look! I am this day eighty-five years old (c. 1604 BC).
Jos 14:11 I am still as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me out. My strength is now as my strength was then for war and for going and coming.
Jos 14:12 Now therefore, give me this hill country, which Yehowah promised me on that day. For you heard on that day that the Anakim (fallen ones) were there with great fortified cities. It may be that Yehowah will be with me, and that I will drive them out, just as Yehowah said."
Jos 14:13 Then Joshua blessed him and gave Hebron as an inheritance to Caleb son of Jephunneh.

Jos 14:14 Therefore, Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he completely followed Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel.
Jos 14:15 Now the name of Hebron formerly was Kiriath Arba. Arba had been the greatest man among the Anakim. Then the land had rest from war.

Joshua Chapter 15

Jos 15:1 The assignment of land for the tribe of the people of Judah, given to their clans, extended south to the border of Edom, with the wilderness of Zin being the farthest point to the south.
Jos 15:2 Their border on the south ran from the end of the End Salt Sea (Gulf of Aqaba), from the bay (at the north end of the Red Sea) that faces to the south.
Jos 15:3 Their boundary next went out to the south of the Ascent of Scorpions (on Route 8784 highway to Tabuk) and passed along to Zin, and went up south of Kadesh Barnea (modern Tabuk, Saudi Arabia), along by Hezron, and up to Addar, where it turned about to Karka.
Jos 15:4 It passed along to Azmon, went by the brook of Egypt, and came to its end at the sea. This was their south boundary.
Jos 15:5 The eastern boundary was the Dead Sea, at the mouth of the Jordan River. The border on the north ran from the bay of the sea at the mouth of the Jordan River.
Jos 15:6 It went up to Beth Hoglah and passed along north of Beth Arabah. Then it went up to the Stone of Bohan the son of Reuben.
Jos 15:7 Then the border went up to Debir from the Valley of Achor, and so northward, turning toward Gilgal (aka Geliloth), which is opposite the hill of Adummim, which is on the south side of the valley. Then the border passed along to the springs of En Shemesh and went to En Rogel.
Jos 15:8 Then the border went up the Valley of Ben Hinnom to the south side of the Jebusite city, that is, Jerusalem. Then it went up to the top of the hill that lies over the Valley of Hinnom, on the west, which is at the northern end of the Valley of Giants.
Jos 15:9 Then the border extended from the top of the hills to the spring of Nephtoah, and went out from there to the cities of Mount Ephron. Then the border bends around to Baalah, the same as Kiriath Jearim.
Jos 15:10 Then the border circled around west of Baalah to Mount Seir, and passed along to the side of Mount Jearim on the north, the same as Kesalon, went down to Beth Shemesh, and crossed over to Timnah.
Jos 15:11 The border went out beside the northern hill of Ekron, and then it bends around to Shikkeron and passed along to Mount Baalah, from there it went to Jabneel. The border ended at the sea.
Jos 15:12 The western boundary was the Mediterranean Sea and its coastline. This is the border around the tribe of Judah, clan by clan.
Jos 15:13 In keeping with the commandment of Yehowah to Joshua, Joshua gave Caleb son of Jephunneh an assignment of land among the tribe of Judah, Kiriath Arba, that is, Hebron, Arba was the father of Anak.

Jos 15:14 Caleb drove out from there the three sons of Anak: Sheshai, Ahiman and Talmai, descendants of Anak (giant).
Jos 15:15 He went up from there against the inhabitants of Debir, Debir used to be called Kiriath Sepher.
Jos 15:16 Caleb said, “The man who attacks Kiriath Sepher and captures it, to him I will give Achsah my daughter as a wife.”
Jos 15:17 When Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb’s brother, captured it, Caleb gave him Achsah his daughter as a wife.
Jos 15:18 Soon after that, Achsah came to Othniel, and she urged him to ask her father for a field. When she got off her donkey, Caleb asked her, “What do you want?”
Jos 15:19 Achsah replied, “Do me a special favor, since you have given me the land of the Negev: Also give me some springs of water.” Then Caleb gave her the upper springs and lower springs.
Jos 15:20 This was the inheritance of the tribe of Judah, given to their clans.
Jos 15:21 The cities belonging to the tribe of Judah in the extreme south, toward the border of Edom, were Kabzeel, Eder, Jagur,
Jos 15:22 Kinah, Dimonah, Adadah,
Jos 15:23 Kedesh, Hazor, Ithnan,
Jos 15:24 Ziph, Telem, Bealoth.
Jos 15:25 Hazor Hadattah, Kerioth Hezron, this was also known as Hazor,
Jos 15:26 Amam, Shema, Moladah,
Jos 15:27 Hazar Gaddah, Heshmon, Beth Pelet,
Jos 15:28 Hazar Shual, Beersheba, Biziothiah.
Jos 15:29 Baalah, Iyim, Ezem,
Jos 15:30 Eltolad, Chesil, Hormah,
Jos 15:31 Ziklag, Madmannah, Sansannah,
Jos 15:32 Lebaoth, Shilhim, Ain, and Rimmon. These were twenty-nine cities in all, including their villages.
Jos 15:33 In the lower hill country to the west, there were Eshtaol, Zorah, Ashnah,
Jos 15:34 Zanoah, En Gannim, Tappuah, Enam,
Jos 15:35 Jarmuth, Adullam, Socoh, Azekah,
Jos 15:36 Shaaraim (Khirbet Qeiyafa), Adithaim, and Gederah, that is, Gederothaim. These were fourteen cities in number, including their villages.
Jos 15:37 Zenan, Hadashah, Migdalgad,
Jos 15:38 Dilean, Mizpah, Joktheel,
Jos 15:39 Lachish, Bozkath, Eglon.
Jos 15:40 Cabbon, Lahmam, Chitlish,
Jos 15:41 Gederoth, Beth Dagon, Naamah, Makkedah. These were sixteen cities in number, including their villages.

Jos 15:42 Libnah, Ether, Ashan,
Jos 15:43 Iphtah, Ashnah, Nezib,
Jos 15:44 Keilah, Achzib, Mareshah. These were nine cities, including their villages.
Jos 15:45 Ekron, with its surrounding towns and villages;
Jos 15:46 from Ekron to the sea, all the settlements that were near Ashdod, including their villages.
Jos 15:47 Ashdod, its surrounding towns and villages; Gaza, its surrounding towns and villages; to the brook of Egypt, and to the Mediterranean Sea with its coastline.
Jos 15:48 In the hill country, Shamir, Jattir, Socoh,
Jos 15:49 Dannah, Kiriath Sannah, that is, Debir,
Jos 15:50 Anab, Eshtemoh, Anim,
Jos 15:51 Goshen, Holon, and Giloh. These were eleven cities, including their villages.
Jos 15:52 Arab, Dumah, Eshan,
Jos 15:53 Janim, Beth Tappuah, Aphekah,
Jos 15:54 Humtah, Kiriath Arba, that is, Hebron, and Zior. These were nine cities, including their villages.
Jos 15:55 Maon, Carmel, Ziph, Juttah,
Jos 15:56 Jezreel, Jokdeam, Zanoah,
Jos 15:57 Kain, Gibeah, and Timnah. These were ten cities, including their villages.
Jos 15:58 Halhul, Bethzur, Gedor,
Jos 15:59 Maarath, Beth Anoth, and Eltekon. These were six cities, including their villages.
Jos 15:60 Kiriath Baal, that is, Kiriath Jearim, and Rabbah. These were two cities, including their villages.
Jos 15:61 In the wilderness, there were Beth Arabah, Middin, Secacah,
Jos 15:62 Nibshan, the City of Salt, and Engedi (Hazazon Tamar; modern Tall al-Gurn). These were six cities, including their villages.
Jos 15:63 But as for the Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the tribe of Judah could not drive them out, so the Jebusites live there with the tribe of Judah to this day.

Joshua Chapter 16

Jos 16:1 The assignment of land for the tribe of Joseph extended from the Jordan River at Jericho, east of the springs of Jericho, into the wilderness, going up from Jericho through the hill country of Bethel.
Jos 16:2 Then it went from Bethel to Luz and passed along to Ataroth, the territory of the Archites.
Jos 16:3 Then it went down westward to the territory of the Japhletites, as far as the territory of Lower Beth Horon, and then on to Gezer; it ended at the sea.
Jos 16:4 It was in this way that the tribes of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, received their inheritance.
Jos 16:5 The territory of the tribe of Ephraim that was assigned to their clans was as follows: The border of their inheritance on the east went from Ataroth Addar (modern Khirbet ‘Auja el-Foqa) as far as Upper Beth Horon,
Jos 16:6 and from there it continued to the sea. From Michmethath on the north it turned eastward toward Taanath Shiloh and passed beyond it on the east to Janoah.
Jos 16:7 Then it went down from Janoah to Ataroth and to Naarah, and then reached Jericho, ending at the Jordan River.
Jos 16:8 From Tappuah, the border went westward to the brook of Kanah and ended at the sea. This was the inheritance of the tribe of Ephraim, assigned to their clans,
Jos 16:9 together with the cities that were chosen for the tribe of Ephraim within the inheritance of the tribe of Manasseh, all the cities, as well as their villages.
Jos 16:10 They did not drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer, so that the Canaanites live within Ephraim to this day, but these people were made to do forced labor.

Joshua Chapter 17

Jos 17:1 This was the assignment of land for the tribe of Manasseh, who was the firstborn of Joseph, that is, for Makir, who was Manasseh's firstborn, and who himself was the father of Gilead. Makir's descendants were assigned the land of Gilead and Bashan, because Makir had been a man of war.
Jos 17:2 Land was assigned to the rest of the tribe of Manasseh, given to their clans, Abi Ezer, Helek, Asriel, Shechem, Hepher, and Shemida. These were the male descendants of Manasseh son of Joseph, presented by their clans.
Jos 17:3 Now Zelophehad son of Hepher son of Gilead son of Makir son of Manasseh had no sons, but only daughters. The names of his daughters were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milkah, and Tirzah.
Jos 17:4 They approached Eleazar the priest, Joshua son of Nun, and the leaders, and they said, "Yehowah commanded Moses to give to us an inheritance along with our brothers." So following the commandment of Yehowah, he gave those women an inheritance among the brothers of their father.
Jos 17:5 Ten parcels of land were assigned to Manasseh in Gilead and Bashan, which is on the other side of the Jordan River,
Jos 17:6 because the daughters of Manasseh received an inheritance along with his sons. The land of Gilead was assigned to the rest of the tribe of Manasseh.
Jos 17:7 The territory of Manasseh reached from Asher to Michmethath, which is east of Shechem. Then the border went southward to those living near the spring of Tappuah.
Jos 17:8 The land of Tappuah belonged to Manasseh, but the town of Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the tribe of Ephraim.
Jos 17:9 The border went down to the brook of Kanah. These cities south of the brook among the towns of Manasseh belonged to Ephraim. The border of Manasseh was on the north side of the brook, and it ended at the sea.
Jos 17:10 The land to the south belonged to Ephraim, and the land to the north was Manasseh's; the sea was the border. On the north side Asher can be reached, and to the east, Issachar.
Jos 17:11 Also in Issachar and in Asher, Manasseh possessed Beth Shan (became Roman Nysa-Scythopolis) and its villages, Ibleam and its villages, the inhabitants of Dor and its villages, the inhabitants of Endor and its villages, the inhabitants of Taanach and its villages, the inhabitants of Megiddo (Tell el-Mutesellim) and its villages, and the third part of Napheth and its villages.
Jos 17:12 Yet the tribe of Manasseh could not take possession of those cities, for the Canaanites continued to live in this land.
Jos 17:13 When the people of Israel grew strong, they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but did not completely drive them out.

Jos 17:14 Then the descendants of Joseph asked Joshua, “Why have you given us only one assignment of land and one portion for an inheritance, since we are a people great in number, and all along Yehowah has blessed us?”
Jos 17:15 Joshua said to them, “If you are a people great in number, go up by yourselves to the forest and there clear the ground for yourselves in the land of the Perizzites and of the giants. Do this, since the hill country of Ephraim is too small for you.”
Jos 17:16 The descendants of Joseph said, “The hill country is not enough for us. But all the Canaanites who live in the valley have chariots of iron, both those who are in Beth Shan and its villages, and those who are in the Valley of Jezreel.”
Jos 17:17 Then Joshua said to the house of Joseph, to Ephraim and Manasseh, “You are a people great in number, and you have great power. You must not have only one piece of land assigned to you.
Jos 17:18 The hill country will also be yours. Though it is a forest, you will clear it and take possession of it to its farthest borders. You will drive out the Canaanites, even though they have chariots of iron, and even though they are strong.”

Joshua Chapter 18

Jos 18:1 Then the whole congregation of the people of Israel met together at Shiloh (modern Khirbet Seilun). They set up the Tent of Meeting there, and they conquered the land before them.
Jos 18:2 There were still seven tribes among the people of Israel whose inheritance had not been assigned.
Jos 18:3 Joshua said to the people of Israel, “How long will you put off going into the land that Yehowah, Mighty One of your ancestors, has given you?
Jos 18:4 Appoint for yourselves three men from each tribe, and I will send them out. They will set out and survey the land up and down. They will write out a description of it with a view to their inheritances, and then they will come back to me.
Jos 18:5 They will divide it into seven sections. Judah will remain in their territory on the south, and the house of Joseph will continue in their territory in the north.
Jos 18:6 You will describe the land in seven sections and bring the description here to me. I will cast lots for you here before Yehowah our Divine One.
Jos 18:7 The Levites have no portion among you, for the priesthood of Yehowah is their inheritance. Gad, Reuben, and the half tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan River. This is the inheritance that Moses the servant of Yehowah gave them.”
Jos 18:8 So the men rose up and went. Joshua commanded those who went to write the description of the land, “Go up and down in the land, write a description of it, and return to me. I will cast lots for you here before Yehowah at Shiloh.”
Jos 18:9 The men left and walked up and down in the land and wrote a description of it in a scroll by its cities in seven sections, listing the cities in each section. Then they returned to Joshua in the camp at Shiloh.
Jos 18:10 Then Joshua cast lots for them at Shiloh before Yehowah. It was there that Joshua assigned the land to the people of Israel, and to each was given his portion of the land.
Jos 18:11 The assignment of land for the tribe of Benjamin was given to each of their clans. The territory of their assigned land was located between the descendants of Judah and the descendants of Joseph.
Jos 18:12 Their northern border began at the Jordan River. The border went up to the ridge north of Jericho, and then up through the hill country westward. There it reached the wilderness of Beth Aven.

Jos 18:13 From there the border passed along south in the direction of Luz, the same place as Bethel. Then the border went down to Ataroth Addar, by the mountain that lies south of lower Beth Horon.
Jos 18:14 The boundary then went in another direction: On the western seaside it turned toward the south, heading toward the mountain across from Beth Horon. This boundary ended at Kiriath Baal, that is, Kiriath Jearim, a city that belonged to the tribe of Judah. This formed the border on the western side.
Jos 18:15 The south side began just outside of Kiriath Jearim. The border went from there to Ephron, to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah.
Jos 18:16 The boundary then went down to the border of the mountain which was opposite the Valley of Ben Hinnom, which was at the northern end of the Valley of Giants. It then went down to the Valley of Hinnom, south of the slope of the Jebusites, and continued down to En Rogel.
Jos 18:17 It turned northward, going in the direction of En Shemesh, and from there it went out to Geliloth (aka Gilgal), which was opposite the ascent of Adummim. Then it went down to the Stone of Bohan the son of Reuben.
Jos 18:18 It passed on to the north of the shoulder of Beth Arabah and down to the Arabah.
Jos 18:19 The border passed on to the north shoulder of Beth Hoglah. The border ended at the north bay of the Dead Sea, at the southern end of the Jordan River. This was the boundary on the south.
Jos 18:20 The Jordan River formed its border on the eastern side. This was the inheritance of the tribe of Benjamin, and it was given to each of their clans, border after border, all around.
Jos 18:21 Now the cities of the tribe of Benjamin according to their clans were Jericho, Beth Hoglah, Emek Keziz,
Jos 18:22 Beth Arabah, Zemaraim, Bethel,
Jos 18:23 Avvim, Parah, Ophrah,
Jos 18:24 Kephar Ammoni, Ophni, and Geba. There were twelve cities, including their villages.
Jos 18:25 There were also the cities of Gibeon, Ramah, Beeroth,
Jos 18:26 Mizpah, Kephirah, Mozah (modern Tel Moza),
Jos 18:27 Rekem, Irpeel, Taralah,
Jos 18:28 Zelah, Haeleph, Jebus, the same as Jerusalem, Gibeah, and Kiriath. There were fourteen cities, including their villages. This was the inheritance of Benjamin for their clans.

Joshua Chapter 19

Jos 19:1 The second casting of lots fell to Simeon, and it was assigned to each of their clans. Their inheritance was in the middle of the inheritance that belonged to the tribe of Judah.
Jos 19:2 They had for their inheritance Beersheba, Sheba, Moladah,
Jos 19:3 Hazar Shual, Balah, Ezem,
Jos 19:4 Eltolad, Bethul, and Hormah.
Jos 19:5 Simeon also had Ziklag, Beth Marcaboth, Hazar Susah,
Jos 19:6 Beth Lebaoth, and Sharuhen. These were thirteen cities, including their villages.
Jos 19:7 Simeon also had Ain, Rimmon, Ether, and Ashan. These were four cities, including their villages.
Jos 19:8 These were together with the villages around these cities as far as Baalath Beer, the same as Ramah in the Negev. This was the inheritance of the tribe of Simeon, given to their clans.
Jos 19:9 The inheritance of the tribe of Simeon formed part of the territory of the tribe of Judah. Because the portion of land assigned to the tribe of Judah was too large for them, the tribe of Simeon received their inheritance out of the middle of their portion.
Jos 19:10 The third casting of lots fell to the tribe of Zebulun, and it was given to their clans. The border of their inheritance began at Sarid.
Jos 19:11 Their border went up from the Mediterranean Sea in the west toward Maralah and touched Dabbesheth; then it extended to the brook that was opposite Jokneam.
Jos 19:12 From Sarid the border turned eastward toward the east and went to the border of Kisloth Tabor. From there it went to Daberath and then up to Japhia.
Jos 19:13 From there it passed on eastward to Gath Hepher, and then to Ethkazin; next it went to Rimmon and turned toward Neah.
Jos 19:14 The border made a turn to the north to Hannathon and ended at the Valley of Iphtah El.
Jos 19:15 This region included the cities of Kattath, Nahalal, Shimron, Idalah, and Bethlehem. There were twelve cities, including their villages.
Jos 19:16 This was the inheritance of the tribe of Zebulun, that was given to their clans, the cities, including their villages.
Jos 19:17 The fourth casting of lots fell to Issachar, and it was given to their clans.
Jos 19:18 Their territory included Jezreel, Chesulloth, Shunem,
Jos 19:19 Hapharaim, Shion, and Anaharath (modern Tel Rekhesh).

Jos 19:20 It also included Rabbith, Kishion, Ebez,
Jos 19:21 Remeth, Engannim, Enhaddah, and Bethpazzez.
Jos 19:22 Their border also touched Tabor, Shahazumah, and Beth Shemesh, and ended at the Jordan River. There were sixteen cities, including their villages.
Jos 19:23 This was the inheritance of the tribe of Issachar, and it was given to their clans, the cities, including their villages.
Jos 19:24 The fifth casting of lots fell to the tribe of Asher, and it was given to their clans.
Jos 19:25 Their territory included Helkath, Hali, Beten, Achshaph,
Jos 19:26 Allammelech, Amad, and Mishall. On the west the boundary extended to Carmel and Shihor Libnath.
Jos 19:27 Then it turned eastward to Beth Dagon and went as far as Zebulun, and then to the Valley of Iphtahel, northward to Bethemek and Neiel. Then it continued on to Cabul toward the north.
Jos 19:28 It then went on to Ebron, Rehob, Hammon, and Kanah, as far as Greater Sidon.
Jos 19:29 The border turned back to Ramah, and then to the fortified city of Tyre. Then the border turned to Hosah and ended at the sea, in the region of Achzib,
Jos 19:30 Ummah, Aphek, and Rehob. There were twenty-two cities, including their villages.
Jos 19:31 This was the inheritance of the tribe of Asher, and it was given to their clans, the cities, including their villages.
Jos 19:32 The sixth casting of lots fell to the tribe of Naphtali, and it was given to their clans.
Jos 19:33 Their border ran from Heleph, from the oak at Zaanannim, on to Adaminekeb and Jabneel, as far as Lakkum; it ended at the Jordan River.
Jos 19:34 The border turned westward to Aznoth Tabor and went on to Hukok (Huqoq); it touched Zebulun on the south, and reached to Asher on the west and Judah on the east at the Jordan River.
Jos 19:35 The fortified cities were Ziddim, Zer (Bethsaida), Hammath, Rakkath, Chinnereth,
Jos 19:36 Adamah, Ramah, Hazor,
Jos 19:37 Kedesh, Edrei, and En Hazor.
Jos 19:38 There were also Yiron, Migdalel, Horem, Beth Anath, and Beth Shemesh. There were nineteen cities, including their villages.
Jos 19:39 This was the inheritance of the tribe of Naphtali, and it was given to their clans, the cities, including their villages.
Jos 19:40 The seventh casting of lots fell to the tribe of Dan, and it was given to their clans.
Jos 19:41 The territory of its inheritance included Zorah, Eshtaol, Ir Shemesh,

Jos 19:42 Shaalabbin, Aijalon, and Ithlah.
Jos 19:43 It also included Elon, Timnah, Ekron,
Jos 19:44 Eltekeh, Gibbethon, Baalath,
Jos 19:45 Jehud, Bene Berak, Gath Rimmon,
Jos 19:46 Me Jarkon, and Rakkon along with the territory across from Joppa.
Jos 19:47 When the territory of the tribe of Dan was lost to them, Dan attacked Leshem, fought against it, and captured it. They killed everyone with the sword, took possession of it, and settled in it. They renamed Leshem, calling it Dan after their ancestor.
Jos 19:48 This was the inheritance of the tribe of Dan, and it was given to their clans, the cities, including their villages.
Jos 19:49 When they finished the allocation of the land as an inheritance, the people of Israel gave an inheritance among themselves to Joshua son of Nun.
Jos 19:50 By the command of Yehowah they gave him the city for which he asked, Timnath Serah in the hill country of Ephraim. He rebuilt the city and lived there.
Jos 19:51 These are the inheritances that Eleazar the priest, Joshua son of Nun, and the tribal leaders of their ancestors' families within the people of Israel, assigned by lot at Shiloh, before Yehowah, at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. So they finished assigning the land.

Joshua Chapter 20

Jos 20:1 Then Yehowah ordered Joshua,
Jos 20:2 “Speak to the people of Israel, ‘Appoint the cities of refuge of which I spoke to you by the hand of Moses (Heb. 6:18).
Jos 20:3 Do this, so that one who unintentionally kills a person can go there. These cities will be a place of refuge from anyone who seeks to avenge the blood of a person who was killed.
Jos 20:4 He will run to one of those cities and will stand at the entrance of the city gate, and explain his case to the elders of that city. Then they will take him into the city and give him a place for him to live among them.
Jos 20:5 If one of them comes to try to avenge the blood of the person who was killed, then the people of the city must not hand the one who killed him over to the authorities. They must not do this, because he killed his neighbor unintentionally, and he had no hatred toward him in the past.
Jos 20:6 He must stay in that city, until he has stood before the elders of the congregation for judgment (Beit Din), until the death of the one who was serving as high priest in those days. Then the one who had accidentally killed the person may return to his own town and his own home, to the town from which he fled.’”
Jos 20:7 So the Israelis selected Kedesh in Galilee in the hill country of Naphtali, Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and Kiriath Arba, the same as Hebron, in the hill country of Judah.
Jos 20:8 Beyond the Jordan River east of Jericho, they selected Bezer in the wilderness on the plateau from the tribe of Reuben; Ramoth Gilead, from the tribe of Gad; and Golan in Bashan, from the tribe of Manasseh.
Jos 20:9 These were the cities selected for all the people of Israel and for the sojourning foreigners residing among them, so that anyone who killed a person unintentionally could run to them for safety. This person would not die by the hand of the one who wanted to avenge the blood that was shed, until the accused person would first stand before the elders of the congregation (Beit Din).

Joshua Chapter 21

Jos 21:1 Then the heads of the clans of the Levites came to Eleazar the priest, to Joshua son of Nun, and to the leaders of the families of their ancestors within the people of Israel.
Jos 21:2 They said to them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, “Yehowah commanded you by the hand of Moses to give to us cities to live in, with the pasturelands for our livestock.”
Jos 21:3 So by the command of Yehowah, the people of Israel gave out of their inheritance the following cities, including their pasturelands, to the Levites.
Jos 21:4 The casting of lots for the clans of the Kohathites gave this result: The priests, the descendants of Aaron who were from the Levites, received thirteen cities given from the tribe of Judah, from the tribe of Simeon, and from the tribe of Benjamin.
Jos 21:5 The rest of the clans of the Kohathites received by casting lots ten cities out of the clans of the tribes of Ephraim, Dan, and from the half tribe of Manasseh.
Jos 21:6 Then the people descended from Gershon were given, by the casting of lots, thirteen cities from the clans of the tribes of Issachar, Asher, Naphtali, and the half tribe of Manasseh in Bashan.
Jos 21:7 The people who were descendants of Merari received twelve cities from the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Zebulun.
Jos 21:8 So the people of Israel gave, by casting lots, these cities, including their pasturelands, to the Levites, just as Yehowah had commanded by the hand of Moses.
Jos 21:9 From the tribes of Judah and Simeon, they assigned land to the following cities, here listed by name.
Jos 21:10 These cities were given to the descendants of Aaron, who were among the clans of the Kohathites, who in turn were from the tribe of Levi. For the first casting of lots had fallen to them.
Jos 21:11 The Israelis gave them Kiriath Arba, Arba had been the father of Anak, the same place as Hebron, in the hill country of Judah, with the pasturelands around it.
Jos 21:12 But the fields of the city and its villages were already given to Caleb son of Jephunneh, as his possession.
Jos 21:13 To the descendants of Aaron the priest they gave Hebron with its pasturelands, which was a city of refuge for any who killed another unintentionally, and Libnah with its pasturelands,
Jos 21:14 Jattir with its pasturelands, and Eshtemoa with its pasturelands.

Jos 21:15 They also gave Holon with its pasturelands, Debir with its pasturelands,
Jos 21:16 Ain with its pasturelands, Juttah with its pasturelands, and Beth Shemesh with its pasturelands. There were nine cities that were given from these two tribes.
Jos 21:17 From the tribe of Benjamin were given Gibeon with its pasturelands, Geba with its pasturelands,
Jos 21:18 Anathoth with its pasturelands, and Almon with its suburbs, four cities.
Jos 21:19 The cities given to the priests, the descendants of Aaron, were thirteen cities in all, including their pasturelands.
Jos 21:20 As for the rest of the family of Kohath, those Levites who belong to the family of Kohath, they had cities given to them from the tribe of Ephraim by the casting of lots.
Jos 21:21 To them were given Shechem with its pasturelands in the hill country of Ephraim, a city of refuge for any who killed a person unintentionally, Gezer with its pasturelands,
Jos 21:22 Kibzaim with its pasturelands, and Beth Horon with its pasturelands, four cities in all.
Jos 21:23 From the tribe of Dan, the clan of Kohath was given Elteke with its pasturelands, Gibbethon with its pasturelands,
Jos 21:24 Aijalon with its pasturelands, and Gathrimmon with its pasturelands, four cities in all.
Jos 21:25 From the half tribe of Manasseh, the clan of Kohath was given Taanach with its pasturelands and Gathrimmon with its pasturelands, two cities.
Jos 21:26 There were ten cities in all for the rest of the clans of the Kohathites, including their pasturelands.
Jos 21:27 From the half tribe of Manasseh, to clans of Gershon, these were other Levite clans, and they gave Golan in Bashan with its pasturelands, a city of refuge for anyone who killed another unintentionally, along with Beeshterah with its pasturelands, two cities in all.
Jos 21:28 To the clans of Gershon they also gave Kishion from the tribe of Issachar, along with its pasturelands, Daberath with its pasturelands,
Jos 21:29 Jarmuth with its pasturelands, and Engannim with its pasturelands, four cities.
Jos 21:30 From the tribe of Asher, they gave Mishal with its pasturelands, Abdon with its pasturelands,
Jos 21:31 Helkath with its pasturelands, and Rehob with its pasturelands, four cities in all.
Jos 21:32 From the tribe of Naphtali, they gave the clans of Gershon Kedesh in Galilee with its pasturelands, a city of refuge for anyone who killed another

unintentionally; Hammothdor with its pasturelands, and Kartan with its pasturelands, three cities in all.
Jos 21:33 There were thirteen cities in all, out of the clans of Gershon, including their pasturelands.
Jos 21:34 To the rest of the Levites, the clans of Merari, were given out of the tribe of Zebulun: Jokneam with its pasturelands, Kartah with its pasturelands,
Jos 21:35 Dimnah with its pasturelands, and Nahalal with its pasturelands, four cities in all.
Jos 21:36 To the clans of Merari were given from the tribe of Reuben: Bezer with its pasturelands, Jahaz with its pasturelands,
Jos 21:37 Kedemoth with its pasturelands, and Mephaath with its pasturelands, four cities.
Jos 21:38 Out of the tribe of Gad they were given Ramoth in Gilead with its pasturelands, a city of refuge for any who killed another unintentionally, and Mahanaim with its pasturelands.
Jos 21:39 The clans of Merari were also given Heshbon with its pasturelands, and Jazer with its pasturelands. These were four cities in all.
Jos 21:40 All these were the cities of the several clans of Merari, who were from the tribe of Levi, twelve cities in all were given to them by the casting of lots.
Jos 21:41 The cities of the Levites taken from the middle of the land possessed by the people of Israel were forty-eight cities, including their pasturelands.
Jos 21:42 These cities each had its surrounding pasturelands. It was this way with all these cities.
Jos 21:43 So Yehowah gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their ancestors. The Israelis took possession of it and settled there.
Jos 21:44 Then Yehowah gave them rest on every side, just as he had sworn to their ancestors. Not one of their enemies could defeat them. Yehowah gave all their enemies into their hand.
Jos 21:45 Not one thing among all the good promises that Yehowah had spoken to the house of Israel failed to come true. All of them came to be.

Joshua Chapter 22

Jos 22:1 At that time Joshua called the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh.
Jos 22:2 He said to them, “You have done everything that Moses the servant of Yehowah commanded you. You have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you.
Jos 22:3 You have not deserted your brothers these many days, down to this present day, and you have fulfilled the duties required by the commandments of Yehowah your Divine One.
Jos 22:4 Now Yehowah your Divine One has given rest to your brothers, just as he promised them. Therefore, turn and go to your tents in the land you own, which Moses the servant of Yehowah gave you on the other side of the Jordan River.
Jos 22:5 Just be extremely careful to observe the commandments and the law that Moses the servant of Yehowah commanded you, to love Yehowah your Divine One, to walk in all his Ways, to keep his commandments, and to cling to him and worship him with all your heart and with all your soul.”
Jos 22:6 So Joshua blessed them and sent them away, and they went back to their tents.
Jos 22:7 Now to one-half of the tribe of Manasseh, Moses had given an inheritance in Bashan, but to the other half, Joshua gave an inheritance beside their brothers in the land west of the Jordan River. Joshua sent them away to their tents; he blessed them,
Jos 22:8 “Return to your tents with much money, and with a large number of livestock, and with silver and gold, and with bronze and iron, and with a great number of garments. Divide the plunder from your enemies with your brothers.”
Jos 22:9 So the descendants of Reuben, the descendants of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh returned home, leaving the people of Israel at Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan. They left to go to the region of Gilead, to their own land, which they themselves possessed, in obedience to the commandment of Yehowah, by the hand of Moses.
Jos 22:10 When they came to Geliloth (aka Gilgal) of the Jordan that is in the land of Canaan, the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half tribe of Manasseh built an altar beside the Jordan River, a large and prominent altar.
Jos 22:11 The people of Israel heard about this and exclaimed, “Look! The people of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar at the front of the land of Canaan, at Geliloth, in the region near the Jordan River, on the side that belongs to the people of Israel!”

Jos 22:12 When the people of Israel heard of it, the whole congregation of the people of Israel gathered together at Shiloh to go up to make war against them.
Jos 22:13 Then the people of Israel sent messengers to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, in the land of Gilead. They also sent Phinehas son of Eleazar, the priest,
Jos 22:14 and with him ten leaders, one from each of the ancestral families of Israel, and every one of them was the head of a clan within the people of Israel.
Jos 22:15 They came to the people of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh, in the land of Gilead, and they spoke to them:
Jos 22:16 "The whole congregation of Yehowah says this, 'What is this unfaithfulness that you have committed against the Mighty One of Israel, by turning this day from following Yehowah by building yourself an altar this day in rebellion against Yehowah?
Jos 22:17 Was our sin at Peor not enough for us? Yet we have not even now cleansed ourselves from it. For that sin, there came a plague on the congregation of Yehowah.
Jos 22:18 Must you also turn away from following Yehowah at this present day? If you also rebel against Yehowah today, tomorrow he will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel.
Jos 22:19 If the land that you possess is defiled, then you should pass over into the land where the tabernacle of Yehowah stands and take for yourselves a possession among us. Only do not rebel against Yehowah, nor rebel against us by building an altar for yourselves other than the altar of Yehowah our Divine One.
Jos 22:20 Did not Achan son of Zerah break faith in the matter of those things that had been reserved for Yehowah? Did not wrath fall on all the people of Israel? That man did not perish alone for his iniquity.'"
Jos 22:21 Then the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh replied in answer to the heads of the clans of Israel:
Jos 22:22 "Almighty Mighty One Yehowah! Almighty Mighty One Yehowah! He knows, and let Israel itself know! If it was in rebellion or in breach of faith against Yehowah, do not spare us on this day
Jos 22:23 for having built an altar to turn ourselves away from following Yehowah. If we built that altar in order to offer on it burnt offerings, grain offerings, or peace offerings, then let Yehowah make us pay for it.
Jos 22:24 No! We did it for fear that in time to come your children might say to our children, 'What have you to do with Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel?
Jos 22:25 For Yehowah has made the Jordan River a border between us and you. You people of Reuben and people of Gad, you have nothing to do with Yehowah.' So your children might make our children cease to worship Yehowah.

Jos 22:26 So we said, ‘Let us now build an altar, not for burnt offerings nor for any sacrifices,
Jos 22:27 but to be a witness between us and you, and between our generations after us, that we will perform the service of Yehowah before him, with our burnt offerings and with our sacrifices and with our peace offerings, so that your children will never say to our children in time to come, “You have no share in Yehowah.”’
Jos 22:28 So we said, ‘If this should be said to us or to our descendants in time to come, we would say, “Look! This is a copy of the altar of Yehowah, which our ancestors made, not for burnt offerings, nor for sacrifices, but as a witness between us and you.”
Jos 22:29 May it be far from us that we should rebel against Yehowah, and today turn away from following him by building an altar for burnt offering, for grain offering, or for sacrifice, other than the altar of Yehowah our Divine One that is before his tabernacle.’”
Jos 22:30 When Phinehas the priest and the leaders of the people, that is, the heads of the clans of Israel who were with him, heard the words that the people of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh said, that it was good in their eyes.
Jos 22:31 Phinehas son of Eleazar the priest said to the people of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh, “Today we know that Yehowah is among us, because you have not committed this breach of faith against Yehowah. Now you have rescued the people of Israel out of the hand of Yehowah.”
Jos 22:32 Then Phinehas son of Eleazar the priest, and the leaders returned from the Reubenites and the Gadites, out of the land of Gilead, back to the land of Canaan, to the people of Israel, and brought back word to them.
Jos 22:33 Their intelligence report was good in the eyes of the people of Israel. The people of Israel blessed the Almighty and spoke no more about making war against the Reubenites and the Gadites, in order to destroy the land where they had settled.
Jos 22:34 The Reubenites and the Gadites named the altar “Witness,” for they said, “It is a witness between us, that Yehowah is the Almighty.”

Joshua Chapter 23

Jos 23:1 After many days, when Yehowah had given rest to Israel from all their enemies around them, and Joshua was old and well advanced in years,
Jos 23:2 Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders, for their leaders, for their judges, and for their officers, and he said to them, “I am extremely old.
Jos 23:3 You have seen everything that Yehowah your Divine One has done to all these ethnicities for your sake, for it is Yehowah your Divine One who has fought for you.
Jos 23:4 Look! I have assigned to you the ethnicities that remain to be conquered as an inheritance for your tribes, along with all the ethnicities I have already destroyed, from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.
Jos 23:5 Yehowah your Divine One will drive them out. He will push them out from you. He will seize their land, and you will take possession of their land, just as Yehowah your Divine One promised to you.
Jos 23:6 So be extremely strong, so that you keep and do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, turning aside from it neither to the right hand nor to the left,
Jos 23:7 so you may not mix with these ethnicities that remain among you or mention the names of their deities, swear by them, worship them, or bow down to them.
Jos 23:8 Instead, you must cling to Yehowah your Divine One just as you have done to this day.
Jos 23:9 For Yehowah has driven out before you large, strong ethnicities. As for you, no one has been able to stand before you to this present day.
Jos 23:10 Any single man of your number will make a thousand run away, for Yehowah your Divine One is the One who fights for you, just as he promised you.
Jos 23:11 Pay particular attention, so that you love Yehowah your Divine One.
Jos 23:12 But if you turn back and cling to the survivors of these ethnicities who remain among you, or if you intermarry with them, or if you come together with them and they with you,
Jos 23:13 then know for certain that Yehowah your Divine One will no longer drive these ethnicities out from among you. Instead, they will become a snare and a trap for you, whips on your backs and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land that Yehowah your Divine One has given you.
Jos 23:14 Now I am going the way of all the earth, and you know with all your hearts and souls that not one word has failed to come true of all the good things that Yehowah your Divine One promised about you. All these things have come about for you. Not one of them has failed.

Jos 23:15 But just as every word Yehowah your Divine One promised you has been fulfilled, so Yehowah will bring on you all the evil things, until he has destroyed you from this good land that Yehowah your Divine One has given you.
Jos 23:16 He will do this if you break the covenant of Yehowah your Divine One, which he commanded you to keep. If you go and worship false deities and bow down to them, then the anger of Yehowah will be kindled against you, and you will quickly perish from the good land that he has given you.”

Joshua Chapter 24

Jos 24:1 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and called for the elders of Israel, for their leaders, for their judges, and for their officers, and they presented themselves before the Almighty.
Jos 24:2 Joshua said to all the people, “This is what Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, says, ‘Your ancestors long ago lived beyond the Euphrates River, Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, and they worshiped false deities.
Jos 24:3 But I took your father from beyond the Euphrates and led him into the land of Canaan and gave him many descendants through his son Isaac.
Jos 24:4 Then to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt.
Jos 24:5 I sent Moses and Aaron, and I afflicted the Egyptians with plagues. After that, I brought you out.
Jos 24:6 I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, and you came to the SEA. The Egyptians pursued them with chariots and cavalry as far as the SEA.
Jos 24:7 When your ancestors called out to Yehowah, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians. He brought the SEA to come over them and cover them. You saw what I did in Egypt. Then you lived in the wilderness for a long time.
Jos 24:8 I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan River. They fought with you, and I gave them into your hand. You took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you.
Jos 24:9 Then Balak son of Zippor, king of Moab, rose up and attacked Israel. He sent and called for Balaam son of Beor, to curse you.
Jos 24:10 But I did not listen to Balaam. Indeed, he blessed you. So I rescued you out of his hand.
Jos 24:11 You went over the Jordan River and came to Jericho. The leaders of Jericho fought against you, along with the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hethites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. I gave you victory over them and put them under your control.
Jos 24:12 I sent the hornet before you, which drove them and the two kings of the Amorites out before you. It did not happen by your sword or by your bow.
Jos 24:13 I gave you land on which you had not worked and cities that you had not built, and now you live in them. You eat the fruit of vineyards and olive orchards that you did not plant.’
Jos 24:14 Now fear Yehowah and worship him with all integrity and faithfulness; get rid of the deities that your ancestors worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and worship Yehowah.
Jos 24:15 If it seems wrong in your eyes for you to worship Yehowah, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the deities your ancestors

worshiped beyond the Euphrates, or the deities of the Amorites, in whose land you live. But as for me and my household, we will worship Yehowah.”
Jos 24:16 The people answered, “We would never forsake Yehowah to serve false deities,
Jos 24:17 for it is Yehowah our Divine One who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight, and who preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the ethnicities through whom we passed.
Jos 24:18 Then Yehowah drove out before us all the people, including the Amorites who lived in the land. So we too will worship Yehowah, for he is our Divine One.”
Jos 24:19 But Joshua proclaimed to the people, “You cannot serve Yehowah, for he is a set-apart Divine One; he is a jealous Almighty; he will not forgive your transgressions and sins.
Jos 24:20 If you forsake Yehowah and worship foreign deities, then he will turn and do you harm. He will consume you, after he has done good to you.”
Jos 24:21 But the people replied to Joshua, “No, we will worship Yehowah.”
Jos 24:22 Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen for yourselves Yehowah, to worship him.” They said, “We are witnesses.”
Jos 24:23 “Now put away the foreign deities that are with you, and turn your heart to Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel.”
Jos 24:24 The people responded to Joshua, “We will worship Yehowah our Divine One. We will listen to his voice.”
Jos 24:25 Joshua made a covenant with the people that day. He put in place decrees and laws at Shechem.
Jos 24:26 Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of the Almighty. He took a large stone and set it up there beneath the oak tree that was beside the sanctuary of Yehowah.
Jos 24:27 Joshua said to all the people, “Look, this stone will be a testimony against us. It has heard all the words Yehowah said to us. So it will be a witness against you, should you ever deny your Divine One.”
Jos 24:28 So Joshua sent the people away, each to his own inheritance.
Jos 24:29 After these things, Joshua son of Nun, the servant of Yehowah, died, being 110 years old (c. 1586 BC).
Jos 24:30 They buried him within the border of his own inheritance, at Timnath Serah, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash.
Jos 24:31 Israel worshiped Yehowah all of Joshua’s days, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, those who had experienced everything that Yehowah had done for Israel.

Jos 24:32 The bones of Joseph, which the people of Israel brought up out of Egypt, they buried them at Shechem, in the piece of land that Jacob had bought from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem. He bought it for 100-weight of silver-currency, and it became an inheritance for the descendants of Joseph.
Jos 24:33 Eleazar son of Aaron also died. They buried him at Gibeah, the city of Phinehas his son, which had been given to him. It was in the hill country of Ephraim.

Book of Judges

Judges Chapter 1

Jdg 1:1 After the death of Joshua, the people of Israel asked Yehowah, “Who first will attack the Canaanites for us, to fight against them?”
Jdg 1:2 Yehowah answered, “Judah will attack. See, I have given them control of this land.”
Jdg 1:3 The men of Judah said to the men of Simeon, their brothers, “Come up with us into our territory that was assigned to us, that together we may fight against the Canaanites. We will likewise go with you to the territory that was assigned to you.” So the tribe of Simeon went with them.
Jdg 1:4 The men of Judah attacked, and Yehowah gave them victory over the Canaanites and the Perizzites. They killed ten thousand of them at Bezek.
Jdg 1:5 They found Adoni Bezek at Bezek, and they fought against him and defeated the Canaanites and the Perizzites.
Jdg 1:6 But Adoni Bezek fled, and they pursued him and caught him, and they cut off his thumbs and his big toes.
Jdg 1:7 Adoni Bezek said, “Seventy kings, who had their thumbs and their big toes cut off, gathered their food from under my table. As I have done, even so the Almighty has done to me.” They brought him to Jerusalem, and he died there.
Jdg 1:8 The men of Judah fought against the city of Jerusalem and took it. They attacked it with the edge of the sword, and they set the city on fire.
Jdg 1:9 After that, the men of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites who lived in the hill country, in the Negev, and the western foothills.
Jdg 1:10 Judah advanced against the Canaanites who lived in Hebron, the name of Hebron was previously Kiriath Arba, and they defeated Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmai.
Jdg 1:11 From there the men of Judah advanced against the inhabitants of Debir, the name of Debir was previously Kiriath Sepher.
Jdg 1:12 Caleb announced, “Whoever attacks Kiriath Sepher and takes it, I will give him Achsah, my daughter, to be his wife.”
Jdg 1:13 Othniel, son of Kenaz, Caleb’s younger brother, captured Debir, so Caleb gave him Achsah, his daughter, to be his wife.
Jdg 1:14 Soon Achsah came to Othniel, and she urged him to ask her father to give her a field. As she was getting off her donkey, Caleb asked her, “What can I do for you?”

Jdg 1:15 She answered him, “Give me a blessing. Since you have given me the land of the Negev, also give me springs of water.” So Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.
Jdg 1:16 The descendants of Moses’ father-in-law (Jethro) the Kenite went up from the City of Palms (Jericho) with the people of Judah, into the wilderness of Judah, which is in the Negev, to live with the people of Judah near Arad.
Jdg 1:17 The men of Judah went with the men of Simeon their brothers and they attacked the Canaanites who inhabited Zephath and they completely destroyed it. The name of the city was called Hormah.
Jdg 1:18 The people of Judah also captured Gaza and the land around it, Ashkelon and the land around it, and Ekron and the land around it.
Jdg 1:19 Yehowah was with the people of Judah and they took possession of the hill country, but they could not drive out the inhabitants of the plains, because they had iron chariots.
Jdg 1:20 Hebron was given to Caleb, like Moses had said, and he drove out from there the three sons of Anak (giant).
Jdg 1:21 But the people of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites who inhabited Jerusalem. So the Jebusites have lived with the people of Benjamin in Jerusalem to this day.
Jdg 1:22 The house of Joseph prepared to attack Bethel, and Yehowah was with them.
Jdg 1:23 They sent out men to spy on Bethel, the city that was formerly called Luz.
Jdg 1:24 The spies saw a man coming out of the city, and they entreated him, “Show us, please, how to get into the city, and we will be kind to you.”
Jdg 1:25 He showed them a way into the city, and so they attacked the city with the edge of the sword, but they let the man and all his family get away.
Jdg 1:26 Then the man went to the land of the (Old Empire) Hittites and built a city and called it Luz, which is its name to this day.
Jdg 1:27 The people of Manasseh did not drive out the people living in the cities of Beth Shan and its villages, or Taanach and its villages, or those who lived in Dor and its villages, or those who lived in Ibleam and its villages, or those who lived in Megiddo and its villages, because the Canaanites were determined to live in that land.
Jdg 1:28 When Israel became strong, they forced the Canaanites to serve them with hard labor, but they never drove them out completely.
Jdg 1:29 Ephraim did not drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer, so the Canaanites continued to live in Gezer among them.
Jdg 1:30 Zebulun did not drive out the people living in Kitron, or the people living in Nahalol, and so the Canaanites continued to live among them, but Zebulun forced the Canaanites to serve them with hard labor.

Jdg 1:31 Asher did not drive out the people living in Acco, or the people living in Sidon, or those living in Ahlab, Achzib, Helbah, Aphik, or Rehob.
Jdg 1:32 So the tribe of Asher lived among the Canaanites, those who lived in the land, because they did not drive them out.
Jdg 1:33 The tribe of Naphtali did not drive out those who were living in Beth Shemesh, or those living in Beth Anath. So the tribe of Naphtali lived among the Canaanites, the people who were living in that land. However, the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh and Beth Anath were forced into hard labor for Naphtali.
Jdg 1:34 The Amorites forced the tribe of Dan to live in the hill country, not allowing them to come down to the plain.
Jdg 1:35 So the Amorites lived at Mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim, but the military might of the house of Joseph conquered them, and they were forced to serve them with hard labor.
Jdg 1:36 The border of the Amorites ran from the Ascent of Scorpions at the rock up into the hill country.

Judges Chapter 2

Jdg 2:1 The angel of Yehowah went up from Gilgal to Bochim and said, “I brought you up from Egypt and have brought you to the land I swore to give to your fathers. I declared, ‘I will never break my covenant with you.
Jdg 2:2 You must make no covenant with those who live in this land. You must tear down their altars.’ But you have not listened to my voice. What is this that you have done?
Jdg 2:3 So now I declare, ‘I will not drive the Canaanites out before you, but they will become thorns in your sides, and their deities will become a trap for you.’”
Jdg 2:4 When the angel of Yehowah spoke these words to all the people of Israel, the people shouted and wept.
Jdg 2:5 They called that place Bochim. There they offered sacrifices to Yehowah.
Jdg 2:6 Now when Joshua had sent the people on their way, the people of Israel each went to the place assigned, to take ownership of their land.
Jdg 2:7 The people served Yehowah during the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him, those who had seen all of the great deeds of Yehowah he had done for Israel.
Jdg 2:8 Joshua son of Nun the servant of Yehowah, died at the age of 110 years old (c. 1586 BC).
Jdg 2:9 They buried him within the border of the land he was assigned in Timnath Serah, in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash.
Jdg 2:10 All that generation was also gathered to their fathers. Another generation grew up after them who did not know Yehowah, or what he had done for Israel.
Jdg 2:11 The people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah, and they served the Baals.
Jdg 2:12 They broke away from Yehowah, Mighty One of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They went after false deities, the deities of the people who were around them, and they bowed down to them. They provoked Yehowah to anger,
Jdg 2:13 because they broke away from Yehowah and worshiped Baal and the Ashtoreths.
Jdg 2:14 The anger of Yehowah burned against Israel, and he gave them to the raiders who stole their possessions from them. He sold them as slaves who were held by the strength of their enemies around them, so they could no longer defend themselves against their enemies.

Jdg 2:15 Wherever Israel went out to fight, the hand Yehowah was against them to defeat them, just as Yehowah had sworn to them, and they were in terrible distress.
Jdg 2:16 Then Yehowah raised up judges, who saved them out of the hand of those who were stealing their possessions.
Jdg 2:17 Yet they would not listen to their judges. They gave themselves like prostitutes to false deities and worshiped them. They soon turned aside from the Way their fathers had lived, those who had obeyed the commandments of Yehowah, but they themselves did not do so.
Jdg 2:18 When Yehowah raised up judges for them, Yehowah helped the judges and rescued them from the hand of their enemies all the days the judge lived. Yehowah had pity on them as they groaned, because of those who oppressed them and afflicted them.
Jdg 2:19 But when the judge died, they would turn away and do things that were even more corrupt than their fathers had done. They would go after false deities to serve them and worship them. They refused to give up any of their evil practices or their stubborn ways.
Jdg 2:20 The anger of Yehowah burned against Israel; he declared, “Because this Israeli nation has broken the terms of my covenant that I had set in place for their fathers, because they have not listened to my voice,
Jdg 2:21 I will not, from now on, drive out from before them any of the ethnicities that Joshua left when he died.
Jdg 2:22 I will do this, so that I may test Israel, whether or not they will keep the Way of Yehowah and walk in it, as their fathers kept it.”
Jdg 2:23 That is why Yehowah left those ethnicities and did not drive them out quickly and give them into the hand of Joshua.

Judges Chapter 3

Jdg 3:1 Now Yehowah left these ethnicities to test Israel, namely everyone in Israel who had not experienced any of the wars fought in Canaan.
Jdg 3:2 He did this to teach warfare to the new generation of the Israelis who had not known it before.
Jdg 3:3 These are the ethnicities: The five kings from the Philistines, all the Canaanites, the Sidonians, and the Hivites who lived in the Lebanon mountains, from Mount Baal Hermon to Hamath Pass.
Jdg 3:4 These ethnicities were left as a means by which Yehowah would test Israel, to confirm whether they would obey the commands he gave their ancestors through Moses.
Jdg 3:5 So the people of Israel lived among the Canaanites, the Hethites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.
Jdg 3:6 Their daughters they took to be their wives, and their own daughters they gave to their sons, and they served their deities.
Jdg 3:7 The people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah and forgot Yehowah their Divine One. They worshiped the Baals and the Asherahs.
Jdg 3:8 Therefore, the anger of Yehowah was set on fire against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Cushan Rishathaim king of Aram Naharaim. The people of Israel served Cushan Rishathaim for eight years (c. 1552 BC).
Jdg 3:9 When the people of Israel called out to Yehowah, Yehowah raised up someone who would come to help the people of Israel, and who would rescue them: Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.
Jdg 3:10 The Ruach of Yehowah empowered him, and he judged Israel, and he went out to war. Yehowah gave him victory over Cushan Rishathaim king of Aram. The hand of Othniel defeated Cushan Rishathaim (c. 1544 BC).
Jdg 3:11 The land had peace for forty years. Then Othniel son of Kenaz died (c. 1505 BC).
Jdg 3:12 After that, the Israelis again did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah, and Yehowah gave strength to Eglon king of Moab to overpower the Israelis.
Jdg 3:13 Eglon joined with the Ammonites and the Amalekites, and they went and defeated Israel, and they took possession of the City of Palms (Jericho).
Jdg 3:14 The people of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab for eighteen years (c. 1504 BC).
Jdg 3:15 When the people of Israel called out to Yehowah, Yehowah raised up someone who would help them, Ehud son of Gera, a Benjamite, a left-handed man. The people of Israel sent him, with their tribute payment, to Eglon king of Moab (c. 1486 BC).

Jdg 3:16 Ehud made himself a sword that had two edges, one-half meter in length; he strapped it on under his clothing on his right thigh.
Jdg 3:17 He gave the tribute payment to King Eglon of Moab. Now Eglon was an excessively fat man.
Jdg 3:18 After Ehud had presented the tribute payment, he left with those who had carried it in.
Jdg 3:19 As for Ehud himself, however, when he reached the place where the carved images were made near Gilgal, he turned and went back, and he announced, “I have a secret message for you, my king.” Eglon shouted, “Silence!” So all those serving him left the royal toilet.
Jdg 3:20 Ehud came to him. The king was sitting by himself, alone in the coolness of the royal toilet. Ehud said, “I have a message from the Almighty for you.” The king rose up off of his toilet seat.
Jdg 3:21 Ehud reached with his left hand and took the sword from his right thigh, and he stabbed it into the king’s body.
Jdg 3:22 The hilt of the sword also went into him following the blade. The tip of the sword came out of his back and the fat closed over it, for Ehud did not pull the sword out of his belly, and his feces came out.
Jdg 3:23 Then Ehud went toward the porch, closed the doors of the royal toilet, and locked himself inside.
Jdg 3:24 After Ehud had gone down the stairway and out through the cesspit, the king’s servants came; they saw that the doors of the royal toilet were locked, so they thought, “Surely he is relieving himself in the coolness of the royal toilet.”
Jdg 3:25 They were growing more concerned, until they felt they were neglecting their duty, when the king still did not open the doors to the royal toilet. So they took the key and opened them, and there lay their master, fallen to the floor, dead.
Jdg 3:26 While the servants were waiting, wondering what they should do, Ehud escaped and passed beyond the place where there were carved images of idols, and so he escaped to Seirah.
Jdg 3:27 When he arrived, he blew a trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim. Then the people of Israel went down with him from the hills, and he was leading them.
Jdg 3:28 He called to them, “Follow me, for Yehowah is about to defeat your enemies, the Moabites!” They followed him, and they captured the fords of the Jordan River across from the Moabites, and they did not allow anyone to cross the river.
Jdg 3:29 At that time, they killed about ten thousand men of Moab, and all were strong and capable men. Not one escaped.
Jdg 3:30 So that day Moab was subdued by the strength of Israel, and the land had rest for eighty years (c. 1407 BC).

Jdg 3:31 After Ehud, the next judge was Shamgar son of Anath, who killed 600 men of the Philistines with a stick used to goad the cattle. He also delivered Israel from danger.

Judges Chapter 4

Jdg 4:1 After Ehud died (c. 1407 BC), the people of Israel once again did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah.
Jdg 4:2 Yehowah sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan who reigned in Hazor. The commander of his military force was named Sisera, and he lived in Harosheth of the ethnicities.
Jdg 4:3 The people of Israel called out to Yehowah for help, because Jabin had nine hundred iron chariots, and he oppressed the people of Israel with force for twenty years (c. 1406 BC).
Jdg 4:4 Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was a leading judge in Israel at that time.
Jdg 4:5 She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the people of Israel came to her to settle their disputes.
Jdg 4:6 She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali. She said to him, "Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, commands you, 'Go to Mount Tabor, and take with you ten thousand men from Naphtali and Zebulun.
Jdg 4:7 I will draw out Sisera, the commander of Jabin's military force, to meet you by the river Kishon, with his chariots and his military force, and I will give you victory over him.'"
Jdg 4:8 Barak replied to her, "If you go with me, I will go, but if you do not go with me, I will not go."
Jdg 4:9 She responded, "I will certainly go with you. However, the road on which you are going will not lead to your honor, for Yehowah will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah rose up and went with Barak to Kedesh.
Jdg 4:10 Barak called for the men of Zebulun and Naphtali to come together at Kedesh. Ten thousand men followed him, and Deborah went along with him.
Jdg 4:11 Now Heber, the Kenite, had separated himself from the Kenites, they were the descendants of Hobab, son of Reuel (Jethro), Moses' father-in-law, and he pitched his tent by the oak in Zaanannim near Kedesh.
Jdg 4:12 When they told Sisera that Barak son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor,
Jdg 4:13 Sisera called out all his chariots, nine hundred iron chariots, and all the soldiers who were with him, from Harosheth of the ethnicities to the Kishon River.
Jdg 4:14 Deborah ordered Barak, "Go! For this is the day in which Yehowah has given you victory over Sisera. Is not Yehowah leading you?" So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with ten thousand men following him.

Jdg 4:15 Yehowah made Sisera's military force confused, including all his chariots. Barak's men attacked them, and Sisera got down from his chariot and ran away on foot.
Jdg 4:16 But Barak pursued the chariots and the military force to Harosheth of the ethnicities, and the whole military force of Sisera was killed by the edge of the sword, and not a man survived.
Jdg 4:17 But Sisera ran away on foot to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, for there was peace between Jabin, the king of Hazor, and the house of Heber the Kenite.
Jdg 4:18 Jael went out to meet Sisera and said to him, "Turn aside, my master; turn aside to me and do not be afraid." So he turned aside to her and came into her tent, and she covered him with a blanket.
Jdg 4:19 He requested her, "Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty." She opened a leather bag of milk and gave him a drink, and then she covered him up again.
Jdg 4:20 He ordered her, "Stand at the opening of the tent. If someone comes and asks you, 'Is anyone here?' say, 'No.'"
Jdg 4:21 Then Jael, the wife of Heber, took a tent peg and a hammer in her hand and went in secretly to him, for he was in a deep sleep, and she hammered the tent peg into the side of his head and it pierced through him and went down into the ground, and he died.
Jdg 4:22 As Barak was pursuing Sisera, Jael went out to meet him and said to him, "Come, I will show you the man you are looking for." So he went in with her, and there lay Sisera dead, with the tent peg in the side of his head.
Jdg 4:23 So on that day, the Almighty defeated Jabin, the king of Canaan, before the people of Israel (c. 1387 BC).
Jdg 4:24 The might of the people of Israel grew stronger and stronger against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they destroyed him.

Judges Chapter 5

Jdg 5:1 On that day, Deborah and Barak son of Abinoam sang this song:
Jdg 5:2 “When the leaders take the lead in Israel, when the people gladly volunteer for war, we praise Yehowah!
Jdg 5:3 Listen, you kings! Pay attention, you leaders! I, I will sing to Yehowah; I will sing praises to Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel!
Jdg 5:4 Yehowah, when you went out from Seir, when you marched from Edom, the earth shook, and the skies also trembled; also the clouds poured down water.
Jdg 5:5 The mountains quaked before the face of Yehowah; even Mount Sinai quaked before the face of Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel.
Jdg 5:6 In the days of Shamgar, son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the main roads were abandoned, and those who walked only used the winding paths.
Jdg 5:7 There were few warriors in Israel, until I, Deborah, took command, a mother took command in Israel!
Jdg 5:8 When they chose new deities, there was fighting at the city gates, and yet there were no shields or spears seen among forty thousand in Israel.
Jdg 5:9 My heart goes out to the commanders of Israel, along with the people who gladly volunteered, we bless Yehowah for them!
Jdg 5:10 Think about this, you who ride on white donkeys sitting on rugs for saddles, and you who walk along the road.
Jdg 5:11 Hear the voices of those who sing at the watering places. There they tell again of the righteous deeds of Yehowah, and the righteous actions of his warriors in Israel. Then the people of Yehowah went down to the city gates.
Jdg 5:12 Awake, awake, Deborah! Awake, awake, sing a song! Get up, Barak, and capture your prisoners, you son of Abinoam.
Jdg 5:13 Then the survivors came down to the nobles; the people of Yehowah came down to me with the warriors.
Jdg 5:14 They came from Ephraim, whose root is in Amalek; the people of Benjamin followed you. From Machir commanders came down, and from Zebulun those who carry an officer’s staff.
Jdg 5:15 My princes in Issachar were with Deborah; and Issachar was with Barak rushing after him into the valley under his command. Among the clans of Reuben there were great searchings of heart.
Jdg 5:16 Why did you sit between the sheepfolds, listening to the shepherds playing their pipes for their flocks? As for the clans of Reuben there were great searchings of heart.
Jdg 5:17 Gilead stayed on the other side of the Jordan River; and Dan, why did he wander about on ships? Asher remained on the coast and lived close to his harbors.

Jdg 5:18 Zebulun was a tribe who would risk their lives to the point of death, and Naphtali, also, on the field of battle.
Jdg 5:19 The kings came, they fought; the kings of Canaan fought at Taanach by the waters of Megiddo. But they took away no silver as plunder.
Jdg 5:20 From heaven the stars fought, from their paths across the heavens, they fought against Sisera.
Jdg 5:21 The Kishon River swept them away, that old river, the Kishon River. March on my soul, be strong!
Jdg 5:22 Then the sound of horses' hooves, galloping, the galloping of his powerful horses.
Jdg 5:23 'Curse Meroz!' declares the angel of Yehowah. 'Surely curse its inhabitants, because they did not come to help Yehowah, to help Yehowah in the battle against the mighty warriors.'
Jdg 5:24 Jael is blessed more than all other women, Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite; she is more blessed than all the women who live in tents.
Jdg 5:25 The man asked for water, and she gave him milk; she brought him butter in a dish fit for princes.
Jdg 5:26 She put her hand to the tent peg, and her right hand to the workman's hammer; with the hammer she struck Sisera, she crushed his head. She smashed his skull into pieces, when she pierced him through the side of his head.
Jdg 5:27 He collapsed between her feet, he fell, and he lay there. Between her feet he fell limp. The place he collapsed is where he was violently killed.
Jdg 5:28 Out of a window she looked, the mother of Sisera looked through the lattice, and she called out in sadness, 'Why has it taken his chariot so long to come? Why have the hoofbeats of the horses that pull his chariots been delayed?'
Jdg 5:29 Her wisest princesses replied, and she gave herself the same answer:
Jdg 5:30 'Have they not found and divided up the plunder? A maiden, two maidens for every man; the plunder of dyed fabric for Sisera, the plunder of dyed fabric embroidered, two pieces of dyed fabric embroidered for the necks of those who plunder?'
Jdg 5:31 So may all your enemies perish, Yehowah! But your friends will be like the sun when it rises in its might." Then the land had peace for forty years (c. 1386 BC).

Judges Chapter 6

Jdg 6:1 The people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah, and he gave them into the hand of Midian for seven years (c. 1346 BC).
Jdg 6:2 The power of Midian oppressed Israel. Because of Midian, the people of Israel made shelters for themselves from the dens in the hills, the caves, and the strongholds.
Jdg 6:3 It happened that any time the Israelis planted their crops, the Midianites, the Amalekites, and the people from the East would attack the Israelis.
Jdg 6:4 They would set up their military force on the land and destroy the crops, all the way to Gaza. They would leave no food in Israel, and no sheep, nor cattle, or donkeys.
Jdg 6:5 Whenever they, their livestock, and tents came up, they would come as a swarm of locusts, and it was impossible to count either the people or their camels. They invaded the land in order to destroy it.
Jdg 6:6 Midian weakened the Israelis so severely, that the people of Israel called out to Yehowah.
Jdg 6:7 When the people of Israel called out to Yehowah because of Midian,
Jdg 6:8 Yehowah sent a prophet to the people of Israel. The prophet said to them, “This is what Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, says: ‘I brought you up from Egypt; I brought you out of the house of slavery.
Jdg 6:9 I rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians, and from the hand of all who were oppressing you. I drove them out before you, and I gave you their land.
Jdg 6:10 I declared to you, “I am Yehowah your Divine One; I commanded you not to worship the deities of the Amorites, in whose land you are living.” But you have not obeyed my voice.’”
Jdg 6:11 Now the angel of Yehowah came and sat under the oak in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while Gideon, Joash’s son, was threshing wheat at the farmstead to hide it from the Midianites.
Jdg 6:12 The angel of Yehowah appeared to him and said to him, “Yehowah is with you, you strong warrior!”
Jdg 6:13 Gideon responded to him, “Oh, my master, if Yehowah is with us, why then has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers told us about, when they asked, ‘Did not Yehowah bring us up from Egypt?’ But now, Yehowah has abandoned us and has given us into the hand of Midian.”
Jdg 6:14 Yehowah looked at him and commanded, “Go in the strength you already have. Deliver Israel from the hand of Midian. Have I not sent you?”

Jdg 6:15 Gideon replied to him, “Please, Lord, how can I deliver Israel? See, my family is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least important in my father’s household.”
Jdg 6:16 Yehowah answered him, “I will be with you, and you will defeat the entire Midianite military force as one man.”
Jdg 6:17 Gideon responded to him, “If now I have found grace in your eyes, then give me a sign that it is you who is speaking to me.
Jdg 6:18 Please, do not leave here, until I come to you, bring out my gift, and set it before you.” Yehowah replied, “I will wait until you return.”
Jdg 6:19 Gideon went and prepared a young goat, and from 22 liters of flour he made unleavened bread. He put the meat in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot and brought them to him under the oak tree, and presented them.
Jdg 6:20 The angel of the Almighty ordered him, “Take the meat and the unleavened bread and put them on this rock, and pour out the broth over them.” That is what Gideon did.
Jdg 6:21 Then the angel of Yehowah reached out with the end of the trekking pole in his hand. With it he touched the flesh and the unleavened bread; a fire went up out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. Then the angel of Yehowah went away, and Gideon could no longer see him.
Jdg 6:22 Gideon understood that this was the angel of Yehowah. Gideon exclaimed, “Ah, Lord Yehowah! For I have seen the angel of Yehowah face to face!”
Jdg 6:23 Yehowah comforted him, “Peace to you! Do not be afraid, you will not die.”
Jdg 6:24 So Gideon built an altar there to Yehowah. He called it, “Yehowah-Shalom.” To this day it still stands at Ophrah of the clan of Abiezer.
Jdg 6:25 That night Yehowah ordered him, “Take your father’s bull, and a second bull that is seven years old, and pull apart the altar of Baal that belongs to your father, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it.
Jdg 6:26 Build an altar to Yehowah your Divine One on the top of this place of refuge, and construct it the correct way. Offer the second bull as a burnt offering, using the wood from the Asherah that you cut down.”
Jdg 6:27 So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as Yehowah had told him. But because he was too afraid of his father’s household and the men of the town to do it during the day, he did it at night.
Jdg 6:28 At dawn, when the men of the town arose, the altar of Baal was broken down, and the Asherah that was beside it was cut down, and the second bull had been offered on the altar that had been built.
Jdg 6:29 The men of the city asked one another, “Who has done this?” When they talked with others and searched for answers, they concluded, “Gideon son of Joash has done this thing.”

Jdg 6:30 Then the men of the town said to Joash, “Bring out your son, so that he may be executed, because he pulled apart the altar of Baal, and because he cut down the Asherah beside it.”
Jdg 6:31 Joash replied to all who opposed him, “Will you plead the case for Baal? Will you save him? Whoever pleads the case for him, let him be executed while it is still morning. If Baal is a deity, let him defend himself when someone pulls his altar apart.”
Jdg 6:32 Therefore, on that day they called Gideon “Jerub Baal” (may the Lord be great), as he said, “Let Baal defend himself against him,” because Gideon broke down Baal’s altar.
Jdg 6:33 Now all the Midianites, the Amalekites, and the people of the East gathered together. They crossed over the Jordan River and camped in the Valley of Jezreel.
Jdg 6:34 But the Ruach of Yehowah came over Gideon. Gideon blew a trumpet, calling out the clan of Abiezer, so they might follow him.
Jdg 6:35 He sent messengers all throughout Manasseh, and they too, were called out to follow him. He also sent messengers to Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali, and they went up to meet him.
Jdg 6:36 Gideon said to the Almighty, “If you intend to use me to save Israel, as you have said,
Jdg 6:37 look, I am putting a woolen fleece on the threshing floor. If there is dew only on the fleece, and it is dry on all the ground, then I will know that you will use me to save Israel, as you said.”
Jdg 6:38 This is what happened, Gideon rose early the next morning, he pressed the fleece together, and wrung out the dew from the fleece, enough to fill a bowl with water.
Jdg 6:39 Then Gideon said to the Almighty, “Do not be angry with me, I will speak one more time. Please allow me one more test using the fleece. This time make the fleece dry and let there be dew on all the ground around it.”
Jdg 6:40 The Almighty did what he asked for that night. The fleece was dry, and there was dew on all the ground around it.

Judges Chapter 7

Jdg 7:1 Then Jerub Baal, that is, Gideon, rose up early, and all the people who were with him, and they encamped beside the spring of Harod. The military force of Midian was to their north in the valley near the hill of Moreh.
Jdg 7:2 Yehowah said to Gideon, “There are too many soldiers for me to give you victory over the Midianites, so that Israel may not boast over me, saying, ‘Our own power has saved us.’
Jdg 7:3 Now therefore, proclaim in the ears of the people, ‘Whoever is afraid, whoever trembles, let him return and depart from Mount Gilead.’” So twenty-two thousand people went away, and ten thousand remained.
Jdg 7:4 Yehowah said to Gideon, “The people are still too many. Take them down to the water, and I will make their number smaller for you there. If I say to you, ‘This one will go with you,’ he will go with you; but if I say, ‘This one will not go with you,’ he will not go.”
Jdg 7:5 So Gideon brought the people down to the water, and Yehowah said to him, “Separate everyone who laps up the water, as a dog laps, from those who kneel down to drink.”
Jdg 7:6 Three hundred men lapped. The rest of the men kneeled down to drink water.
Jdg 7:7 Yehowah said to Gideon, “With the three hundred men who lapped, I will rescue you and give you victory over the Midianites. Let every other man go back to his own place.”
Jdg 7:8 So those who were chosen took their supplies and their trumpets. Gideon sent away all the men of Israel, every man to his tent, but he kept the three hundred men. Now the Midian military camp was down below him in the valley.
Jdg 7:9 That same night Yehowah ordered him, “Get up! Attack the military camp, for I am going to give you victory over it.
Jdg 7:10 But if you are afraid to go down, go down to the camp with Purah your servant,
Jdg 7:11 and listen to what they are saying, and your courage will be strengthened to attack the camp.” So Gideon went with Purah his servant down to the guard posts of the military camp.
Jdg 7:12 The Midianites, the Amalekites, and all the people of the East settled along in the valley, as thick as a cloud of locusts. Their camels were more than could be counted; they were more in number than the grains of sand on the seashore.
Jdg 7:13 When Gideon arrived there, a man was telling a dream to his companion. The man said, “Look! I had a dream, and I saw a round loaf of

barley bread tumbling into the military camp of Midian. It came to the tent, and hit it so hard that it fell down and turned it upside down, so that it lay flat.”
Jdg 7:14 The other man interpreted, “This is nothing other than the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, the Israeli. The Almighty has given him victory over Midian and all their military force.”
Jdg 7:15 When Gideon heard the retelling of the dream and its interpretation, he bowed down in worship. He went back to the camp of Israel and shouted, “Get up! Yehowah has given you victory over the Midian military force!”
Jdg 7:16 He divided the three hundred men into three groups, and he gave them all trumpets and empty jars, with torches inside each jar.
Jdg 7:17 He ordered them, “Look at me and do what I do. Watch! When I come to the edge of the camp, you must do what I do.
Jdg 7:18 When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then blow your trumpets also on every side of the entire camp and shout, ‘For Yehowah and for Gideon!’”
Jdg 7:19 So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the edge of the camp, right at the beginning of the middle watch. Just as the Midianites were changing guard, they blew the trumpets and broke the jars that were in their hands.
Jdg 7:20 The three companies blew the trumpets and broke the jars. They held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands to blow them. They shouted out, “The sword of Yehowah and of Gideon!”
Jdg 7:21 Every man stood in his place around the camp and all the Midianite military force ran. They shouted and ran away.
Jdg 7:22 When they blew the three hundred trumpets, Yehowah set every Midianite man’s sword against his comrades and against all their military force. The military force fled as far as Beth Shittah toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel Meholah, near Tabbath.
Jdg 7:23 The men of Israel from Naphtali, Asher, and all Manasseh were called out, and they went after Midian.
Jdg 7:24 Gideon sent messengers throughout all the hill country of Ephraim, commanding, “Go down against Midian and take control of the Jordan River, as far as Beth Barah, to stop them.” So all the men of Ephraim gathered together and took control of the waters, as far as Beth Barah and the Jordan River.
Jdg 7:25 They captured the two princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. They killed Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and they killed Zeeb at the winepress of Zeeb. They went after the Midianites, and they brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon, who was on the other side of the Jordan River.

Judges Chapter 8

Jdg 8:1 The men of Ephraim said to Gideon, “What is this you have done to us? You did not call us when you went to fight against Midian.” Then they had a violent argument with him.
Jdg 8:2 He asked them, “What have I done now compared to you? Are not the gleanings of Ephraim’s grapes better than the full grape harvest of Abiezer?
Jdg 8:3 The Almighty has given you victory over the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb! What have I accomplished compared to you?” Their anger toward him died down when he said this.
Jdg 8:4 Gideon came to the Jordan River and crossed over it, he and the three hundred men who were with him. They were exhausted, yet they still kept up the pursuit.
Jdg 8:5 He said to the men of Succoth, “Please give loaves of bread to the people who follow me, for they are exhausted, and I am pursuing Zebah and Zalmunna, the kings of Midian.”
Jdg 8:6 Then the officials asked, “Are the palms (as proof-of-death) of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand? Why should we give bread to your military force?”
Jdg 8:7 Gideon answered, “When Yehowah has given us victory over Zebah and Zalmunna, I will tear your skin with the desert thorns and briers.”
Jdg 8:8 He went up from there to Penuel and spoke to the people there in the same way, but the men of Penuel answered him just as the men of Succoth had answered.
Jdg 8:9 He spoke also to the men of Penuel, “When I come again in peace, I will pull down this tower.”
Jdg 8:10 Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor with their military force, about fifteen thousand men, all who remained out of the entire military force of the people of the East, for there had fallen 120,000 men who were trained to fight with the sword.
Jdg 8:11 Gideon went up the road taken by tent dwellers, past Nobah and Jogbehah. He defeated the enemy military force, because they were not expecting an attack.
Jdg 8:12 Zebah and Zalmunna fled, and as Gideon pursued them, he captured the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and set their whole military force into a panic.
Jdg 8:13 Gideon, son of Joash, returned from the battle going through the pass of Heres.

Jdg 8:14 He ran into a young man of the people of Succoth and sought advice from him. The young man wrote down for him the leaders of Succoth and its elders, seventy-seven men.
Jdg 8:15 Gideon came to the men of Succoth and said, “Look at Zebah and Zalmunna, about whom you mocked me and said, ‘Have you already conquered Zebah and Zalmunna? We do not know that we should give bread to your military force.’”
Jdg 8:16 Gideon took the elders of the city, and he punished the men of Succoth with the desert thorns and briers.
Jdg 8:17 Then he pulled down the tower of Penuel and killed the men of that city.
Jdg 8:18 Then Gideon asked Zebah and Zalmunna, “What kind of men did you kill at Tabor?” They answered, “As you are, so were they. Every one of them looked like the son of a king.”
Jdg 8:19 Gideon responded, “They were my brothers, the sons of my mother. As Yehowah lives, if you had saved them alive, I would not kill you.”
Jdg 8:20 He ordered Jether his firstborn, “Get up and kill them!” But the young man did not draw his sword, for he was afraid, because he was still a young boy.
Jdg 8:21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, “Get up yourself and kill us! For as the man is, so is his strength.” Gideon rose and killed Zebah and Zalmunna. He also took off the crescent-shaped ornaments that were on their camels’ necks.
Jdg 8:22 Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, “Rule over us, you, your son, and your grandson, because you have saved us out of the hand of Midian.”
Jdg 8:23 Gideon responded to them, “I will not rule over you, neither will my son rule over you. Yehowah will rule over you.”
Jdg 8:24 Gideon said to them, “Let me make a request of you: That every one of you would give me the earrings from his plunder.” The Midianites had golden earrings because they were Ishmaelites.
Jdg 8:25 They answered, “We are glad to give them to you.” They spread out a cloak and every man threw on it the earrings from his plunder.
Jdg 8:26 The weight of the golden earrings that he requested was twenty kilograms of gold. This plunder was in addition to the crescent ornaments, the pendants, the purple clothing that was worn by the kings of Midian, and in addition to the chains that had been around their camels’ necks.
Jdg 8:27 Gideon made an ephod out of the earrings and put it in his city, in Ophrah, and all Israel prostituted themselves by worshiping it there. It became a trap for Gideon and for those in his household.
Jdg 8:28 So Midian was subdued before the people of Israel, and they did not raise their heads up again. So the land had peace for forty years in the days of Gideon (c. 1339 BC).
Jdg 8:29 Jerub Baal, son of Joash, went and lived in his own house.

Jdg 8:30 Gideon had seventy sons who were his descendants, for he had many wives.
Jdg 8:31 His concubine, who was in Shechem, also bore him a son, and Gideon gave him the name Abimelech.
Jdg 8:32 Gideon, son of Joash, died at a good old age and was buried in Ophrah in the tomb of Joash his father, of the clan of Abiezer.
Jdg 8:33 It came about, as soon as Gideon was dead (c. 1300 BC), the people of Israel turned again and prostituted themselves by worshiping the Baals. They made Baal Berith their deity.
Jdg 8:34 The people of Israel did not remember to honor Yehowah their Divine One, who had rescued them from the hand of all their enemies on every side.
Jdg 8:35 They did not keep their promises to the house of Jerub Baal, that is, Gideon, in return for all the good he had done in Israel.

Judges Chapter 9

Jdg 9:1 Abimelech son of Jerub Baal (Gideon) went to his mother's relatives at Shechem, and he said to them and to the whole clan of his mother's family (c. 1299 BC),
Jdg 9:2 "Please say this, so that all the leaders in Shechem may hear, 'Which is better for you: To have all seventy sons of Jerub Baal rule over you, or that just one rule over you?' Remember that I am your bone and your flesh."
Jdg 9:3 His mother's relatives spoke for him to the leaders of Shechem, and they agreed to follow Abimelech, for they affirmed, "He is our brother."
Jdg 9:4 They gave him 70-weight silver-currency out of the house of Baal Berith, and Abimelech used it to hire men of lawless and reckless character, who followed him.
Jdg 9:5 Abimelech went to his father's house at Ophrah, and upon one stone he murdered his seventy brothers, the sons of Jerub Baal. Only Jotham was left, the youngest son of Jerub Baal, for he hid himself.
Jdg 9:6 All the leaders of Shechem and Beth Millo came together, and they went and made Abimelech king, beside the oak near the pillar which is in Shechem.
Jdg 9:7 When Jotham was told about this, he went and stood on the top of Mount Gerizim. He shouted to them, "Listen to me, you leaders of Shechem, so that the Almighty may listen to you!
Jdg 9:8 The trees once went out to anoint a king over them. For they entreated the olive tree, 'Reign over us.'
Jdg 9:9 But the olive tree asked them, 'Should I give up my oil, which is used to honor deities and mankind, so I may return, just to sway over the other trees?'
Jdg 9:10 The trees entreated the fig tree, 'Come and reign over us.'
Jdg 9:11 But the fig tree asked them, 'Should I give up my sweetness and my good fruit, just so I could return and sway over the other trees?'
Jdg 9:12 The trees entreated the vine, 'Come and reign over us.'
Jdg 9:13 The vine asked them, 'Should I give up my new wine, which cheers deities and mankind, and return and sway over the other trees?'
Jdg 9:14 Then said all the trees to the thorn bush, 'Come and reign over us.'
Jdg 9:15 The thorn bush replied to the trees, 'If you truly want to anoint me as king over you, then come and find safety under my shade. If not, then let fire come out of the thorn bush and let it burn up the cedars of Lebanon.'
Jdg 9:16 Now therefore, if you have acted in truth and honesty, when you made Abimelech king, and if you have done well concerning Jerub Baal and his household, and if you have punished him as he deserves,
Jdg 9:17 and to think that my father fought for you, risked his life, and rescued you out of the hand of Midian,

Jdg 9:18 but today you have risen up against my father's household and have murdered his sons, seventy persons, upon one stone. Then you have made Abimelech, the son of his female servant, king over the leaders of Shechem, because he is your relative.
Jdg 9:19 If you acted with honesty and integrity with Jerub Baal and his household, then you should rejoice in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you.
Jdg 9:20 But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech and burn up the men of Shechem and Beth Millo. Let fire come out from the men of Shechem and Beth Millo, to burn up Abimelech."
Jdg 9:21 Jotham fled and ran away, and he went to Beer. He lived there, because it was far away from Abimelech, his brother.
Jdg 9:22 Abimelech ruled over Israel for three years (c. 1299 BC).
Jdg 9:23 The Almighty sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the leaders of Shechem. The leaders of Shechem betrayed the trust they had with Abimelech.
Jdg 9:24 Yehowah did this, so the violence done to the seventy sons of Jerub Baal might be avenged, and Abimelech their brother would be held responsible for murdering them, and the men of Shechem would be held responsible, because they helped him murder his brothers.
Jdg 9:25 So the leaders of Shechem positioned men to lie in wait on the hilltops that they might ambush him, and they robbed all who passed by them along that road. This was reported to Abimelech.
Jdg 9:26 Gaal son of Ebed came with his relatives, and they went over to Shechem. The leaders of Shechem had confidence in him.
Jdg 9:27 They went out into the field and gathered grapes from the vineyards, and they trampled on them. They held a festival in the house of their deity, where they ate and drank, and they cursed Abimelech.
Jdg 9:28 Gaal son of Ebed, asked, "Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? Is he not the son of Jerub Baal? Is Zebul not his officer? Serve the men of Hamor, Shechem's father! Why should we serve Abimelech?
Jdg 9:29 I wish that this people were under my command! Then would I remove Abimelech. I would say to Abimelech, 'Call out all your military force.'"
Jdg 9:30 When Zebul, the official of the city, heard the words of Gaal son of Ebed his anger was kindled.
Jdg 9:31 He sent messengers to Abimelech in order to deceive, saying, "See, Gaal son of Ebed and his relatives are coming to Shechem, and they are stirring up the city against you.
Jdg 9:32 Now get up during the night, you and the soldiers with you, and prepare an ambush in the fields.
Jdg 9:33 Then at dawn, as soon as the sun is up, rise early and make a raid on the city. When he and the people with him come out against you, do whatever you can to them."

Jdg 9:34 So Abimelech rose up during the night, he and all the men who were with him, and they set an ambush against Shechem, dividing into four units.
Jdg 9:35 Gaal son of Ebed went out and stood in the entrance of the city gate. Abimelech and the men who were with him came out of their hiding place.
Jdg 9:36 When Gaal saw the men, he exclaimed to Zebul, “See, men are coming down from the hilltops!” Zebul said to him, “You are seeing the shadows on the hills like they are men.”
Jdg 9:37 Gaal spoke again, “Look, men are coming down in the middle of the land, and one unit is coming by way of the oak of the diviners!”
Jdg 9:38 Then Zebul said to him, “Where are your proud words now, you who asked, ‘Who is Abimelech that we should serve him?’ Are these not the men you despised? Go out now and fight against them.”
Jdg 9:39 Gaal went out, and he was leading the men of Shechem, and he fought Abimelech.
Jdg 9:40 Abimelech chased him, and Gaal fled before him. Many fell with deadly wounds before the entrance to the city gate.
Jdg 9:41 Abimelech stayed in Arumah. Zebul forced Gaal and his relatives out of Shechem.
Jdg 9:42 On the next day, the people of Shechem went out into the field, and this was reported to Abimelech.
Jdg 9:43 He took his people, divided them into three units, and they set an ambush in the fields. He looked and saw the people coming out from the city, and he attacked and killed them.
Jdg 9:44 Abimelech and the units that were with him attacked and blocked the entrance to the city gate. The other two units attacked all who were in the field and killed them.
Jdg 9:45 Abimelech fought against the city all that day. He captured the city and killed the people who were in it. He tore down the city walls and spread salt over it.
Jdg 9:46 When all the leaders of the tower of Shechem heard of it, they entered the stronghold of the house of El Berith.
Jdg 9:47 Abimelech was told that all the leaders had gathered together at the tower of Shechem.
Jdg 9:48 Abimelech went up to Mount Zalmon, he and all the men who were with him. Abimelech took an ax and cut off branches. He put it on his shoulder and ordered the men with him, “What you have seen me do, hurry and do as I have done!”
Jdg 9:49 So every one cut off branches and followed Abimelech. They piled them against the wall of the tower, and they set it on fire, so that all the people of the tower of Shechem also died, about a thousand men and women.

Jdg 9:50 Then Abimelech went to Thebez, and he encamped against Thebez and captured it.
Jdg 9:51 But there was a strong tower in the city, all the men and women and all the leaders of the city fled to it and shut themselves in. Then they went up to the roof of the tower.
Jdg 9:52 Abimelech came to the tower and fought against it, and he came up near to the door of the tower to burn it.
Jdg 9:53 But a woman dropped an upper millstone on Abimelech's head, and it cracked his skull.
Jdg 9:54 Then he called urgently to the young man who was his armor bearer, "Draw your sword and kill me, so no one will say about me, 'A woman killed him!'" So his young man pierced him through, and he died.
Jdg 9:55 When the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they went home.
Jdg 9:56 So the Almighty avenged the evil of Abimelech that he did to his father by murdering his seventy brothers.
Jdg 9:57 The Almighty made all the evil of the men of Shechem turn back on their own heads, and on them came the curse of Jotham son of Jerub Baal (Gideon).

Judges Chapter 10

Jdg 10:1 After Abimelech, Tola son of Puah son of Dodo, a man from Issachar who lived in Shamir, in the hill country of Ephraim, arose to deliver Israel.
Jdg 10:2 He judged Israel twenty-three years. He died and was buried in Shamir (c. 1274 BC).
Jdg 10:3 He was followed by Jair the Gileadite. He judged Israel twenty-two years.
Jdg 10:4 He had thirty sons who rode on thirty donkeys, and they had thirty cities, which are called Havvoth Jair to this day, which are in the land of Gilead.
Jdg 10:5 Jair died and was buried in Kamon (c. 1252 BC).
Jdg 10:6 The people of Israel added to the evil they had done in the sight of Yehowah and worshiped the Baals, the Ashtoreths, the deities of Aram, the deities of Sidon, the deities of Moab, the deities of the people of Ammon, and the deities of the Philistines. They abandoned Yehowah and no longer worshiped him.
Jdg 10:7 Yehowah burned with anger toward Israel, and he sold them into the hand of the Philistines and into the hand of the Ammonites.
Jdg 10:8 They crushed and oppressed the people of Israel that year (c. 1251 BC), and for eighteen years they oppressed all the people of Israel who were beyond the Jordan River in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.
Jdg 10:9 Then the Ammonites crossed over the Jordan River to fight against Judah, against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim, so that Israel was greatly distressed.
Jdg 10:10 Then the people of Israel called out to Yehowah, “We have sinned against you, because we abandoned our Divine One and worshiped the Baals.”
Jdg 10:11 Yehowah said to the people of Israel, “Did I not deliver you from the Egyptians, the Amorites, the Ammonites, the Philistines,
Jdg 10:12 and also from the Sidonians? The Amalekites and the Maonites oppressed you; you called out to me, and I delivered you from their power.
Jdg 10:13 Yet you abandoned me again and worshiped false deities. Therefore, I will not keep adding to the times I deliver you.
Jdg 10:14 Go and call out to the deities that you have worshiped. Let them rescue you when you have trouble.”
Jdg 10:15 The people of Israel pleaded with Yehowah, “We have sinned. Do to us whatever seems good to you. Only please, rescue us this day.”
Jdg 10:16 They got rid of the foreign deities among them, and they worshiped Yehowah. Then he could bear Israel’s misery no longer.
Jdg 10:17 Then Ammonites gathered together and set up camp in Gilead. The Israelis came together and set up their camp at Mizpah.

Jdg 10:18 The leaders of the people of Gilead said one to another, “Who is the man who will begin to fight the Ammonites? He will become the leader over all those who are living in Gilead.”

Judges Chapter 11

Jdg 11:1 Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty warrior, but he was the son of a prostitute. Gilead was his father.
Jdg 11:2 Gilead's wife also gave birth to his other sons. When his wife's sons grew up, they forced Jephthah to leave the house and informed him, "You are not going to inherit anything from our family. You are the son of another woman."
Jdg 11:3 So Jephthah fled from his brothers and lived in the land of Tob. Lawless men joined Jephthah, and they came and went with him.
Jdg 11:4 Some days later, the people of Ammon made war against Israel.
Jdg 11:5 When the people of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to bring Jephthah back from the land of Tob.
Jdg 11:6 They entreated Jephthah, "Come and be our leader that we may fight with the people of Ammon."
Jdg 11:7 Jephthah replied to the leaders of Gilead, "You hated me and forced me to leave my father's house. Why do you come to me now when you are in trouble?"
Jdg 11:8 The elders of Gilead pleaded with Jephthah, "That is why we are turning to you now; come with us and fight with the people of Ammon, and you will become the leader over all who live in Gilead."
Jdg 11:9 Jephthah responded to the elders of Gilead, "If you bring me home again to fight against the people of Ammon, and if Yehowah gives us victory over them, I will be your leader."
Jdg 11:10 The elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, "May Yehowah be witness between us, if we do not do as we say!"
Jdg 11:11 So Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him leader and commander over them. When he was before Yehowah in Mizpah, Jephthah repeated all the promises he made.
Jdg 11:12 Then Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the people of Ammon, asking, "What is this conflict between us? Why have you come with force to take our land?"
Jdg 11:13 The king of the people of Ammon answered the messengers of Jephthah, "Because when Israel came up out of Egypt, they seized my land from the Arnon (aka Zarqa River) to the Jabbok (modern Yarmuk River), over to the Jordan River. Now give back those lands in peace."
Jdg 11:14 Again, Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the people of Ammon,
Jdg 11:15 and they said, "This is what Jephthah says: Israel did not take the land of Moab and the land of the people of Ammon,
Jdg 11:16 but they came up from Egypt, and Israel went through the wilderness

to the SEA and on to Kadesh (modern Tabuk, Saudi Arabia; Num. 21:4).
Jdg 11:17 When Israel sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, 'Please let us pass through your land,' the king of Edom would not listen. They also sent messengers to the king of Moab, but he refused. So Israel stayed at Kadesh.
Jdg 11:18 Then they went through the wilderness and turned away from the land of Edom and the land of Moab, and they went along the east side of the land of Moab, and they camped on the other side of the Arnon (aka Zarqa River). But they did not go into the territory of Moab, for the Arnon was Moab's border.
Jdg 11:19 Israel sent messengers to Sihon, king of the Amorites, who ruled in Heshbon; Israel entreated him, 'Please, let us pass through your land to the place that is ours.'
Jdg 11:20 But Sihon did not trust Israel to pass through his territory. So Sihon gathered all his military force together and moved it to Jahaz, and there he fought against Israel.
Jdg 11:21 Then Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, gave Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel and they defeated them. So Israel took all the land of the Amorites who lived in that country.
Jdg 11:22 They took over everything within the territory of the Amorites, from the Arnon (aka Zarqa) to the Jabbok (modern Yarmuk River), and from the wilderness to the Jordan River.
Jdg 11:23 So then Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, has driven out the Amorites before his people Israel, and should you now take possession of their land?
Jdg 11:24 Will you not take over the land that Chemosh, your deity, gives you? So whatever land Yehowah our Divine One has given us, we will take over.
Jdg 11:25 Now are you really better than Balak son of Zippor, king of Moab? Did he dare to have an argument with Israel? Did he ever wage war against them?
Jdg 11:26 While Israel lived for three hundred years in Heshbon and its villages, and in Aroer and its villages, and in all the cities that are along the banks of the Arnon (aka Zarqa River), why then did you not take them back during that time?
Jdg 11:27 I have not done you wrong, but you are doing me wrong by attacking me. Yehowah, the Judge, will decide today between the people of Israel and the people of Ammon."
Jdg 11:28 But the king of the people of Ammon rejected the warning Jephthah sent him.
Jdg 11:29 Then the Ruach of Yehowah came on Jephthah, and he passed through Gilead and Manasseh, and passed through Mizpah of Gilead, and from Mizpah of Gilead he passed through to the people of Ammon.
Jdg 11:30 Jephthah made a vow to Yehowah, "If you give me victory over the people of Ammon,
Jdg 11:31 then whatever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the people of Ammon will belong to Yehowah, and I will

offer it up as a burnt offering.”
Jdg 11:32 So Jephthah passed through to the people of Ammon to fight against them, and Yehowah gave him victory.
Jdg 11:33 He attacked them and caused a great slaughter from Aroer as far as Minnith, twenty cities, and to Abel Keramim. So the people of Ammon were put under the control of the people of Israel.
Jdg 11:34 Jephthah came to his home at Mizpah, and there his daughter came out to meet him with tambourines and with dancing. She was his only child, and besides her, he had neither son nor daughter.
Jdg 11:35 As soon as he saw her, he tore his clothes and exclaimed, “Oh! My daughter! You have crushed me with sorrow, and you have become one who causes me pain! For I have made an oath to Yehowah, and I cannot turn back on my promise.”
Jdg 11:36 She responded to him, “My father, you have made a vow to Yehowah, do to me everything you promised, because Yehowah has taken vengeance for you against your enemies, the Ammonites.”
Jdg 11:37 She said to her father, “Let this promise be kept for me. Leave me alone for two months, that I may leave and go up and down on the hills and grieve over my virginity, I and my companions.”
Jdg 11:38 He ordered, “Go.” He sent her away for two months. She left him, she and her companions, and they grieved her virginity in the hills.
Jdg 11:39 At the end of two months, she returned to her father, who did with her according to the promise of the vow he had made. She never had sex with a man, and it became a custom in Israel,
Jdg 11:40 that the daughters of Israel every year, for four days, would retell the story of the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite.

Judges Chapter 12

Jdg 12:1 A call went out to the men of Ephraim; they passed through Zaphon and said to Jephthah, “Why did you pass through to fight against the people of Ammon and did not call us to go with you? We will burn your house down over you.”
Jdg 12:2 Jephthah replied to them, “I and my people were in a great conflict with the people of Ammon. When I called you, you did not rescue me from them.
Jdg 12:3 When I saw that you did not rescue me, I put my life in my own strength and passed through against the people of Ammon, and Yehowah gave me victory. Why have you come to fight against me today?”
Jdg 12:4 Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and he fought against Ephraim. The men of Gilead attacked the men of Ephraim because they said, “You Gileadites are fugitives in Ephraim, in Ephraim and Manasseh.”
Jdg 12:5 The Gileadites captured the fords of the Jordan River leading to Ephraim. When any of the survivors of Ephraim requested, “Let me go over the river,” the men of Gilead would ask him, “Are you an Ephraimite?” If he said, “No,”
Jdg 12:6 then they would order him, “Say: Shibboleth,” and if he said, “Sibboleth,” for he could not pronounce the word correctly, the Gileadites would seize him and kill him at the fords of the Jordan River. Forty-two thousand Ephraimites were killed at that time.
Jdg 12:7 Jephthah served as a judge over Israel for six years (c. 1233 BC). Then Jephthah the Gileadite died and was buried in one of the cities of Gilead (c. 1228 BC).
Jdg 12:8 After him, Ibzan of Bethlehem served as a judge over Israel.
Jdg 12:9 He had thirty sons. He gave away thirty daughters in marriage, and he brought in thirty daughters of other men for his sons, from the outside. He judged Israel for seven years (c. 1227 BC).
Jdg 12:10 Ibzan died and was buried at Bethlehem (c. 1221 BC).
Jdg 12:11 After him Elon the Zebulunite served as judge over Israel. He judged Israel for ten years (c. 1220 BC).
Jdg 12:12 Elon the Zebulunite died and was buried in Aijalon in the land of Zebulun (c. 1211 BC).
Jdg 12:13 After him, Abdon son of Hillel the Pirathonite served as a judge over Israel.
Jdg 12:14 He had forty sons and thirty grandsons. They rode on seventy donkeys, and he judged Israel for eight years (c. 1210 BC).
Jdg 12:15 Abdon son of Hillel the Pirathonite died and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim in the hill country of the Amalekites (c. 1203 BC).

Judges Chapter 13

Jdg 13:1 The people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah, and Yehowah gave them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years (c. 1202 BC).
Jdg 13:2 There was a man from Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah. His wife was not able to become pregnant, and so she had not given birth (1 Chron. 4:3).
Jdg 13:3 The angel of Yehowah appeared to the woman and said to her, “See now, you have been unable to become pregnant, and you have not given birth, but you will become pregnant, and you will give birth to a son.
Jdg 13:4 Now be careful not to drink wine or beer, and do not eat anything unclean.
Jdg 13:5 Look, you will become pregnant and give birth to a son. No razor will be used upon his head, for the child will be a Nazirite to the Almighty from the womb (Num. 6), and he will begin to deliver Israel from the hand of the Philistines.”
Jdg 13:6 Then the woman came and told her husband, “A man of the Almighty came to me, and his appearance was like that of an angel of the Almighty, extremely terrible. I did not ask him where he came from, and he did not tell me his name.
Jdg 13:7 He said to me, ‘Look! You will become pregnant, and you will give birth to a son. So then drink no wine or beer, and do not eat any food that the law declares to be unclean, because the child will be a Nazirite to the Almighty from the time he is in your womb until the day of his death.’”
Jdg 13:8 Then Manoah prayed to Yehowah, “Oh Lord, please let the man of the Almighty you sent come again to us, so that he may teach us what we are to do for the child who soon will be born.”
Jdg 13:9 The Almighty answered Manoah’s prayer, and the angel of the Almighty came to the woman again when she was sitting in the field. But Manoah her husband was not with her.
Jdg 13:10 So the woman ran quickly and told her husband, “Look! The man has appeared to me, the one who came to me the other day!”
Jdg 13:11 Manoah rose up and followed his wife. When he came to the man, he asked, “Are you the man who spoke with my wife?” The man answered, “I am.”
Jdg 13:12 So Manoah said, “Now may your words come true. What will be the rules for the child, and what will be his work?”
Jdg 13:13 The angel of Yehowah answered Manoah, “She must carefully do everything that I said to her.

Jdg 13:14 She may not eat anything that comes from the vines, and do not let her drink wine or beer; do not let her eat any food that the law declares to be unclean. She should obey everything I commanded her to do.”
Jdg 13:15 Manoah said to the angel of Yehowah, “Please stay for awhile, to give us time to prepare a young goat for you.”
Jdg 13:16 The angel of Yehowah said to Manoah, “Even if I stay, I will not eat your food. But if you prepare a burnt offering, offer it to Yehowah.” Manoah did not know that he was the angel of Yehowah.
Jdg 13:17 Manoah asked the angel of Yehowah, “What is your name, so we may honor you when your words come true?”
Jdg 13:18 The angel of Yehowah answered him, “Why do you ask my name? It is Wonderful!”
Jdg 13:19 So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering and offered them on the rock to Yehowah. He did something marvelous while Manoah and his wife were watching.
Jdg 13:20 When the flame went up from the altar toward the sky, the angel of Yehowah went up in the flame of the altar. Manoah and his wife saw this and lay facedown on the ground.
Jdg 13:21 The angel of Yehowah did not appear again to Manoah or his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was the angel of Yehowah.
Jdg 13:22 Manoah exclaimed to his wife, “We are sure to die, because we have seen the Almighty!”
Jdg 13:23 But his wife responded to him, “If Yehowah wanted to kill us, he would not have received the burnt offering and the grain offering we gave him. He would not have shown us all these things, nor at this time would he have let us hear such things.”
Jdg 13:24 Later, the woman gave birth to a son and called his name Samson. The child grew up, and Yehowah blessed him.
Jdg 13:25 The Ruach of Yehowah began to stir him in Mahaneh Dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

Judges Chapter 14

Jdg 14:1 Samson went down to Timnah, and there he saw a woman, one of the daughters of the Philistines.
Jdg 14:2 When he returned, he told his father and mother, “I saw a woman in Timnah, one of the daughters of the Philistines. Now get her for me to be my wife.”
Jdg 14:3 His father and mother asked him, “Is there not a woman among the daughters of your relatives or among all our people? Are you going to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?” Samson requested of his father, “Get her for me, for when I look at her, she pleases me.”
Jdg 14:4 But his father and his mother did not know that this matter came from Yehowah, for he desired to create a conflict with the Philistines, for at that time the Philistines were ruling Israel.
Jdg 14:5 Then Samson went down to Timnah with his father and his mother, and they came to the vineyards of Timnah. And look there, one of the young lions came up and was roaring at him.
Jdg 14:6 The Ruach of Yehowah suddenly came on him, and he tore the lion apart as easily as he would have torn apart a small goat, and he had nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.
Jdg 14:7 He went and spoke with the woman, and when he looked at her, she pleased Samson.
Jdg 14:8 A few days later when he returned to marry her, he turned aside to look for the carrion of the lion. And look, there was a swarm of bees and honey in what was left of the lion’s body.
Jdg 14:9 He scraped up the honey in his hands and went on, eating as he went. When he came to his father and his mother, he gave some to them, and they ate. But he did not tell them he had taken the honey out of what was left of the lion’s body.
Jdg 14:10 Samson’s father went down to where the woman was, and Samson gave a feast there, for this was the custom of the young men.
Jdg 14:11 As soon as her relatives saw him, they brought him thirty of their friends to be with him.
Jdg 14:12 Samson said to them, “Let me now tell you a riddle. If one of you can find it out and tell me the answer during the seven days of the feast, I will give out thirty linen robes and thirty sets of clothes.
Jdg 14:13 But if you cannot tell me the answer, then you will give me thirty linen robes and thirty sets of clothes.” They replied to him, “Tell us your riddle, so we may hear it.”

Jdg 14:14 He told them, “Out of the eater came edibles; out of the powerful came sweets.” But his guests could not find the answer in three days.
Jdg 14:15 On the fourth day, they said to Samson’s wife, “Trick your husband, so that he may tell us the answer to the riddle, or we will burn up you and your father’s house. Did you invite us here in order to make us poor?”
Jdg 14:16 Samson’s wife started to weep in front of him; she said, “All you do is hate me! You do not love me. You have told a riddle to some of my people, but you have not told me the answer.” Samson asked her, “Look here, if I have not told my father or my mother, should I tell you?”
Jdg 14:17 She cried during the seven days that their feast lasted. On the seventh day he told her the answer, because she pressured him so much. She told the answer to the relatives of her people.
Jdg 14:18 Before the sun went down on the seventh day, the men of the city answered him, “What is sweeter than honey? What is stronger than a lion?” Samson said to them, “If you had not plowed with my heifer, you would not have found the answer to my riddle.”
Jdg 14:19 Then the Ruach of Yehowah suddenly came on Samson with power. Samson went down to Ashkelon and killed thirty of their men. He took their plunder, and he gave their clothes to those who had explained the riddle. Burning with anger, he went up to his father’s house.
Jdg 14:20 Samson’s wife was given to his best friend.

Judges Chapter 15

Jdg 15:1 After some days, during the time of wheat harvest, Samson took a young goat and went to visit his wife. He said to himself, “I will go to my wife’s room.” But her father would not allow him to go in.
Jdg 15:2 Her father said, “I really thought you hated her, so I gave her to your friend. Her younger sister is more beautiful than she is, is she not? Take her instead.”
Jdg 15:3 Samson said to them, “This time I will be innocent in regard to the Philistines when I hurt them.”
Jdg 15:4 Samson went and caught three hundred jackals, and he tied together each pair, tail to tail. Then he took torches and tied them in the middle of each pair of tails.
Jdg 15:5 When he had set the torches on fire, he let the jackals go into the standing grain of the Philistines, and they set fire to both the stacked grain and the grain standing in the field, along with the vineyards and the olive orchards.
Jdg 15:6 The Philistines asked, “Who did this?” They were told, “Samson, the Timnite’s son-in-law, did this because the Timnite took Samson’s wife and gave her to his friend.” Then the Philistines went and burned up her and her father.
Jdg 15:7 Samson said to them, “If this is what you do, I will get my revenge against you, and after that is done, I will stop.”
Jdg 15:8 Then he cut them to pieces, hip and thigh, with a great slaughter. Then he went down and lived in a cave in the cliff of Etam.
Jdg 15:9 Then the Philistines came up and they prepared for battle in Judah and set up their military force in Lehi.
Jdg 15:10 The men of Judah asked, “Why have you come up to attack us?” They answered, “We are attacking, so we may capture Samson, and do to him as he has done to us.”
Jdg 15:11 Then three thousand men of Judah went down to the cave in the cliff of Etam, and they asked Samson, “Do you not know that the Philistines are rulers over us? What is this you have done to us?” Samson answered them, “They did to me, and so I have done to them.”
Jdg 15:12 They replied to Samson, “We have come down to tie you up and give you into the hands of the Philistines.” Samson entreated them, “Swear to me that you will not kill me yourselves.”
Jdg 15:13 They answered him, “No, we will only tie you with ropes and hand you over to them. We promise we will not kill you.” Then they tied him up with two new ropes and brought him up from the rock.

Jdg 15:14 When he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting as they met him. Then the Ruach of Yehowah came on him with power. The ropes on his arms became like burnt flax, and they fell off his hands.
Jdg 15:15 Samson found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, and he picked it up and killed a thousand men with it.
Jdg 15:16 Samson exclaimed, “With the jawbone of a donkey, heaps upon heaps, with the jawbone of a donkey, I have killed a thousand men!”
Jdg 15:17 When Samson finished speaking, he threw away the jawbone, and he called the place Ramath Lehi.
Jdg 15:18 Samson was extremely thirsty and called on Yehowah, “You have given this great victory to your servant. But now, will I die of thirst and fall into the hands of those who are uncircumcised?”
Jdg 15:19 The Almighty split open the hollow place that is at Lehi, and water came out. When he drank, his spirit returned, and he revived. So he called the name of that place En Hakkore, and it is at Lehi to this day.
Jdg 15:20 Samson judged Israel in the days of the Philistines for twenty years (c. 1182 BC).

Judges Chapter 16

Jdg 16:1 Samson went to Gaza and saw a prostitute there, and he went to fornicate with her.
Jdg 16:2 The Gazites were told, “Samson has come here.” The Gazites surrounded the place, and in secret they waited for him all night at the city gate. They kept silent all night. They had said, “Let us wait until daybreak, and then let us murder him.”
Jdg 16:3 Samson lay in bed until midnight. At midnight he rose up, and he took hold of the city gate and its two posts. He pulled them up out of the ground, bar and all, put them on his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of the hill, in front of Hebron.
Jdg 16:4 After this, Samson came to love a woman who lived in the Valley of Sorek. Her name was Delilah.
Jdg 16:5 The rulers of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, “Trick Samson to see where his great strength lies, and by what means we may overpower him, that we may bind him in order to humiliate him. Do this, and each one of us will give you 1,100-weight silver-currency.”
Jdg 16:6 Then Delilah said to Samson, “Please, tell me how is it that you are so strong, and how could anyone bind you, so you might be controlled?”
Jdg 16:7 Samson replied to her, “If they tie me with seven fresh bowstrings that have not been dried, then I will become weak and be like any other man.”
Jdg 16:8 Then the rulers of the Philistines brought up to Delilah seven fresh bowstrings that had not been dried, and she tied Samson up with them.
Jdg 16:9 Now she had men hiding in secret, staying in her inner room. She warned him, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” But he broke the bowstrings like a thread of yarn when it touches the fire. So the secret of his strength was not discovered.
Jdg 16:10 Then Delilah said to Samson, “This is how you have deceived me and told me lies. Please, tell me how you can be overpowered.”
Jdg 16:11 He replied to her, “If they tie me up with new ropes which have never been used for work, I will become weak and like any other man.”
Jdg 16:12 So Delilah took new ropes and tied him up with them and warned him, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” The men lying in wait were in the inner room. But Samson tore off the ropes from his arms like they were a piece of thread.
Jdg 16:13 Delilah said to Samson, “Until now you have deceived me and told me lies. Tell me how you may be overpowered.” Samson replied to her, “If you weave seven locks of my hair into a fabric on a loom, and then nail that to the loom, I will be like any other man.”

Jdg 16:14 While he slept, Delilah wove seven locks of his hair into the fabric on the loom and nailed it to the loom, and she warned him, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” He woke from his sleep, and he pulled out the fabric and the pin from the loom.
Jdg 16:15 She complained to him, “How can you say, ‘I love you,’ when you do not share your secrets with me? You have mocked me these three times and have not told me how you have such great strength.”
Jdg 16:16 Every day she pressed him hard with her words, and she pressured him so much that he wished he would die.
Jdg 16:17 So Samson told her everything, “I have never had a razor cut the hair on my head, for I have been a Nazirite for the Almighty from my mother’s womb (Num. 6). If my head is shaved, then my strength will leave me, and I will become weak and be like every other man.”
Jdg 16:18 When Delilah saw that he had told her the truth about everything, she sent and called for the rulers of the Philistines, requesting, “Come up again, for he has told me everything.” Then the rulers of the Philistines went up to her, bringing the silver in their hands.
Jdg 16:19 She had him fall asleep in her lap. She called for a man to shave off the seven locks of his head, and she began to subdue him, for his strength had left him.
Jdg 16:20 She warned, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” He woke up out of his sleep and said, “I will get out like the other times and shake myself free.” But he did not know that Yehowah had left him.
Jdg 16:21 The Philistines captured him and put out his eyes. They brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze shackles. He turned the millstone at the prison house.
Jdg 16:22 But the hair on his head began to grow again, after it had been shaved.
Jdg 16:23 The rulers of the Philistines gathered together to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their deity, and to rejoice. They boasted, “Our deity has conquered Samson, our enemy, and put him in our grasp!”
Jdg 16:24 When the people saw him, they praised their deity, “Our deity has conquered our enemy and given him to us, the destroyer of our country, who killed many of us!”
Jdg 16:25 When they were celebrating, they ordered, “Call for Samson, that he may make us laugh.” They called for Samson out of the prison, and he made them laugh. They made him stand between the pillars.
Jdg 16:26 Samson requested of the boy who held his hand, “Permit me to touch the pillars on which the building rests, so that I can lean against them.”

Jdg 16:27 Now the house was full of men and women. All the rulers of the Philistines were there. There were on the roof about three thousand men and women, who were looking on while Samson was entertaining them.
Jdg 16:28 Samson called to Yehowah, “Lord Yehowah, call me to mind! Please strengthen me only this once, O Almighty, so that I may have revenge in one blow on the Philistines for taking my two eyes!”
Jdg 16:29 Samson held on to the two middle pillars on which the building rested, and he leaned against them, one pillar with his right hand and the other with his left.
Jdg 16:30 Samson shouted, “Let me die with the Philistines!” He stretched out with his strength and the building fell on the rulers and on all the people who were in it. So the dead that he killed when he died (c. 1163 BC) were more than those he killed during his life.
Jdg 16:31 Then his brothers and all the household of his father came down. They took him, brought him back and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the burial place of Manoah, his father. Samson had judged Israel for twenty years.

Judges Chapter 17

Jdg 17:1 There was a man in the hill country of Ephraim, and his name was Micah.
Jdg 17:2 He confessed to his mother, “The 1,100-weight silver-currency that was taken from you, about which you spoke a curse, and which I heard, look here! I have the silver with me. I stole it.” His mother responded, “May Yehowah bless you, my son!”
Jdg 17:3 He restored the 1,100-weight silver-currency to his mother, and his mother said, “I set apart this silver to Yehowah, for my son to make carved and cast metal figures. So now, I restore it to you.”
Jdg 17:4 When he restored the money to his mother, his mother took 200-weight silver-currency and gave it to a metal worker who made it into carved and cast metal figures, and they were placed in the house of Micah.
Jdg 17:5 The man Micah had a house of idols, and he made an ephod and household deities, and he hired one of his sons to become his priest.
Jdg 17:6 In those days, there was no king in Israel, and everyone did what was right in his own eyes.
Jdg 17:7 Now there was a young man of Bethlehem in Judah, of the family of Judah, who was a Levite. He stayed there to fulfill his duties.
Jdg 17:8 The man left Bethlehem in Judah to go and find a place to live. As he journeyed, he came to Micah’s house in the hill country of Ephraim.
Jdg 17:9 Micah asked him, “Where do you come from?” The man answered him, “I am a Levite of Bethlehem in Judah, and I am traveling to find a place where I might live.”
Jdg 17:10 Micah said to him, “Stay with me, and be to me a father and a priest. I will give you 10-weight silver-currency a year, a suit of clothes, and your food.” So the Levite went into his house.
Jdg 17:11 The Levite was content to live with the man, and the young man became to Micah like one of his sons.
Jdg 17:12 Micah set apart the Levite for consecrated duties, and the young man became his priest, and was in Micah’s house.
Jdg 17:13 Then Micah said, “Now I know that Yehowah will do good for me, because this Levite has become my priest.”

Judges Chapter 18

Jdg 18:1 In those days, there was no king in Israel. The tribe of the descendants of Dan was looking for a territory to live in, for up to that day, they had not received any inheritance from among the tribes of Israel.
Jdg 18:2 The people of Dan sent five men from the whole number of their tribe, men who were experienced warriors from Zorah and from Eshtaol, to scout the land on foot and to look it over. They ordered them, “Go and look over the land.” They came to the hill country of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, and they spent the night there.
Jdg 18:3 When they were near Micah’s house, they recognized the speech of the young Levite. So they stopped and asked him, “Who brought you here? What are you doing in this place? Why are you here?”
Jdg 18:4 He answered them, “This is what Micah has done for me: He has hired me to become his priest.”
Jdg 18:5 They entreated him, “Please seek the advice of the Almighty, so we may know whether the journey we are going on will be successful.”
Jdg 18:6 The priest replied to them, “Go in peace. Yehowah will lead you in the Way you should go.”
Jdg 18:7 Then the five men left and came to Laish, and they saw that the people were living in safety, in the same way the Sidonians lived, undisturbed and secure. There was no one who conquered them or who oppressed them in any way in the land. They lived far away from the Sidonians and had no dealings with anyone.
Jdg 18:8 They returned to their tribe in Zorah and Eshtaol. Their relatives asked them, “What is your intelligence report?”
Jdg 18:9 They reported, “Come! Let us attack them! We have seen the land, and it is extremely good. Are you doing nothing? Do not be slow to attack and conquer the land.
Jdg 18:10 When you go, you will come to a people who think they are secure, and the land is wide! The Almighty has given it to you, a place that does not lack anything in the land.”
Jdg 18:11 Six hundred men of the tribe of Dan, armed with weapons of war, set out from Zorah and Eshtaol.
Jdg 18:12 They went up and camped at Kiriath Jearim, in Judah. This is why people called that place Camp of Dan to this day; it is west of Kiriath Jearim.
Jdg 18:13 They went away from there to the hill country of Ephraim and came to the house of Micah.

Jdg 18:14 Then the five men who had gone to scout the country of Laish asked their relatives, “Do you know that in these houses there are an ephod, household deities, a carved figure, and a cast metal figure? Decide now what you will do.”
Jdg 18:15 So they turned in there and came to the house of the young Levite, at the house of Micah, and they greeted him.
Jdg 18:16 Now the six hundred Danites, armed with weapons of war, stood at the entrance of the gate.
Jdg 18:17 The five men who had gone to scout out the land went there, and they took the carved figure, the ephod, the household deities, and the cast metal figure, while the priest stood by the opening of the gate with the six hundred men armed with weapons of war.
Jdg 18:18 When these went into Micah’s house and took the carved figure, the ephod, the household deities, and the cast metal figure, the priest asked them, “What are you doing?”
Jdg 18:19 They ordered him, “Be quiet! Put your hand on your mouth and come with us, and be to us a father and a priest. Is it better for you to be priest for the household of one man, or to be priest for a tribe and a clan in Israel” (Gen. 14:14)?
Jdg 18:20 The priest’s heart was glad. He took the ephod, the household deities, and the carved figure, and went along with the people.
Jdg 18:21 So they turned and went away. They put the small children in front of themselves, as well as the livestock and their possessions.
Jdg 18:22 When they were a good distance from the house of Micah, the men who were in the houses near Micah’s house were called together, and they caught up with the Danites.
Jdg 18:23 They shouted to the Danites, and they turned and asked Micah, “Why have you been called together?”
Jdg 18:24 He complained, “You stole the deities that I made, you have taken my priest, and you are leaving. What else do I have left? How can you ask me, ‘What is bothering you?’”
Jdg 18:25 The people of Dan responded to him, “You should not let us hear you say anything, or some extremely angry men will attack you, and you and your family will be killed.”
Jdg 18:26 Then the people of Dan went their way. When Micah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back to his house.
Jdg 18:27 The people of Dan took what Micah had made, as well as his priest, and they came to Laish, to a people who were undisturbed and secure, and they killed them with the sword and burned the city.
Jdg 18:28 There was no one to rescue them, because it was a long way from Sidon, and they had no dealings with anyone. It was in the valley that is near Beth Rehob. The Danites rebuilt the city and lived there.

Jdg 18:29 They named the city Dan, the name of Dan their ancestor, who was one of Israel's sons. But the name of the city used to be Laish (Gen. 14:14).
Jdg 18:30 The people of Dan set up the carved figure for themselves. Jonathan son of Gershom, son of Moses, he and his sons were priests for the tribe of the Danites until the day of the land's captivity.
Jdg 18:31 So they worshiped Micah's carved figure that he made, as long as the tabernacle of the Almighty was at Shiloh.

Judges Chapter 19

Jdg 19:1 In those days, when there was no king in Israel, there was a man, a Levite, living for awhile in the most remote area of the hill country of Ephraim. He took for himself a woman, a concubine from Bethlehem in Judah.
Jdg 19:2 But his concubine was unfaithful to him; she left him and went back to her father's house in Bethlehem of Judah. She stayed there for four months.
Jdg 19:3 Then her husband rose up and went after her in order to persuade her to come back. His servant was with him, and a pair of donkeys. She brought him into her father's house. When the girl's father saw him, he was glad.
Jdg 19:4 His father-in-law, the girl's father, persuaded him to stay for three days. They ate and drank, and they spent the night there.
Jdg 19:5 On the fourth day, they rose up early at daybreak, and he prepared to go, but the girl's father said to his son-in-law, "Strengthen yourself with a bit of bread, then you may go."
Jdg 19:6 So the two of them sat down to eat and drink together. Then the girl's father entreated, "Please be willing to spend the night and have a good time."
Jdg 19:7 When the Levite rose up to leave, the father of the young woman urged him to stay, so he changed his plan and spent the night there again.
Jdg 19:8 On the fifth day, he woke up early at daybreak to leave, but the girl's father said, "Strengthen yourself and wait until the afternoon." So the two of them had a meal.
Jdg 19:9 When the Levite and his concubine and his servant rose up to depart, his father-in-law, the girl's father said to him, "See, now the day is advancing toward evening. Please stay another night and have a good time. You can get up early tomorrow and go back home."
Jdg 19:10 But the Levite was not willing to spend the night. He rose up and left. He went toward Jebus, that is Jerusalem. He had a pair of saddled donkeys, and his concubine was with him.
Jdg 19:11 When they were near Jebus, the day was nearly over, and the servant said to his master, "Come, let us turn aside to the city of the Jebusites and spend the night in it."
Jdg 19:12 His master said to him, "We will not turn aside into a city of foreigners who do not belong to the people of Israel. We will go on to Gibeah."
Jdg 19:13 The Levite said to his young man, "Come, let us go to one of those other places and spend the night in Gibeah or Ramah."
Jdg 19:14 So they went on, and the sun set as they came near to Gibeah, in the territory of Benjamin.
Jdg 19:15 They turned aside there to spend the night in Gibeah. They went and sat down in the city square, but no one took them into his house for the night.

Jdg 19:16 But then an old man was coming at dusk from his work in the field. He was from the hill country of Ephraim, and he was staying for awhile in Gibeah. But the men living in that place were Benjamites.
Jdg 19:17 He raised his eyes and saw the traveler in the city square. The old man asked, “Where are you going? Where are you coming from?”
Jdg 19:18 The Levite answered him, “We are on our way from Bethlehem in Judah to the most remote part of the hill country of Ephraim, which is where I come from. I went to Bethlehem in Judah, and I am going to the tabernacle of Yehowah, but there is no one who will take me into his house.
Jdg 19:19 We have straw and feed for our donkeys, and there is bread and wine for me and your female servant here, and for this young man with your servants. We lack nothing.”
Jdg 19:20 The old man greeted them, “Peace be with you! I will take care of all your needs. Only do not spend the night in the square.”
Jdg 19:21 So the man brought the Levite into his house and gave feed to the donkeys. They washed their feet, ate, and drank.
Jdg 19:22 While they were making their hearts glad, some men of the city, worthless men, surrounded the house, beating on the door. They spoke to the old man, the master of the house, “Bring out the man who came into your house, so we can have sex with him.”
Jdg 19:23 The man, the master of the house, went out to them and shouted at them, “No, my brothers, please do not do this evil thing! Since this man is a guest in my house, do not do this wicked thing!
Jdg 19:24 See, my virgin daughter and his concubine are here. Let me bring them out now. Violate them and do with them whatever you like. But do not do such a wicked thing to this man!”
Jdg 19:25 But the men would not listen to him, so the man seized his concubine and brought her out to them. They seized her, raped her, and abused her throughout the night, and at dawn they let her go.
Jdg 19:26 At the crack of dawn the woman came, and she fell down at the door of the man’s house where her master was, and she lay there until it was light.
Jdg 19:27 Her master rose up at daybreak and opened the doors of the house and went out to go on his way. He could see his concubine lying there at the door, with her hands on the threshold.
Jdg 19:28 The Levite ordered her, “Get up. Let us go.” But there was no answer. He put her on the donkey, and the man set out for home.
Jdg 19:29 When the Levite came to his house, he took a knife, and he took hold of his concubine, and cut her up, limb by limb, into twelve pieces, and sent the pieces everywhere throughout Israel.

Jdg 19:30 All who saw this said, “Such a thing has never been done or seen from the day the people of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt to this present day. Think about it! Give us advice! Tell us what to do!”

Judges Chapter 20

Jdg 20:1 Then all the people of Israel came out as one man, from Dan to Beersheba, including the land of Gilead also, and they assembled together before Yehowah at Mizpah.
Jdg 20:2 The leaders of all the people, of all the tribes of Israel, took their places in the congregation of the people of Yehowah, 400,000 men on foot, who were ready to fight with the sword.
Jdg 20:3 Now the people of Benjamin heard that the people of Israel had gone up to Mizpah. The people of Israel inquired, “Tell us how this wicked thing happened.”
Jdg 20:4 The Levite, the husband of the woman who had been murdered, answered, “I came to Gibeah in the territory that belongs to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to spend the night.
Jdg 20:5 During the night, the leaders of Gibeah attacked me, surrounding the house and intending to murder me. They seized and raped my concubine, and she died.
Jdg 20:6 I took my concubine and cut her body into pieces, and sent them into each region of Israel’s inheritance, because they have committed such wickedness and outrage in Israel.
Jdg 20:7 Now, all you Israelis give your advice and counsel here.”
Jdg 20:8 All the people arose together as one man, and they said, “None of us will go to his tent, and none of us will return to his house!
Jdg 20:9 But now this is what we must do to Gibeah: We will attack it as the lot directs us.
Jdg 20:10 We will take ten men of a hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and one hundred of a thousand, and one thousand of ten thousand, to get provisions for these people, so that when they come to Gibeah in Benjamin, they may punish them for the wickedness they committed in Israel.”
Jdg 20:11 So all the soldiers of Israel assembled against the city, as one man.
Jdg 20:12 The tribes of Israel sent men throughout all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, “What is this wickedness that was done among you?
Jdg 20:13 Therefore, give us those wicked men of Gibeah, so we may execute them, and so we will completely remove this evil from Israel.” But the Benjamites would not listen to the voice of their brothers, the people of Israel.
Jdg 20:14 Then the people of Benjamin came together out of the cities to Gibeah to get ready to fight against the people of Israel.
Jdg 20:15 The people of Benjamin brought together from their cities to fight on that day twenty-six thousand soldiers who were trained to fight with the sword.

In addition, there were seven hundred of their chosen men from the inhabitants of Gibeah.
Jdg 20:16 Among all these soldiers were seven hundred chosen men who were left-handed. Each of them could sling a stone at a hair and not miss.
Jdg 20:17 The people of Israel, not counting the number from Benjamin, numbered 400,000 men, who were trained to fight with the sword. All of these were warriors.
Jdg 20:18 The people of Israel arose, went up to Bethel, and asked for advice from the Almighty, "Who first will attack the people of Benjamin for us?" Yehowah answered, "Judah will attack first."
Jdg 20:19 The people of Israel rose up at dawn, and they moved their camp near Gibeah.
Jdg 20:20 The people of Israel went out to fight against Benjamin. They set up their battle positions against them at Gibeah.
Jdg 20:21 The people of Benjamin came out of Gibeah, and they killed twenty-two thousand men of the military force of Israel on that day.
Jdg 20:22 But the people of Israel strengthened themselves, and they formed the battle line in the same place where they had taken positions on the first day.
Jdg 20:23 Then the people of Israel went up, and they wept before Yehowah until dusk, and they sought direction from Yehowah. They asked, "Should we go again to fight against our brothers, the people of Benjamin?" Yehowah ordered, "Attack them!"
Jdg 20:24 So the people of Israel went against the soldiers of Benjamin the second day.
Jdg 20:25 On the second day, Benjamin went out against them from Gibeah, and they killed eighteen thousand men from the people of Israel. All were men who trained to fight with the sword.
Jdg 20:26 Then all the soldiers of Israel and all the people went up to Bethel and wept, and there they sat before Yehowah, and they fasted that day until dusk and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before Yehowah.
Jdg 20:27 The people of Israel asked Yehowah, for the Ark of the Covenant of the Almighty was there in those days,
Jdg 20:28 and Phinehas, son of Eleazar son of Aaron, was serving before the ark in those days, "Should we go out to battle once more against the people of Benjamin, our brothers, or stop?" Yehowah answered, "Attack, for tomorrow I will help you defeat them."
Jdg 20:29 So Israel set men in secret places around Gibeah.
Jdg 20:30 The people of Israel fought against the people of Benjamin for the third day, and they formed their battle lines against Gibeah as they had done before.

Jdg 20:31 The people of Benjamin went and fought against the people, and they were drawn away from the city. They began to kill some of the people. There were about thirty men of Israel who died in the fields and on the roads. One of the roads went up to Bethel, and the other went to Gibeah.
Jdg 20:32 Then the people of Benjamin said, “They are defeated, and they are running away from us, just as at first.” But the soldiers of Israel said, “Let us run back and draw them away from the city to the roads.”
Jdg 20:33 All the people of Israel rose up out of their places and formed themselves into lines for battle at Baal Tamar. Then the soldiers of Israel who had been hiding in secret places ran out from their places from Maareh Gibeah.
Jdg 20:34 There came out against Gibeah ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and the fighting was fierce, but the Benjamites did not know that disaster was close to them.
Jdg 20:35 Yehowah defeated Benjamin before Israel. On that day, the soldiers of Israel killed 25,100 men of Benjamin. All these who died were those who had been trained to fight with the sword.
Jdg 20:36 So the soldiers of Benjamin saw they were defeated. The men of Israel had given ground to Benjamin, because they were counting on the men they had placed in hidden positions outside Gibeah.
Jdg 20:37 Then the men who were hiding rose up, hurried, and rushed into Gibeah, and with their swords they killed everyone who lived in the city.
Jdg 20:38 The arranged signal between the soldiers of Israel and the men hiding in secret would be that a great cloud of smoke would rise up out of the city.
Jdg 20:39 When the signal was sent, the soldiers of Israel would turn from the battle. Now Benjamin began to attack, and they killed about thirty men of Israel, and they said, “It is sure that they are defeated before us, as in the first battle.”
Jdg 20:40 But when a pillar of smoke began to rise up out of the city, the Benjamites turned and saw the smoke rising to the sky from the whole city.
Jdg 20:41 Then the people of Israel turned against them. The men of Benjamin were terrified, for they saw that disaster had come on them.
Jdg 20:42 So they ran away from the people of Israel, escaping on the way to the wilderness. But the fighting overtook them. The soldiers of Israel came out of the cities and killed them where they stood.
Jdg 20:43 They surrounded the Benjamites, chased them and trampled them down at Nohah, all the way to the east side of Gibeah.
Jdg 20:44 From the tribe of Benjamin, eighteen thousand people died, all of them men who were distinguished in battle.
Jdg 20:45 They turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon. The Israelis killed five thousand more of them along the roads. They kept going

after them, following them closely all the way to Gidom, and there they killed two thousand more.
Jdg 20:46 All the soldiers of Benjamin who fell that day were twenty-five thousand, men who were trained to fight with the sword; all of them were distinguished in battle.
Jdg 20:47 But six hundred men turned and fled to the wilderness, toward the rock of Rimmon. For four months they stayed at the rock of Rimmon.
Jdg 20:48 The soldiers of Israel turned back against the people of Benjamin and attacked and killed them, the entire city, the livestock, and everything that they found. They also burned down every town in their path.

Judges Chapter 21

Jdg 21:1 Now the men of Israel had made a promise at Mizpah, “None of us will give his daughter to marry a Benjamite.”
Jdg 21:2 Then the people went to Bethel and sat there before the Almighty until dusk, and with loud voices they wept bitterly.
Jdg 21:3 They called out, “Why, Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, has this happened to Israel, that one of our tribes should be missing today?”
Jdg 21:4 The next day, the people rose up early, built an altar there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.
Jdg 21:5 The people of Israel asked, “Which of all the tribes of Israel did not come up in the assembly to Yehowah?” For they had made an important promise concerning anyone who did not come up to Yehowah at Mizpah. They said, “He would certainly be executed.”
Jdg 21:6 The people of Israel had compassion for their brother Benjamin. They said, “Today, one tribe has been cut off from Israel.
Jdg 21:7 Who will provide wives for those who are left, since we have made a promise to Yehowah, that we will not let any of them marry our daughters?”
Jdg 21:8 They asked, “Which of the tribes of Israel did not come up to Yehowah at Mizpah?” It was found that no one had come to the assembly from Jabesh Gilead.
Jdg 21:9 For when the people were set out in an orderly manner, behold, none of the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead were there.
Jdg 21:10 The congregation sent twelve thousand of their bravest men with instructions to go to Jabesh Gilead and attack them, and kill them, even the women and children.
Jdg 21:11 “Do this: You must kill every male and every woman who has had sex with a man.”
Jdg 21:12 The men found among those living in Jabesh Gilead four hundred young women who had never had sex with a man, and they took them to the camp at Shiloh, in Canaan.
Jdg 21:13 The entire congregation sent a message and told the people of Benjamin who were at the rock of Rimmon that they were offering them peace.
Jdg 21:14 The Benjamites returned at that time, and they were given the women of Jabesh Gilead, but there were not enough women for all of them.
Jdg 21:15 The people were sorry for what happened to Benjamin, because Yehowah made a division between the tribes of Israel.
Jdg 21:16 Then the leaders of the congregation asked, “How will we arrange wives for the Benjamites who are left, since the women of Benjamin have been killed?”

Jdg 21:17 They answered, “There must be an inheritance for the survivors of Benjamin, so that a tribe is not destroyed from Israel.
Jdg 21:18 We cannot give them wives from our daughters, for the people of Israel had made a promise, ‘Cursed be anyone who gives a wife to Benjamin.’”
Jdg 21:19 So they announced, “You know there is a feast for Yehowah every year at Shiloh, which is north of Bethel, east of the road that goes up from Bethel to Shechem and south of Lebonah.”
Jdg 21:20 They instructed the men of Benjamin, “Go and hide in secret and wait in the vineyards.
Jdg 21:21 Watch for the time when the girls from Shiloh come out to dance, then rush out of the vineyards and each one of you should grab a wife from the girls of Shiloh, then go back to the land of Benjamin.
Jdg 21:22 When their fathers or their brothers come to protest to us, we will say to them, ‘Show us favor! Let them remain, because we did not get wives for each man during the war. You are innocent, since you did not give your daughters to them.’”
Jdg 21:23 The people of Benjamin did so. They took the number of wives that they needed from the girls who were dancing, and they carried them off to be their wives. They went and returned to the place of their inheritance. They rebuilt the towns and lived in them.
Jdg 21:24 Then the people of Israel left that place and went home, each one to his own tribe and clan, and each one to his own inheritance.
Jdg 21:25 In those days, there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Book of Ruth

Ruth Chapter 1

Rth 1:1 It happened in the days when the judges ruled that there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem of Judah went to the country of Moab with his wife and his two sons.
Rth 1:2 The name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife was Naomi. The names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion, who were Ephrathites of Bethlehem of Judah. They arrived at the country of Moab and lived there.
Rth 1:3 Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons.
Rth 1:4 These sons took wives from the women of Moab; the name of one was Orpah, and the name of the other was Ruth. They lived there for about ten years (c. 1345 BC).
Rth 1:5 Then both Mahlon and Chilion died, leaving Naomi without her husband and without her two children.
Rth 1:6 Then Naomi decided to leave Moab with her daughters-in-law and return to Judah, because she had heard in the region of Moab that Yehowah had helped his people in need and had given them food.
Rth 1:7 So she left the place where she had been with her two daughters-in-law, and they walked down the road to return to the land of Judah.
Rth 1:8 Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return, each of you to your mother's house. May Yehowah show kindness toward you, as you have shown kindness toward the dead and toward me.
Rth 1:9 May Yehowah grant you that you find rest, each of you in the house of another husband." Then she kissed them, and they raised their voices and cried.
Rth 1:10 They replied to her, "No! We will return with you to your people."
Rth 1:11 But Naomi responded, "Turn back, my daughters! Why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb for you, so that they may become your husbands?
Rth 1:12 Turn back, my daughters, go your own way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I said, 'I hope I get a husband tonight,' and then give birth to sons,
Rth 1:13 would you therefore wait until they were grown? Would you wait and not marry men now? No, my daughters! It greatly grieves me, much more than it grieves you, because the hand of Yehowah has turned against me."

Rth 1:14 Then her daughters-in-law lifted up their voices and cried again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law farewell, but Ruth held on to her.
Rth 1:15 Naomi said, “Listen, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her deities. Go back with your sister-in-law.”
Rth 1:16 But Ruth responded, “Do not make me go away from you, for where you go, I will go; where you stay, I will stay; your people will be my people, and your Divine One will be my Divine One.
Rth 1:17 Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May Yehowah punish me, and more also, if anything but death ever separates us.”
Rth 1:18 When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped arguing with her.
Rth 1:19 So the two traveled, until they came to the town of Bethlehem. It happened that when they arrived in Bethlehem, the entire town was excited about them. The women asked, “Is this Naomi?”
Rth 1:20 But she responded to them, “Do not call me Naomi. Call me Bitter, for the Most Powerful has dealt quite bitterly with me.
Rth 1:21 I went out full, but Yehowah has brought me home again empty. So why do you call me Naomi, seeing Yehowah has condemned me, that the Most Powerful has afflicted me?”
Rth 1:22 So Naomi and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, returned from the country of Moab. They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

Ruth Chapter 2

Rth 2:1 Now Naomi's husband, Elimelech, had a kinsman, Boaz, who was a wealthy, influential man.
Rth 2:2 Ruth, the Moabitess, entreated Naomi, "Now let me go and glean what remains among the ears of grain in the fields. I will follow anyone in whose eyes I will find grace." So Naomi answered her, "Go, my daughter."
Rth 2:3 Ruth went and gleaned what remained in the fields after they had harvested it. She happened to come to the portion of the fields belonging to Boaz, who was related to Elimelech.
Rth 2:4 Behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem and greeted the reapers, "May Yehowah be with you." They answered him, "May Yehowah bless you."
Rth 2:5 Then Boaz asked his servant who was supervising the reapers, "What man does this young woman belong to?"
Rth 2:6 The servant supervising the reapers answered, "It is the young Moabite woman who came back with Naomi from the land of Moab.
Rth 2:7 She entreated me, 'Please let me glean what remains in the field after the workers harvest the crop.' So she came here and has continued from dawn until now, except that she rested a little in the house."
Rth 2:8 Then Boaz ordered Ruth, "Are you listening to me, my daughter? Do not go and glean in another field; do not leave my field. Instead, stay here and work with my young female workers.
Rth 2:9 Keep your eyes only on the field where the men are reaping and follow behind the other women. Have I not instructed the men not to touch you? Whenever you are thirsty, you may go to the waterpots and drink the water that the men have drawn."
Rth 2:10 Then she bowed down before Boaz, touching her head to the ground. She asked him, "Why have I found grace in your sight, that you should be concerned about me, a foreigner?"
Rth 2:11 Boaz answered her, "It has been reported to me, all that you have done since the death of your husband. You have left your father, mother, and the land of your birth to follow your mother-in-law and to come to a people you do not know.
Rth 2:12 May Yehowah reward you for your deed. May you receive full payment from Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, under whose wings you have found refuge."
Rth 2:13 Then she responded, "Let me find grace in your sight, my master, for you have comforted me, and you have spoken kindly to me, though I am not one of your female servants."
Rth 2:14 At mealtime Boaz said to Ruth, "Come here, and eat some of the bread, and dip your morsel in the wine vinegar." She sat beside the reapers, and he

offered her some roasted grain. She ate until she was satisfied and left the rest of it.
Rth 2:15 As she rose up to gather up grain, Boaz commanded his young men, “Let her gather up the grain even among the bundles and do not tell her not to.
Rth 2:16 Also pull out for her some ears of grain from the bundles, and leave them for her to gather up, and do not rebuke her.”
Rth 2:17 So she gleaned in the field until dusk. Then she beat out the ears of grain that she had gathered, and the grain was about 22 liters of barley.
Rth 2:18 She lifted it up and went into the city. Then her mother-in-law saw what she had gathered. Ruth also brought out the roasted grain left from her meal and gave it to her.
Rth 2:19 Her mother-in-law asked her, “Where have you gleaned today? Where did you go to work? May the man who helped you be blessed.” Then Ruth told her mother-in-law about the man who owned the field where she had worked. She answered, “The name of the man who owns the field where I worked today is Boaz.”
Rth 2:20 Naomi replied to her daughter-in-law, “May he be blessed by Yehowah, who has not left off his loyalty to the living and to the dead.” Naomi informed her, “That man is near of kin to us, one of our kinsman-redeemers.”
Rth 2:21 Ruth the Moabitess replied, “Indeed, he said to me, ‘You should keep close to my young workers, until they have finished all my harvest.’”
Rth 2:22 Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, “It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young female workers, so that you do not come to harm in any other field.”
Rth 2:23 So she stayed close to Boaz’s female workers in order to glean to the end of the barley harvest and the wheat harvest. She lived with her mother-in-law.

Ruth Chapter 3

Rth 3:1 Naomi, her mother-in-law, instructed her, “My daughter, should I not seek a place for you to rest, so that things may go well for you?
Rth 3:2 Now Boaz, the man whose young female workers you have been with, is he not our kinsman? Look, he will be winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.
Rth 3:3 Therefore, wash yourself, anoint yourself, put on your best clothes, and go down to the threshing floor. But do not make yourself known to the man, until he finishes eating and drinking.
Rth 3:4 But when he lies down, take notice of the place where he lies down, so that later you can go to him, uncover his feet, and lie down there. Then he will tell you what to do.”
Rth 3:5 Ruth replied to Naomi, “I will do everything you say.”
Rth 3:6 So she went down to the threshing floor, and she followed the instructions her mother-in-law had given her.
Rth 3:7 When Boaz had eaten and drunk and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the pile of grain. Then she came softly, uncovered his feet, and lay down.
Rth 3:8 It came about at midnight that the man was startled. He turned over, and right there a woman was lying at his feet!
Rth 3:9 He asked, “Who are you?” She answered, “I am Ruth, your female servant. Spread your cloak over your female servant, for you are a near kinsman.”
Rth 3:10 Boaz replied, “My daughter, may you be blessed by Yehowah. You have shown more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, because you have not gone after any of the young men, whether poor or rich.
Rth 3:11 Now my daughter, do not be afraid! I will do for you all that you say, because all the city of my people knows that you are a worthy woman.
Rth 3:12 It is true that I am a kinsman, but there is a kinsman nearer than I.
Rth 3:13 Stay here tonight, and in the morning, if he will perform for you the duty of a kinsman, good, let him do the kinsman’s duty. But if he will not do the duty of a kinsman for you, then I will do it, by the life of Yehowah. Lie down until dawn.”
Rth 3:14 So she lay at his feet until dawn. But she rose up before anyone could recognize another person. For Boaz had instructed, “Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor.”
Rth 3:15 Then Boaz said, “Bring your shawl and hold it out.” When she did so, he measured six large measures of barley into it and put the load on her. Then she went into the city.

Rth 3:16 When Ruth came to her mother-in-law, she asked, “How did you do, my daughter?” Then Ruth told her all that the man had done for her.
Rth 3:17 She explained, “These six measures of barley are what he gave me, for he said, ‘Do not go empty to your mother-in-law.’”
Rth 3:18 Then Naomi responded, “Stay here, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out, for the man will not rest, until he has finished this thing today.”

Ruth Chapter 4

Rth 4:1 Now Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there. Soon, the near kinsman of whom Boaz had spoken came by. Boaz entreated him, “My friend, come over and sit down here.” The man came over and sat down.
Rth 4:2 Then Boaz took ten men of the elders of the city and requested, “Sit down here.” So they sat down.
Rth 4:3 Boaz said to the near kinsman, “Naomi, who has returned from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that was our brother Elimelech’s.
Rth 4:4 I thought to inform you and say to you, ‘Buy it in the presence of those who are sitting here, and in the presence of the elders of my people.’ If you wish to redeem it, redeem it. But if you do not wish to redeem it, then tell me, so that I may know, for there is no one to redeem it besides you, and I am after you.” Then the other man replied, “I will redeem it.”
Rth 4:5 Then Boaz continued, “On the day that you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must also take Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead man, in order to raise up the name of the dead on his inheritance” (Levirate marriage).
Rth 4:6 Then the near kinsman responded, “I cannot redeem it for myself without damaging my own inheritance. You take my right of redemption for yourself, for I cannot redeem it.”
Rth 4:7 Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning the redemption and exchange of goods. To confirm all things, a man took off his sandal and gave it to his neighbor; this was the manner of making legal agreements in Israel.
Rth 4:8 So the near kinsman told Boaz, “Buy it for yourself,” and he took off his sandal.
Rth 4:9 Then Boaz said to the elders and to all the people, “You are witnesses today that I have bought all that was Elimelech’s and all that was Chilion’s and Mahlon’s from the hand of Naomi.
Rth 4:10 Moreover, about Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon: I have also acquired her to be my wife, in order that I might raise up the name of the dead man on his inheritance, so that his name will not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his place. You are witnesses today.”
Rth 4:11 All the people who were in the gate and the elders replied, “We are witnesses. May Yehowah make the woman who has come into your house like Rachel and Leah, the two who built up the house of Israel; and may you prosper in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem.
Rth 4:12 May your household be like the household of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, through the offspring that Yehowah will give you with this young woman.”

Rth 4:13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. He made love to her, and Yehowah allowed her to become pregnant, and she bore a son.
Rth 4:14 The women said to Naomi, “May Yehowah be blessed, who has not left you today without a near kinsman, this baby. May his name be famous in Israel.
Rth 4:15 May he be for you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has borne him.”
Rth 4:16 Naomi took the child, laid him in her bosom, and took care of him.
Rth 4:17 The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed. He became the father of Jesse, who became the father of David.
Rth 4:18 Now these were the descendants of Perez: Perez became the father of Hezron,
Rth 4:19 Hezron became the father of Ram, Ram became the father of Amminadab,
Rth 4:20 Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, Nahshon became the father of Salmon,
Rth 4:21 Salmon became the father of Boaz, Boaz became the father of Obed,
Rth 4:22 Obed became the father of Jesse, and Jesse became the father of David.

Book of 1st Samuel

1 Samuel Chapter 1

1Sa 1:1 There was a certain man of Ramathaim of the Zuphites, of the hill country of Ephraim; his name was Elkanah son of Jeroham son of Elihu son of Tohu son of Zuph, an Ephraimite (1 Chron. 6:22-28).
1Sa 1:2 He had two wives; the name of the first was Hannah, and the name of the second was Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none.
1Sa 1:3 This man went from his city year after year to worship and to sacrifice to Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces in Shiloh. The two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, priests to Yehowah, were there.
1Sa 1:4 When the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice each year, he always gave portions of the meat to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters.
1Sa 1:5 But to Hannah he always gave a double portion, for he loved Hannah, although Yehowah had closed her womb.
1Sa 1:6 Her rival provoked her severely in order to irritate her, because Yehowah had closed her womb.
1Sa 1:7 So year after year, when she went up to the tabernacle of Yehowah with her family, her rival always provoked her. Therefore, she used to weep and eat nothing.
1Sa 1:8 Elkanah her husband always asked her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not better to you than ten sons?”
1Sa 1:9 On one of these occasions, Hannah rose up after they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh. Now Eli the priest was sitting upon his seat by the doorway to the tabernacle of Yehowah.
1Sa 1:10 She was deeply distressed; she prayed to Yehowah and wept bitterly.
1Sa 1:11 She made a vow, “Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, if you will look on the affliction of your servant and call me to mind, and do not forget your servant, but give your servant a son, then I will give him to Yehowah all the days of his life, and no razor will ever touch his head” (Num. 6).
1Sa 1:12 As she continued praying before Yehowah, Eli watched her mouth.
1Sa 1:13 Hannah spoke in her heart. Her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. Therefore, Eli thought she was drunk.
1Sa 1:14 Eli spoke to her, “How long will you be drunk? Get rid of your wine.”

1Sa 1:15 Hannah answered, “No, my master, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor beer, but I have been pouring out my soul before Yehowah.
1Sa 1:16 Do not consider your servant to be a shameless woman; I have been speaking out of the abundance of my great concern and provocation.”
1Sa 1:17 Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; may the Mighty One of Israel grant the request that you have asked him for.”
1Sa 1:18 She replied, “Let your servant find grace in your sight.” Then the woman went her way and ate; her face was no longer sad.
1Sa 1:19 They rose at the crack of dawn and worshiped before Yehowah, and then they returned again to their house in Ramah. Elkanah made love to Hannah his wife, and Yehowah called her to mind.
1Sa 1:20 Hannah conceived, and when the Spring Equinox had come, she gave birth to a son. She called his name Samuel, saying, “Because I have asked for him from Yehowah.”
1Sa 1:21 Once again, Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to Yehowah the sacrifice of days (Passover and ULB) and pay his vow.
1Sa 1:22 But Hannah did not go; she had said to her husband, “I will not go until the child is weaned; then I will bring him, so that he may appear before Yehowah and live there forever.”
1Sa 1:23 Elkanah her husband replied to her, “Do what seems good to you. Wait until you have weaned him; only, may Yehowah confirm his word.” So the woman stayed and nursed her son, until she weaned him.
1Sa 1:24 When she had weaned him, she took him with her, along with a three-year-old bull, 22 liters of meal, and a bottle of wine, and brought him to the tabernacle of Yehowah in Shiloh. Now the child was still young.
1Sa 1:25 They killed the bull, and they brought the child to Eli.
1Sa 1:26 She said, “Oh, my master! As you live, my master, I am the woman who stood here next to you praying to Yehowah.
1Sa 1:27 For this child I prayed, and Yehowah has given me my petition which I asked of him.
1Sa 1:28 I have given him to Yehowah, as long as he lives he is lent to Yehowah.” Then he worshiped Yehowah there.

1 Samuel Chapter 2

1Sa 2:1 Hannah prayed and declared, “My heart exults in Yehowah. My horn is exalted in Yehowah. My mouth boasts over my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation.
1Sa 2:2 There is no one set apart like Yehowah, for there is none besides you; there is no Rock like our Divine One.
1Sa 2:3 Boast no more so overproudly; let no arrogance come out of your mouth. For Yehowah, the Mighty One of knowledge, makes things happen.
1Sa 2:4 The bows of the mighty men are broken, but those who stumble put on strength like a belt.
1Sa 2:5 Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread; those who were hungry have stopped being hungry. Even the barren one gives birth to seven, but the woman who has many children languishes.
1Sa 2:6 Yehowah kills and brings to life. He brings down to the place of the dead and raises up.
1Sa 2:7 Yehowah makes some people poor and some rich. He humbles, but he also lifts up.
1Sa 2:8 He raises up the poor out of the dust. He lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit the seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth belong to Yehowah, and he has set the globe upon them.
1Sa 2:9 He will guard the feet of his faithful people, but the wicked will be put to silence in darkness, for no one will prevail by strength.
1Sa 2:10 Those who oppose Yehowah will be broken to pieces; he will thunder against them from Heaven. Yehowah will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.”
1Sa 2:11 Then Elkanah went to Ramah, to his house. The child served Yehowah in the presence of Eli the priest.
1Sa 2:12 Now the sons of Eli were worthless men. They did not know Yehowah.
1Sa 2:13 The custom of the priests with the people was that when any man offered a sacrifice, the priest’s servant would come with a three-pronged fork in his hand, while the meat was boiling.
1Sa 2:14 He would stick it into the pan, or kettle, or cauldron, or pot. All that the fork brought up, the priest would take for himself. They did this in Shiloh with all the Israelis that came there.
1Sa 2:15 Worse, before they burned the fat, the priest’s servant came and demanded of the man who was sacrificing, “Give meat to roast for the priest; for he will not accept boiled meat from you but only raw.”

1Sa 2:16 If the man corrected him, “They must burn the fat first and then take as much as you want.” Then he would respond, “No, you will give it to me now; if not, I will take it by force.”
1Sa 2:17 The sin of these young men was extremely great before Yehowah, for they despised the offering of Yehowah.
1Sa 2:18 But Samuel served Yehowah as a child clothed with a linen ephod.
1Sa 2:19 His mother would make him a little robe and bring it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.
1Sa 2:20 Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, “May Yehowah give you more children by this woman, because of the request she made of Yehowah.” Then they would return to their own home.
1Sa 2:21 Yehowah again helped Hannah, and again she became pregnant. She bore three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile, the child Samuel grew before Yehowah.
1Sa 2:22 Now Eli was extremely old; he heard all that his sons were doing to all Israel, and how they had sex with the women who served at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.
1Sa 2:23 He rebuked them, “Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil actions from all these people.
1Sa 2:24 No my sons; for it is not a good report that I hear. You make the people of Yehowah disobey.
1Sa 2:25 If one man sins against another, the Almighty will judge him; but if a man sins against Yehowah, who will speak for him?” But they would not listen to the voice of their father, because Yehowah intended to execute them.
1Sa 2:26 The child Samuel grew up and increased in grace with Yehowah and also with men.
1Sa 2:27 Now a man of the Almighty came to Eli and rebuked him, “Yehowah says, ‘Did I not reveal myself to the house of your ancestor, when they were in Egypt in bondage to Pharaoh’s house?
1Sa 2:28 I chose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to go up to my altar, and to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me. I gave to the house of your ancestor all the offerings of the people of Israel made with fire.
1Sa 2:29 Why then do you scorn my sacrifices and offerings that I required in the place where I live? Why do you honor your sons above me by making yourselves fat with the best of every offering of my people Israel?’
1Sa 2:30 For Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, says, ‘I promised that your household, and the household of your ancestor, should walk before me forever.’ But now Yehowah declares, ‘Far be it from me to do this, for I will honor those who honor me, but those who despise me will be lightly esteemed.

1Sa 2:31 See, the days are coming when I will cut off your strength and the strength of your father's household, so that there will no longer be any old man in your house.
1Sa 2:32 You will see distress in the place where I live. Although good will be given to Israel, there will no longer be any old man in your house.
1Sa 2:33 Any one of you that I do not cut off from my altar, I will cause your eyes to fail, and I will cause grief for your life. All the men born in your family will die.
1Sa 2:34 This will be the sign for you that will come on your two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas: They will both die on the same day.
1Sa 2:35 I will raise up for myself a faithful priest who will do what is in my heart and in my soul. I will build him a sure household; and he will walk before my anointed king forever.
1Sa 2:36 Everyone who is left in your household will come and bow down to him, asking for some silver-currency and a loaf of bread, and will plead, "Please assign me to one of the priests' positions, so I can eat a piece of bread."""

1 Samuel Chapter 3

1Sa 3:1 The child Samuel served Yehowah under Eli. The Word of Yehowah was rare in those days; there was no frequent prophetic vision.
1Sa 3:2 At that time, when Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim, so that he could not see well, was lying down in his own bed.
1Sa 3:3 The lamp of the Almighty had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down to sleep in the tabernacle of Yehowah, where the Ark of the Almighty was.
1Sa 3:4 Yehowah called to Samuel, who answered, “Here I am.”
1Sa 3:5 Samuel ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Eli said, “I did not call you; lie down again.” So Samuel went and lay down.
1Sa 3:6 Yehowah called again, “Samuel.” Again Samuel rose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Eli answered, “I did not call you, my son; lie down again.”
1Sa 3:7 Now Samuel did not yet have any experience of Yehowah, nor had any message from Yehowah ever been revealed to him.
1Sa 3:8 Yehowah called Samuel again the third time. Again Samuel rose up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli realized that Yehowah had called the boy.
1Sa 3:9 Then Eli said to Samuel, “Go and lie down again; if he calls you again, you must answer, ‘Speak, Yehowah, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his own place once more.
1Sa 3:10 Yehowah came and stood; he called as at the other times, “Samuel, Samuel!” Then Samuel answered, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”
1Sa 3:11 Yehowah said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel at which the ears of everyone who hears it will tingle.
1Sa 3:12 On that day, I will carry out against Eli everything I have said about his household, from beginning to end.
1Sa 3:13 I have told him that I am about to judge his household once for all eternity for the sin that he knew about, because his sons brought a curse upon themselves, and he did not stop them.
1Sa 3:14 Because of this, I have sworn to the household of Eli that the sins of his household will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.”
1Sa 3:15 Samuel lay down until dawn; then he opened the doors of the tabernacle of Yehowah. But Samuel was afraid to tell Eli about the vision.
1Sa 3:16 Then Eli called Samuel, “Samuel, my son.” Samuel answered, “Here I am.”
1Sa 3:17 He entreated, “What was the word he spoke to you? Please do not hide it from me. May the Almighty do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the words that he spoke to you.”

1Sa 3:18 Samuel told him everything; he hid nothing from him. Eli responded, “It is Yehowah. Let him do what seems good to him.”
1Sa 3:19 Samuel grew, and Yehowah was with him and let none of his prophetic words fail to come true.
1Sa 3:20 All Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was appointed to be a prophet of Yehowah.
1Sa 3:21 Yehowah appeared again in Shiloh, for he revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the Word of Yehowah.

1 Samuel Chapter 4

1Sa 4:1 The word of Samuel came to all of Israel. Now Israel went out to battle against the Philistines. They set up camp at Ebenezer, and the Philistines set up camp at Aphek.
1Sa 4:2 The Philistines lined up for battle against Israel. When the battle spread, Israel was defeated by the Philistines, who killed about four thousand men on the field of battle.
1Sa 4:3 When the people came into the camp, the elders of Israel said, “Why has Yehowah defeated us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah here from Shiloh, that it may be here with us, that it might keep us safe from the hands of our enemies.”
1Sa 4:4 So the people sent men to Shiloh; from there they carried the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, who sits above the cherubim. The two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the Ark of the Covenant of the Almighty.
1Sa 4:5 When the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah came into the camp, all of the people of Israel gave a great shout, and the earth resounded.
1Sa 4:6 When the Philistines heard the noise of the shouting, they asked, “What does this loud shouting in the camp of the Hebrews mean?” Then they realized that the Ark of Yehowah had come into the camp.
1Sa 4:7 The Philistines were afraid; they said, “The Almighty has come into the camp.” They exclaimed, “Woe to us! Nothing like this has happened before!
1Sa 4:8 Woe to us! Who will protect us from the strength of these powerful Divine Ones? These are the Divine Ones who attacked the Egyptians with many different kinds of plagues in the wilderness.
1Sa 4:9 Take courage and be men, you Philistines, or you will become slaves to the Hebrews, as they have been slaves to you. Be men and fight!”
1Sa 4:10 The Philistines fought, and Israel was defeated. Every man fled to his house, and the slaughter was extremely great; for thirty thousand infantrymen from Israel fell.
1Sa 4:11 The Ark of the Almighty was taken, and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.
1Sa 4:12 A man of Benjamin ran from the battle line and came to Shiloh the same day, arriving with his clothes torn and earth on his head.
1Sa 4:13 When he arrived, Eli was sitting on his seat by the road watching, because his heart trembled with concern for the Ark of the Almighty. When the man entered the city and told the news, the whole city cried out.
1Sa 4:14 When Eli heard the noise of the outcry, he asked, “What is the meaning of this uproar?” The man quickly came and told Eli.

1Sa 4:15 Now Eli was ninety-eight years old; his eyes did not focus, and he could not see.
1Sa 4:16 The man reported to Eli, “I am the one who came from the battle line. I fled from the battle today.” Eli asked, “How did it go, my son?”
1Sa 4:17 The man who brought the news answered, “Israel fled from the Philistines. Also, there has been a great defeat among the people. Also, your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the Ark of the Almighty has been taken.”
1Sa 4:18 When he mentioned the Ark of the Almighty, Eli fell over backward from his seat by the side of the gate. His neck was broken, and he died (c. 1123 BC), because he was old and heavy. He had judged Israel for forty years.
1Sa 4:19 Now his daughter-in-law, Phinehas’ wife, was pregnant and about to give birth. When she heard the news that the Ark of the Almighty was captured and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she knelt down and gave birth, but her labor pains overwhelmed her.
1Sa 4:20 About the time of her death, the women attending to her announced, “Do not be afraid, for you have given birth to a son.” But she did not answer or take what they said to heart.
1Sa 4:21 She named the child Ichabod, stating, “The glory has gone away from Israel!” For the Ark of the Almighty had been captured and because of her father-in-law and her husband.
1Sa 4:22 She declared, “The glory has gone away from Israel, because the Ark of the Almighty has been captured!”

1 Samuel Chapter 5

1Sa 5:1 Now the Philistines had captured the Ark of the Almighty, and they brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod.
1Sa 5:2 The Philistines took the Ark of the Almighty, brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it up beside Dagon.
1Sa 5:3 When the people of Ashdod rose up early the next day, behold, Dagon had fallen facedown on the ground before the Ark of Yehowah. So they took Dagon and set him up in his place again.
1Sa 5:4 But when they rose up early the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen facedown on the ground before the Ark of Yehowah. The head of Dagon and both of his hands were lying cut off in the doorway. Only the trunk of Dagon remained.
1Sa 5:5 This is why, even today, the priests of Dagon and anyone who comes into Dagon's house does not step on the doorway of Dagon in Ashdod.
1Sa 5:6 The hand of Yehowah was heavy upon the people of Ashdod. He destroyed them and afflicted them with tumors, both Ashdod and its territories.
1Sa 5:7 When the men of Ashdod realized what was happening, they said, "The Ark of the Mighty One of Israel must not stay with us, because his hand is hard against us and against Dagon our deity."
1Sa 5:8 So they sent for and gathered together all of the rulers of the Philistines; they asked them, "What should we do with the Ark of the Mighty One of Israel?" They answered, "Let the Ark of the Mighty One of Israel be brought around to Gath." So they carried the Ark of the Mighty One of Israel there.
1Sa 5:9 But after they brought it around, the hand of Yehowah was against the city, causing an extremely great confusion. He afflicted the men of the city, both small and great; and tumors broke out on them.
1Sa 5:10 So they sent the Ark of the Almighty to Ekron. But as soon as the Ark of the Almighty came into Ekron, the Ekronites cried out, "They have brought to us the Ark of the Mighty One of Israel to kill us and our people!"
1Sa 5:11 So they sent for and gathered together all of the rulers of the Philistines; they said to them, "Send away the Ark of the Mighty One of Israel, and let it return to its own place, so that it does not kill us and our people." For there was a deadly panic throughout the city; the hand of the Almighty was extremely heavy there.
1Sa 5:12 The men who did not die were afflicted with the tumors, and the cry of the city went up to the heavens.

1 Samuel Chapter 6

1Sa 6:1 Now the Ark of Yehowah was in the country of the Philistines for seven months (c. 1123 BC).
1Sa 6:2 Then the Philistine people called for the priests and the diviners; they asked them, “What should we do with the Ark of Yehowah? Tell us how we should send it back to its own country.”
1Sa 6:3 The priests and diviners answered, “If you send back the Ark of the Mighty One of Israel, do not send it without a gift; by all means send him a guilt offering. Then you will be healed, and you will know why his hand has not been lifted off of you until now.”
1Sa 6:4 Then they asked, “What should the guilt offering be that we are returning to him?” They answered, “Five golden tumors and five golden mice, five being the number that is the same as the number of the rulers of the Philistines. For the same plague afflicted you and your rulers.
1Sa 6:5 So you must make models of your tumors, and models of your mice that ravage the land, and give glory to the Mighty One of Israel. Perhaps he will lift his hand from you, from your deities, and from your land.
1Sa 6:6 Why should you harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? That was when the Mighty One of Israel dealt severely with them; did not the Egyptians send away the people, and they left?
1Sa 6:7 Now then prepare a new cart with two nursing cows that have never been yoked. Tie the cows to the cart, but take their calves home, away from them.
1Sa 6:8 Then take the Ark of Yehowah and place it in the cart. Put the golden figures that you are returning to him as a guilt offering into a box to one side of it. Then send it off and let it go its own way.
1Sa 6:9 Then watch; if it goes up on the way to its own land to Beth Shemesh, then it is Yehowah who has executed this great disaster. But if not, then we will know that it is not his hand that afflicted us; instead, we will know that it happened to us by chance.”
1Sa 6:10 The men did as they were told; they took two nursing cows, tied them to the cart, and confined their calves at home.
1Sa 6:11 They put the Ark of Yehowah on the cart, together with a box containing the golden mice and the castings of their tumors.
1Sa 6:12 The cows went straight in the direction of Beth Shemesh. They went along one highway, lowing as they went, and they did not turn aside either to the right or to the left. The rulers of the Philistines followed after them to the border of Beth Shemesh.

1Sa 6:13 Now the people of Beth Shemesh were harvesting their wheat in the valley. When they lifted up their eyes and saw the ark, they rejoiced.
1Sa 6:14 The cart came into the field of Yehoshua from the town of Beth Shemesh and stopped there. A great stone was there, and they split the wood from the cart, and offered the cows as a burnt offering to Yehowah.
1Sa 6:15 The Levites took down the Ark of Yehowah and the box that was with it, where the golden figures were, and put them on the great stone. The men of Beth Shemesh offered burnt offerings and made sacrifices the same day to Yehowah.
1Sa 6:16 When the five rulers of the Philistines saw this, they returned that day to Ekron.
1Sa 6:17 These are the golden tumors which the Philistines returned for a guilt offering to Yehowah: one for Ashdod, one for Gaza, one for Ashkelon, one for Gath, and one for Ekron.
1Sa 6:18 The golden mice were the same in number as the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five rulers, both fortified cities and country villages. The great stone, beside which they set down the Ark of Yehowah, remains a witness to this day in the field of Yehoshua the Bethshemite.
1Sa 6:19 Yehowah attacked some of the men of Beth Shemesh, because they had looked into the Ark of Yehowah. He killed seventy from the tribe of 50,000 men. The people mourned, because Yehowah had given the people a great blow.
1Sa 6:20 The men of Beth Shemesh asked, “Who is able to stand before this set-apart Yehowah Almighty? To whom will He go up from us?”
1Sa 6:21 They sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath Jearim, announcing, “The Philistines have brought back the Ark of Yehowah; come down and take it back with you.”

1 Samuel Chapter 7

1Sa 7:1 The men of Kiriath Jearim came, took the Ark of Yehowah, and brought it into the house of Abinadab on the hill. They set apart his son Eleazar to keep the Ark of Yehowah.
1Sa 7:2 From the day the ark remained in Kiriath Jearim, a long time passed, twenty years (c. 1122-1103 BC). All the house of Israel lamented and wished to turn to Yehowah.
1Sa 7:3 Samuel proclaimed to the entire house of Israel, "If you return to Yehowah with your whole heart, remove the foreign deities and the Ashtaroth from among you, turn your hearts to Yehowah, and worship him only, then he will rescue you from the hand of the Philistines."
1Sa 7:4 Then the people of Israel removed the Baals and the Ashtaroth, and worshiped Yehowah only (c. 1103 BC).
1Sa 7:5 Then Samuel ordered, "Bring together all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray to Yehowah for you."
1Sa 7:6 They gathered at Mizpah, drew water and poured it out before Yehowah. They fasted that day and confessed, "We have sinned against Yehowah." It was there that Samuel decided disputes for the people of Israel and led the people.
1Sa 7:7 Now when the Philistines heard the people of Israel had gathered at Mizpah, the rulers of the Philistines attacked Israel. When the people of Israel heard of it, they were afraid of the Philistines.
1Sa 7:8 Then the people of Israel entreated Samuel, "Do not stop calling out to Yehowah our Divine One for us, so he will save us from the hand of the Philistines."
1Sa 7:9 Samuel took a nursing lamb and offered it as a whole burnt offering to Yehowah. Then Samuel cried out to Yehowah for Israel, and Yehowah answered him.
1Sa 7:10 As Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines approached to attack Israel. But Yehowah thundered with a loud sound that day against the Philistines and threw them into confusion, and they were routed before Israel.
1Sa 7:11 The men of Israel went from Mizpah, and they pursued the Philistines and killed them as far as below Bethcar.
1Sa 7:12 Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, declaring, "Thus far Yehowah has helped us."
1Sa 7:13 So the Philistines were subdued, and they did not enter the border of Israel. The hand of Yehowah was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel (c. 1102 BC).

1Sa 7:14 The towns that the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron to Gath; Israel brought back their territory from the Philistines. Then there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.
1Sa 7:15 Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.
1Sa 7:16 Each year he went on a circuit to Bethel, to Gilgal, and to Mizpah. He decided disputes for Israel in all these places.
1Sa 7:17 Then he would return to Ramah, because his house was there; and there also he decided disputes for Israel. He also built an altar there to Yehowah.

1 Samuel Chapter 8

1Sa 8:1 When Samuel was old, he made his sons judges over Israel.
1Sa 8:2 The name of his firstborn was Joel, and the name of his second son was Abijah (Abiyah). They were judges in Beersheba.
1Sa 8:3 His sons did not walk in his Ways, but chased after dishonest gain. They took bribes and perverted justice.
1Sa 8:4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah.
1Sa 8:5 They entreated him, “Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your Ways. Appoint for us a king to judge us like all the ethnicities.”
1Sa 8:6 But it displeased Samuel when they requested, “Give us a king to judge us.” So Samuel prayed to Yehowah.
1Sa 8:7 Yehowah answered Samuel, “Obey the voice of the people in everything they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.
1Sa 8:8 They are acting now the same as they did since the day I brought them out of Egypt, forsaking me, and serving false deities, and so they are also doing to you.
1Sa 8:9 Now listen to them but warn them solemnly, and let them know the way the king will rule over them.”
1Sa 8:10 So Samuel told all the words of Yehowah to the people who were asking for a king.
1Sa 8:11 He said, “This will be the practice of the king who will reign over you. He will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his cavalry, and to run before his chariots.
1Sa 8:12 He will appoint for himself captains of thousands of soldiers, and captains of fifty soldiers. He will make some plow his ground, some reap his harvest, and some make his weapons of war and the equipment for his chariots.
1Sa 8:13 He will also take your daughters to be perfumers, cooks, and bakers.
1Sa 8:14 He will take the best of your fields, your vineyards, and your olive orchards, and give them to his servants.
1Sa 8:15 He will take a tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give to his officers and his servants.
1Sa 8:16 He will take your male servants, your female servants, the best of your young men, and your donkeys; he will put them all to work for him.
1Sa 8:17 He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you will be his slaves.
1Sa 8:18 Then on that day you will cry out, because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves; but Yehowah will not answer you on that day.”

1Sa 8:19 But the people refused to listen to Samuel; they responded, “No! There must be a king over us,
1Sa 8:20 so that we might be like all the ethnicities, and so that our king may judge us, go out before us, and fight our battles.”
1Sa 8:21 When Samuel heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of Yehowah.
1Sa 8:22 Yehowah ordered Samuel, “Obey their voice and cause someone to be king for them.” So Samuel replied to the men of Israel, “Every man must go to his hometown.”

1 Samuel Chapter 9

1Sa 9:1 There was a man from Benjamin, a man of influence. His name was Kish son of Abiel son of Zeror son of Becorath son of Aphiah, the son of a Benjamite.
1Sa 9:2 He had a son named Saul, a handsome young man. There was no man among the people of Israel who was a more handsome person than he. From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people.
1Sa 9:3 Now the donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. So Kish ordered Saul his son, "Take one of the servants with you; arise and go look for the donkeys."
1Sa 9:4 So Saul passed through the hill country of Ephraim and went through the land of Shalishah, but they did not find them. Then they passed through the land of Shaalim, but they were not there. Then he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they did not find them.
1Sa 9:5 When they came to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant who was with him, "Come, let us go back, or my father may stop caring for the donkeys and begin to worry about us."
1Sa 9:6 But the servant replied to him, "Listen, there is a man of the Almighty in this city. He is a man who is held in honor; everything that he says comes true. Let us go there; maybe he can tell us which way we should go on our journey."
1Sa 9:7 Then Saul asked his servant, "But if we go, what can we bring the man? For the bread in our sack is gone, and there is no present to bring to the man of the Almighty. What do we have?"
1Sa 9:8 The servant answered Saul, "Here, I have with me one fourth-weight silver-currency that I will give to the man of the Almighty, to tell us which way we should go."
1Sa 9:9 Formerly in Israel, when a man went to seek the knowledge of the will of the Almighty, he said, "Come, let us go to the seer." For today's prophet was formerly called a seer.
1Sa 9:10 Then Saul complimented his servant, "Well said. Come, let us go." So they went to the city where the man of the Almighty was.
1Sa 9:11 As they went up the hill to the city, they found young women coming out to draw water; Saul and his servant asked them, "Is the seer here?"
1Sa 9:12 They answered, "He is; see, he is just ahead of you. Hurry up, for he is coming to the city today, because the people are sacrificing today at the high place.
1Sa 9:13 As soon as you enter the city you will find him, before he goes up to the high place to eat. The people will not eat until he comes, because he will bless the sacrifice; afterwards those who are invited will eat. Now go up, for you will find him immediately."

1Sa 9:14 So they went up to the city. As they were entering the city, they saw Samuel coming out toward them, to go up to the high place.
1Sa 9:15 Now the day before Saul came, Yehowah had revealed to Samuel:
1Sa 9:16 “Tomorrow about this time I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you will anoint him to be prince over my people Israel. He will save my people from the hand of the Philistines. For I have looked on my people with pity, because their call for help has come to me.”
1Sa 9:17 When Samuel saw Saul, Yehowah told him, “Here is the man I told you about! He is the one who will rule over my people.”
1Sa 9:18 Then Saul came close to Samuel in the gate and asked, “Tell me, where is the house of the seer?”
1Sa 9:19 Samuel answered Saul, “I am the seer. Go up before me to the high place, for today you will eat with me. At dawn, I will let you go, and I will tell you everything that is on your mind.
1Sa 9:20 As for your donkeys that were lost three days ago, do not worry about them, for they have been found. Then on whom are all the desires of Israel set? Is it not on you and all your father’s household?”
1Sa 9:21 Saul answered, “Am I not a Benjamite, from the smallest of the tribes of Israel? Is not my clan the least of all the clans of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then have you spoken to me in this manner?”
1Sa 9:22 So Samuel took Saul and his servant, brought them into the hall, and seated them at the head place of those who had been invited, who were about thirty people.
1Sa 9:23 Samuel ordered the cook, “Bring the portion which I gave to you, of which I said to you, ‘Put it aside.’”
1Sa 9:24 So the cook took up the thigh and what was on it and set it before Saul. Then Samuel said, “See what has been kept is set before you. Eat it, because it has been kept for you until the appointment calendar festival, from the time when I said, ‘I have invited the people.’” So Saul ate with Samuel that day.
1Sa 9:25 When they had come down from the high place into the city, Samuel spoke with Saul on the rooftop.
1Sa 9:26 Then at the break of dawn, Samuel called to Saul on the rooftop, “Get up, so I can send you on your way!” So Saul rose up, and both he and Samuel went out into the street.
1Sa 9:27 As they were going to the outskirts of the city, Samuel ordered Saul, “Tell the servant to go ahead of us,” and he went ahead, “but you must stay here awhile, that I may announce the message of the Almighty to you.”

1 Samuel Chapter 10

1Sa 10:1 Then Samuel took a flask of oil, poured it on Saul's head, and kissed him (c. 1103 BC). He said, "Has not Yehowah anointed you to be a ruler over his inheritance?
1Sa 10:2 When you leave me today, you will find two men near Rachel's tomb, in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah. They will say to you, 'The donkeys that you were looking for have been found. Now your father has stopped caring about the donkeys and is worried about you, asking, "What should I do about my son?"'
1Sa 10:3 Then you will go on further from there, and you will come to the oak of Tabor. Three men going to the Almighty at Bethel will meet you there, one carrying three young goats, another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a skin of wine.
1Sa 10:4 They will greet you and give you two loaves of bread, which you will take from their hands.
1Sa 10:5 After that, you will come to the hill of Yehowah, where the garrison of the Philistines is. When you arrive at the city, you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with a harp, a tambourine, a flute, and a lyre before them; they will be prophesying.
1Sa 10:6 The Ruach of Yehowah will rush upon you, and you will prophesy with them, and you will be changed into a different man.
1Sa 10:7 Now when these signs come to you, do whatever your hand finds to do, for the Almighty is with you.
1Sa 10:8 Go down before me to Gilgal. Then I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings and to sacrifice peace offerings. Wait seven days, until I come to you and show you what you must do."
1Sa 10:9 When Saul turned his back to leave Samuel, the Almighty gave him another heart. Then all these signs came to pass that day.
1Sa 10:10 When they came to the hill, a group of prophets met him, and the Ruach of the Almighty rushed upon him, so that he prophesied with them.
1Sa 10:11 When everyone who knew him before saw him prophesying with the prophets, the people asked each other, "What has happened to the son of Kish? Is Saul one of the prophets now?"
1Sa 10:12 A man who was from that same place answered, "Then who is their father?" Because of this, it became a saying, "Is Saul also one of the prophets?"
1Sa 10:13 When he finished prophesying, he came to the high place.
1Sa 10:14 Then Saul's uncle asked him and his servant, "Where did you go?" He answered, "To look for the donkeys. When we saw that we could not find them, we went to Samuel."

1Sa 10:15 Saul's uncle said, "Please tell me what Samuel said to you."
1Sa 10:16 Saul replied to his uncle, "He told us plainly that the donkeys had been found." But he did not tell him about the matter of the kingdom, of which Samuel had spoken.
1Sa 10:17 Now Samuel called the people together before Yehowah at Mizpah.
1Sa 10:18 He said to the people of Israel, "This is what Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, says: 'I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and I rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians, and from the hand of all the kingdoms that oppressed you.'
1Sa 10:19 But today you have rejected your Divine One, who saves you from all of your calamities and your distresses; and you have said to him, 'Set a king over us.' Now present yourselves before Yehowah by your tribes and by your clans."
1Sa 10:20 So Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, and the tribe of Benjamin was chosen.
1Sa 10:21 Then he brought the tribe of Benjamin near by their clans; and the clan of the Matrites was chosen; and Saul son of Kish was chosen. But when they went looking for him, he could not be found.
1Sa 10:22 Then the people wanted to ask Yehowah more questions, "Is there still another man to come?" Yehowah answered, "He has hidden himself among the baggage."
1Sa 10:23 Then they ran and retrieved Saul from there. When he stood among the people, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward.
1Sa 10:24 Then Samuel said to the people, "Do you see the man whom Yehowah has chosen? There is no one like him among all the people!" All the people shouted, "Long live the king!"
1Sa 10:25 Then Samuel told the people the customs and rules of kingship, wrote them down in a Book, and placed it before Yehowah. Samuel then sent all the people away, each man to his own house.
1Sa 10:26 Saul also went to his home at Gibeah, and with him went some strong men, whose hearts the Almighty had touched.
1Sa 10:27 But some worthless men asked, "How can this man save us?" These people despised Saul and did not bring him any gifts. But Saul kept silent.

1 Samuel Chapter 11

1Sa 11:1 King Nahash of Ammon was severely oppressing the tribes of Gad and Reuben. He would gouge out everyone's right eye and allow no one to rescue Israel. There was no one among the Israelis east of the Jordan River whose right eye King Nahash of Ammon had not gouged out. However, seven thousand men had escaped from the Ammonites and gone to Jabesh Gilead. Then Nahash the Ammonite went and laid seige to Jabesh Gilead. All the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, "Make a covenant with us, and we will serve you."
1Sa 11:2 Nahash the Ammonite replied, "On this condition will I make a treaty with you, that I gouge out all of your right eyes, and in this way bring disgrace on all Israel."
1Sa 11:3 Then the elders of Jabesh replied to him, "Leave us alone for seven days, so that we may send messengers to all the territory of Israel. Then if there is no one to save us, we will surrender to you."
1Sa 11:4 The messengers came to Gibeah, where Saul lived, and told the people what had happened. All the people wept loudly.
1Sa 11:5 Now Saul was following the oxen out of the field. Saul asked, "What is wrong with the people that they are weeping?" They told Saul what the men of Jabesh had said.
1Sa 11:6 When Saul heard what they said, the Ruach of the Almighty rushed upon him, and he was extremely angry.
1Sa 11:7 He took a yoke of oxen, cut them into pieces, and sent them throughout all the territory of Israel with the messengers. He said, "Whoever does not come out after Saul and after Samuel, this is what will be done to his oxen." Then the terror of Yehowah fell on the people, and they came out together as one man.
1Sa 11:8 When he mustered them at Bezek, the people of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand.
1Sa 11:9 They said to the messengers that came, "You will tell the men of Jabesh Gilead, 'Tomorrow, by the time the sun is hot, you will be rescued.'" So the messengers went and told the men of Jabesh, and they were glad.
1Sa 11:10 Then the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, "Tomorrow, we will surrender to you, and you can do to us whatever seems good to you."
1Sa 11:11 The next day, Saul put the people in three groups. They came into the middle of the camp during the morning watch, and they attacked and defeated the Ammonites until the heat of the day. Those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together.
1Sa 11:12 Then the people said to Samuel, "Who was it who asked, 'Will Saul reign over us?' Bring the men, so we can execute them."

1Sa 11:13 But Saul said, “No one must be executed this day, because today Yehowah has rescued Israel.”
1Sa 11:14 Then Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and renew the monarchy there.”
1Sa 11:15 So all the people went to Gilgal and made Saul king before Yehowah in Gilgal. There they sacrificed peace offerings before Yehowah, and Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly!

1 Samuel Chapter 12

1Sa 12:1 Samuel said to all Israel, “I have listened to everything you said to me, and I have set a king over you.
1Sa 12:2 Now here is the king walking before you; and I am old and gray; and my sons are with you. I have walked before you from my youth until today.
1Sa 12:3 Here I am; testify against me before Yehowah and before his anointed one. Whose ox have I taken? Whose donkey have I taken? Whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed? From whose hand have I taken a bribe to blind my eyes with? Testify against me, and I will restore it to you.”
1Sa 12:4 They answered, “You have not cheated us, oppressed us, or have stolen anything from any man’s hand.”
1Sa 12:5 He said to them, “Yehowah is witness against you, and his anointed one is witness today, that you have found nothing in my hand.” They replied, “Yehowah is witness.”
1Sa 12:6 Samuel said to the people, “It is Yehowah who appointed Moses and Aaron, and who brought your fathers up from the land of Egypt.
1Sa 12:7 Now then present yourselves, so that I may plead with you before Yehowah about all of the righteous deeds of Yehowah, which he did for you and your fathers.
1Sa 12:8 When Jacob came to Egypt, and your ancestors cried out to Yehowah, then Yehowah sent Moses and Aaron, who led your ancestors out of Egypt and they settled in this place.
1Sa 12:9 But they forgot Yehowah their Divine One; he sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the armed forces of Hazor, into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab; these all fought against your ancestors.
1Sa 12:10 They cried out to Yehowah, ‘We have sinned, because we have forsaken Yehowah and have served the Baals and the Ashtoreths! But now rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and we will serve you.’
1Sa 12:11 So Yehowah sent Jerub Baal (Gideon), Bedan, Jephthah, and Samuel, and gave you victory over your enemies all around you, so that you lived in security.
1Sa 12:12 When you saw that Nahash the king of the people of Ammon came against you, you said to me, ‘No! Instead, a king must reign over us,’ although Yehowah your Divine One was your king.
1Sa 12:13 Now here is the king whom you have chosen, whom you have asked for, and whom Yehowah has now appointed as king over you.
1Sa 12:14 If you fear Yehowah, serve him, obey his voice, and do not rebel against the command of Yehowah, then both you and the king who reigns over you will be followers of Yehowah your Divine One.

1Sa 12:15 If you do not obey the voice of Yehowah but rebel against the commands of Yehowah, then the hand of Yehowah will be against you, as it was against your ancestors.
1Sa 12:16 Even now present yourselves and see this great thing which Yehowah will do before your eyes.
1Sa 12:17 Is it not the wheat harvest today (Shavuot)? I will call upon Yehowah, that he may send thunder and rain. Then you will know and see that your wickedness is great, which you have done in the sight of Yehowah, in asking for yourselves a king."
1Sa 12:18 So Samuel called to Yehowah; and that same day Yehowah sent thunder and rain. Then all the people greatly feared Yehowah and Samuel.
1Sa 12:19 Then all the people entreated Samuel, "Pray for your servants to Yehowah your Divine One, so that we do not die. For we have added to all our sins this evil in asking for a king for ourselves."
1Sa 12:20 Samuel replied, "Do not be afraid. You have done all this evil, but do not turn away from Yehowah, but serve Yehowah with all your heart.
1Sa 12:21 Do not turn away after empty things that cannot profit or rescue you, because they are useless.
1Sa 12:22 For the sake of his great name, Yehowah will not reject his people, because it has pleased Yehowah to make you a people for himself.
1Sa 12:23 As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against Yehowah by ceasing to pray for you. Instead, I will teach you the Way that is good and right.
1Sa 12:24 Only fear Yehowah and serve him in truth with all your heart. Consider the great things he has done for you.
1Sa 12:25 But if you persist in doing evil, both you and your king will be destroyed."

1 Samuel Chapter 13

1Sa 13:1 Saul now had been king one year, and when he had reigned two years over Israel,
1Sa 13:2 Saul chose three thousand men of Israel: Two thousand were with him in Michmash and in the hill country of Bethel, while a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin. The rest of the soldiers he sent home, each man to his tent.
1Sa 13:3 Jonathan defeated the garrison of the Philistines that was at Geba, and the Philistines heard of it. Then Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, shouting, “Let the Hebrews hear!”
1Sa 13:4 All Israel heard that Saul had defeated the garrison of the Philistines, and also that Israel had become a rotten smell to the Philistines. Then the soldiers were summoned together to join Saul at Gilgal.
1Sa 13:5 The Philistines gathered together to fight against Israel: three thousand chariots, six thousand men to drive the chariots, and troops as numerous as the sand on the seashore. They came up and encamped at Michmash, east of Bethaven.
1Sa 13:6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in trouble, for the people were distressed, the people hid in caves, in the underbrush, in rocks, in wells, and in pits.
1Sa 13:7 Some of the Hebrews went over the Jordan River to the land of Gad and Gilead. But Saul was still at Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.
1Sa 13:8 He waited seven days, the appointment calendar time Samuel had set. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and the people were scattering from Saul.
1Sa 13:9 Saul ordered, “Bring me the burnt offering and the peace offerings.” Then he offered the burnt offering.
1Sa 13:10 As soon as he finished offering the burnt offering, Samuel arrived. Saul went out to meet him and to greet him.
1Sa 13:11 Then Samuel asked, “What have you done?” Saul answered, “When I saw that the people were leaving me, and that you did not come within the set time, and that the Philistines had assembled at Michmash,
1Sa 13:12 I concluded, ‘Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the grace of Yehowah.’ So I forced myself to offer the burnt offering.”
1Sa 13:13 Then Samuel said to Saul, “You have acted foolishly. You have not kept the command of Yehowah your Divine One that he gave you. For then Yehowah would have established your rule over Israel forever.

1Sa 13:14 But now your rule will not continue. Yehowah has sought out a man after his own heart, and Yehowah has appointed him to be prince over his people, because you have not obeyed what he commanded you.”
1Sa 13:15 Then Samuel arose and went up from Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin. Then Saul numbered the people who were present with him, about six hundred men.
1Sa 13:16 Saul, his son Jonathan, and the people who were present with them, stayed in Geba of Benjamin. But the Philistines camped at Michmash.
1Sa 13:17 Raiders came from the camp of the Philistines in three groups. One group turned toward Ophrah, to the land of Shual.
1Sa 13:18 Another group turned toward Bethhoron, and another group turned toward the border that overlooks the Valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.
1Sa 13:19 No blacksmith could be found throughout all of Israel, because the Philistines said, “Otherwise the Hebrews would make swords or spears for themselves.”
1Sa 13:20 But all the men of Israel used to go down to the Philistines, each to sharpen his plow points, his pickaxe, his ax, and his sickle.
1Sa 13:21 The charge was three-weight for the plow points and the pickaxes, and three-weight for sharpening axes, and for straightening the goads.
1Sa 13:22 So on the day of battle, there were no swords or spears found in the hands of any of the soldiers who were with Saul and Jonathan; only Saul and his son Jonathan had them.
1Sa 13:23 The garrison of the Philistines went out to the pass of Michmash.

1 Samuel Chapter 14

1Sa 14:1 One day, Jonathan son of Saul said to his young armor bearer, “Come, let us go over to the Philistines’ garrison on the other side.” But he did not tell his father.
1Sa 14:2 Saul was staying on the outskirts of Gibeah under the pomegranate tree that is in Migron. About six hundred men were with him,
1Sa 14:3 including Ahijah (Achiyah) son of Ahitub, Ichabod’s brother, son of Phinehas son of Eli, the priest of Yehowah at Shiloh, who wore an ephod. The people did not know that Jonathan was gone.
1Sa 14:4 On each side of the pass through which Jonathan wanted to go in order to get to the Philistines’ garrison, there was a rocky cliff on one side and another rocky cliff on the other side. One rocky cliff was called Bozez and the other rocky cliff was called Seneh.
1Sa 14:5 One rocky cliff stood on the north in front of Michmash and the other on the south in front of Geba.
1Sa 14:6 Jonathan said to his young armor bearer, “Come, let us cross over to the garrison of these uncircumcised. It may be that Yehowah will work on our behalf, for nothing can stop Yehowah from saving by many or by few.”
1Sa 14:7 His armor bearer replied, “Do everything that is in your heart. Go ahead, see, I am with you, to obey all your commands.”
1Sa 14:8 Then Jonathan said, “We will cross over to the men, and we will show ourselves to them.
1Sa 14:9 If they say to us, ‘Wait there until we come over to you’, then we will stay in our place and will not cross over to them.
1Sa 14:10 But if they reply, ‘Come over to us,’ then we will cross over, because Yehowah has given them into our hand. This will be the sign to us.”
1Sa 14:11 So both of them revealed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines. The Philistines remarked, “Look, Hebrews are coming out of the holes where they have hidden themselves.”
1Sa 14:12 Then the men of the garrison called to Jonathan and his armor bearer, “Come up to us, and we will show you something!” Jonathan said to his armor bearer, “Follow after me, because Yehowah has given them into the hand of Israel.”
1Sa 14:13 Jonathan climbed up on his hands and feet, and his armor bearer followed behind him. The Philistines were put to death before Jonathan, and his armor bearer put some to death behind him.
1Sa 14:14 That first attack that Jonathan and his armor bearer made, killed about twenty men within an area of a half-hectare.

1Sa 14:15 There was a panic in the camp, in the field, and among the people. Even the garrison and the raiders panicked. The earth quaked, and there was panic from the Almighty.
1Sa 14:16 Then Saul's watchmen in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; the crowd of Philistine soldiers was dispersing, and they were going here and there.
1Sa 14:17 Then Saul ordered the people that were with him, "Count and see who is missing from us." When they had counted, Jonathan and his armor bearer were missing.
1Sa 14:18 Saul said to Ahijah, "Bring the Ark of the Almighty here," for at that time the Ark of the Almighty was with the people of Israel.
1Sa 14:19 While Saul was talking to the priest, the commotion in the camp of the Philistines was continuing and increasing. Then Saul said to the priest, "Withdraw your hand."
1Sa 14:20 Saul and all the people who were with him rallied and went into battle. Every Philistine's sword was against his fellow countrymen, and there was extremely great confusion.
1Sa 14:21 Now those Hebrews who previously had been with the Philistines, and who had gone with them into the camp, even they joined with the Israelis that were with Saul and Jonathan.
1Sa 14:22 When all the men of Israel who had hidden themselves in the hills near Ephraim heard that the Philistines were fleeing, even they chased after them in battle.
1Sa 14:23 So Yehowah saved Israel that day, and the battle passed beyond Beth Aven.
1Sa 14:24 That day, the men of Israel were distressed, because Saul had put the people under an oath, "Cursed be the man that eats any food before dusk, and I am avenged on my enemies." So none of the troops tasted food.
1Sa 14:25 Then all the people entered the forest, and there was honey upon the ground.
1Sa 14:26 When the people entered into the forest, the honey flowed, but no one put his hand to his mouth, for the people feared the oath.
1Sa 14:27 But Jonathan had not heard that his father had bound the people with an oath. He reached out the tip of the trekking pole that was in his hand and dipped it in the honeycomb. He raised his hand to his mouth, and his eyes brightened.
1Sa 14:28 Then one of the people answered, "Your father strictly charged the people with an oath by saying, 'Cursed be the man that eats food on this day,' even though the people are weak from hunger."
1Sa 14:29 Then Jonathan responded, "My father has made trouble for the land. See how my eyes have become brightened, because I tasted a little of this honey.

1Sa 14:30 How much better if the people had eaten freely today of the plunder from their enemies that they found? Because now the slaughter has not been great among the Philistines."
1Sa 14:31 They attacked the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon. The people were extremely weary.
1Sa 14:32 The people rushed greedily on the plunder and took sheep, oxen and calves, and killed them on the ground. The people ate them with the blood.
1Sa 14:33 Then they told Saul, "Look, the people are sinning against Yehowah by eating with the blood." Saul said, "You have acted unfaithfully. Now roll a big stone here to me."
1Sa 14:34 Saul ordered, "Go out among the people, and tell them, 'Let every man bring his ox and his sheep, kill them here and eat. Do not sin against Yehowah by eating with the blood.'" So each of the people brought his own ox with him that night and killed it there.
1Sa 14:35 Saul built an altar to Yehowah, which was the first altar that he built to Yehowah.
1Sa 14:36 Then Saul said, "Let us pursue the Philistines by night and plunder them until morning; let us not leave one of them alive." They replied, "Do whatever seems good to you." But the priest said, "Let us approach the Almighty here."
1Sa 14:37 Saul asked the Almighty, "Should I pursue the Philistines? Will you give them into the hand of Israel?" But He did not answer him that day.
1Sa 14:38 Then Saul said, "Come here, all you leaders of the people; learn and see how this sin has happened today.
1Sa 14:39 For as Yehowah lives, who saves Israel, even if it is in Jonathan my son, he will surely be executed." But none of the men among all the people answered him.
1Sa 14:40 Then he said to all Israel, "You must stand on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other." The people replied to Saul, "Do what seems good to you."
1Sa 14:41 Therefore, Saul asked Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, "Why have you not answered your servant today? Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, if this guilt lies in me or in my son Jonathan, let the lot be Urim; if it lies in your people Israel, let it be Thummim." Jonathan and Saul were taken by lot, but the people escaped being chosen.
1Sa 14:42 Then Saul ordered, "Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son." Then Jonathan was taken by lot.
1Sa 14:43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, "Tell me what you have done." Jonathan told him, "I tasted a little honey with the end of the trekking pole that was in my hand. Here I am; I will accept execution."

1Sa 14:44 Saul replied, “The Almighty do so to me, and more also, if you are not executed, Jonathan.”
1Sa 14:45 Then the people responded to Saul, “Should Jonathan be executed, who has accomplished this great victory for Israel? Far from it! As Yehowah lives, not one hair of his head will fall to the ground, for he has worked with the Almighty today.” So the people rescued Jonathan, so that he did not die.
1Sa 14:46 Then Saul stopped pursuing the Philistines, and the Philistines went to their own place.
1Sa 14:47 When Saul began to rule over Israel, he fought against all his enemies on every side. He fought against Moab, the Ammonites, Edom, the kings of Zobah, and the Philistines. Wherever he turned, he inflicted punishment on them.
1Sa 14:48 He acted with great courage and defeated the Amalekites. He rescued Israel out of the hands of those who plundered them.
1Sa 14:49 The sons of Saul were Jonathan, Ishvi, and Malchishua. The names of his two daughters were Merab, the firstborn, and Michal, the younger.
1Sa 14:50 The name of Saul’s wife was Ahinoam; she was the daughter of Ahimaaz. The name of the captain of his military force was Abner son of Ner, Saul’s uncle.
1Sa 14:51 Kish was Saul’s father; and Ner, the father of Abner, was the son of Abiel.
1Sa 14:52 There was hard fighting against the Philistines all the days of Saul. When Saul saw any mighty man, or any valiant man, he attached him to himself.

1 Samuel Chapter 15

1Sa 15:1 Samuel said to Saul, “Yehowah sent me to anoint you king over his people Israel. Now listen to the words of Yehowah.
1Sa 15:2 This is what Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces commands, ‘I have noted what Amalek did to Israel in opposing them on the way, when they came up from Egypt.
1Sa 15:3 Now go and attack Amalek and completely destroy all that they have. Do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.’”
1Sa 15:4 Saul summoned the people and numbered them at the city of Telem: two hundred thousand infantrymen, and ten thousand men of Judah.
1Sa 15:5 Then Saul came to the city of Amalek and waited in the valley.
1Sa 15:6 Then Saul said to the Kenites, “Go, depart, come out from among the Amalekites, so I do not destroy you along with them. For you showed kindness to all the people of Israel, when they came from Egypt.” So the Kenites moved away from the Amalekites.
1Sa 15:7 Then Saul attacked the Amalekites, from Havilah as far as Shur, which is east of Egypt.
1Sa 15:8 Then he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive; he completely destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.
1Sa 15:9 But Saul and the people spared Agag, as well as the best of the sheep, oxen, fattened calves, and the lambs. Everything that was good, they did not destroy. But they completely destroyed anything that was despised and worthless.
1Sa 15:10 Then the Word of Yehowah came to Samuel,
1Sa 15:11 “It grieves me that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following me and has not performed my commandments.” Samuel was angry; he cried out to Yehowah all night.
1Sa 15:12 Samuel rose up early to meet Saul at dawn. Samuel was told, “Saul came to Carmel, and he set up a monument to himself, then turned and proceeded on down to Gilgal.”
1Sa 15:13 Then Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, “Blessed are you by Yehowah! I have fulfilled the command of Yehowah.”
1Sa 15:14 Samuel asked, “What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen that I hear?”
1Sa 15:15 Saul answered, “They have brought them from the Amalekites. For the people spared the best of the sheep and oxen, to sacrifice to Yehowah your Divine One. The rest we have completely destroyed.”

1Sa 15:16 Then Samuel replied to Saul, “Wait, and I will tell you what Yehowah has said to me tonight.” Saul responded to him, “Speak!”
1Sa 15:17 Samuel said, “Though you were little in your own sight, were you not made the head of the tribes of Israel? Then Yehowah anointed you king over Israel,
1Sa 15:18 and Yehowah sent you on your way and commanded, ‘Go and completely destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them, until they are destroyed.’
1Sa 15:19 Why did you not obey the voice of Yehowah, but instead you seized the booty and did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah?”
1Sa 15:20 Then Saul answered Samuel, “I have indeed obeyed the voice of Yehowah and have gone on the way that Yehowah sent me. I have captured Agag, the king of Amalek, and have completely destroyed the Amalekites.
1Sa 15:21 But the people took some of the booty, sheep and oxen, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to Yehowah your Divine One in Gilgal.”
1Sa 15:22 Samuel replied, “Has Yehowah as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of Yehowah? Obedience is better than sacrifice, and to listen is better than the fat of rams (Hos. 6:6; Heb. 13:16).
1Sa 15:23 For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and stubbornness is like wickedness and iniquity. Because you have rejected the Word of Yehowah, he has also rejected you from being king.”
1Sa 15:24 Then Saul confessed to Samuel, “I have sinned; for I have broken the commandment of Yehowah and your words, because I was afraid of the people and obeyed their voice.
1Sa 15:25 Now please pardon my sin, and return with me, so that I may worship Yehowah.”
1Sa 15:26 Samuel said to Saul, “I will not go back with you; for you have rejected the Word of Yehowah, and Yehowah has rejected you from being king over Israel.”
1Sa 15:27 As Samuel turned to leave, Saul took hold of the tassel of his robe, and it tore.
1Sa 15:28 Samuel said to him, “Yehowah has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to a neighbor of yours, one who is better than you.
1Sa 15:29 Also, the Strength of Israel will not lie nor change his mind; for he is not a man, that he should change his mind.”
1Sa 15:30 Then Saul entreated, “I have sinned. But please honor me now before the elders of my people and before Israel. Turn again with me, that I may worship Yehowah your Divine One.”
1Sa 15:31 So Samuel turned again after Saul, and Saul worshiped Yehowah.

1Sa 15:32 Then Samuel ordered, “Bring Agag the king of the Amalekites here to me.” Agag came to him confined with chains and said, “Surely the bitterness of death has passed.”
1Sa 15:33 Samuel replied, “As your sword has made women childless, so will your mother be childless among women.” Then Samuel chopped Agag to pieces before Yehowah at Gilgal.
1Sa 15:34 Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house at Gibeah of Saul.
1Sa 15:35 Samuel did not see Saul until the day of his death, for he mourned for Saul. Yehowah was grieved that he had made Saul king over Israel.

1 Samuel Chapter 16

1Sa 16:1 Yehowah ordered Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I will send you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have selected for myself a king among his sons.”
1Sa 16:2 Samuel responded, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” Yehowah said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to Yehowah.’
1Sa 16:3 Call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you will do. You will anoint for me the one whom I tell you.”
1Sa 16:4 Samuel did as Yehowah said and went to Bethlehem. The elders of the city were trembling as they came to meet him and asked, “Are you coming in peace?”
1Sa 16:5 He answered, “In peace; I have come to sacrifice to Yehowah. Prepare to set yourselves apart and come with me to the sacrifice.” Then he set apart Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.
1Sa 16:6 When they came, he looked at Eliab and said to himself that the anointed of Yehowah was certainly standing before him.
1Sa 16:7 But Yehowah said to Samuel, “Do not look at his outward appearance, or on the height of his stature; because I have rejected him. For Yehowah does not see as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but Yehowah looks on the heart” (John 7:24).
1Sa 16:8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. Then Samuel said, “Neither has Yehowah chosen this one.”
1Sa 16:9 Jesse then made Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Neither has Yehowah chosen this one.”
1Sa 16:10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Yehowah has not chosen any of these.”
1Sa 16:11 Then Samuel asked Jesse, “Are all of your sons here?” He answered, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is tending the sheep.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him; for we will not sit down, until he comes here.”
1Sa 16:12 Jesse sent and brought him in. Now this son was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and a handsome appearance. Yehowah said, “Arise, anoint him; for he is the one.”
1Sa 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the middle of his brothers. The Ruach of Yehowah rushed on David from that day forward. Then Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.
1Sa 16:14 Now the Ruach of Yehowah left Saul, and a harmful spirit from Yehowah troubled him instead.

1Sa 16:15 Saul's servants said to him, "Look, a harmful spirit from the Almighty troubles you.
1Sa 16:16 Let our master now command your servants who are before you to look for a man who is a skillful player on the harp. Then when the harmful spirit from the Almighty is on you, he will play it, and you will be well."
1Sa 16:17 Saul said to his servants, "Find me a man that can play well and bring him to me."
1Sa 16:18 Then one of the young men answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a strong, courageous man, a man of war, one prudent in speech, a handsome man; and Yehowah is with him."
1Sa 16:19 So Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep."
1Sa 16:20 Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a container of wine, and a young goat, and sent them with his son David to Saul.
1Sa 16:21 Then David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armor bearer.
1Sa 16:22 Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let David stand before me, for he has found grace in my sight."
1Sa 16:23 Whenever the harmful spirit from the Almighty was upon Saul, David took the harp and played it. So Saul would be refreshed and well, and the harmful spirit would depart from him.

1 Samuel Chapter 17

1Sa 17:1 Now the Philistines gathered their armed forces for battle. They were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah. They had encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammim.
1Sa 17:2 Saul and the men of Israel gathered and encamped in the Valley of Elah, and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines.
1Sa 17:3 The Philistines stood on a mountain on one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side with a valley between them.
1Sa 17:4 A strong man came out of the Philistines' camp, a man named Goliath of Gath, whose height was two meters.
1Sa 17:5 He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with scaled body armor. The armor weighed fifty-five kilograms of bronze.
1Sa 17:6 He had bronze armor on his legs and a lance of bronze between his shoulders.
1Sa 17:7 The staff of his spear was large, with a loop of cord for throwing it like the cord on a weaver's beam. His spear's head weighed seven kilograms of iron. His shield bearer went before him.
1Sa 17:8 He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves and let him come down to me!
1Sa 17:9 If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then will we be your servants! But if I defeat him and kill him, then you will be our servants and serve us!"
1Sa 17:10 Again the Philistine shouted, "I challenge the ranks of Israel today! Give me a man, so we may fight together!"
1Sa 17:11 When Saul and all Israel heard what the Philistine said, they were discouraged and deathly afraid.
1Sa 17:12 Now David was the son of the Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah, whose name was Jesse. He had eight sons. Jesse was an old man in the days of Saul, old among men.
1Sa 17:13 The three oldest sons of Jesse had followed Saul to the battle. The names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, second to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah.
1Sa 17:14 David was the youngest. The three oldest followed Saul.
1Sa 17:15 Now David went back and forth between Saul's military force and his father's sheep at Bethlehem, in order to feed them.
1Sa 17:16 For forty days the Philistine strong man came near, morning and evening to present himself for battle.

1Sa 17:17 Then Jesse said to his son David, “Take to your brothers 22 liters of this roasted grain and these ten loaves, and carry them quickly to the camp for your brothers.
1Sa 17:18 Also, bring these ten cheeses to the captain of their thousand. See how your brothers are doing and bring back some proof that they are doing well.
1Sa 17:19 Your brothers are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the Valley of Elah, fighting the Philistines.”
1Sa 17:20 David rose up at the crack of dawn and left the flock in the care of a shepherd. He took the supplies and left, as Jesse commanded him. He came to the camp as the military force was going out to the battlefield shouting the war cry.
1Sa 17:21 Then Israel and the Philistines lined up for battle, military force against military force.
1Sa 17:22 David left his belongings with the keeper of supplies, ran to the military force, and greeted his brothers.
1Sa 17:23 As he talked with them, the strong man, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came out of the ranks of the Philistines and said the same words as before, and David heard them.
1Sa 17:24 When all the men of Israel saw the man, they fled from him and were deathly afraid.
1Sa 17:25 The men of Israel said, “Have you seen this man who has come up? He has come to challenge Israel. The king will give great riches to the man who kills him, and he will give his daughter to him in marriage, and will make his father’s household free from taxation in Israel.”
1Sa 17:26 David asked the men who stood by him, “What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armed forces of the living Almighty?”
1Sa 17:27 Then the people repeated what they had been saying, “So it will be done for the man who kills him.”
1Sa 17:28 Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men. Eliab’s anger was kindled against David, and he said, “Why did you come down here? With whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the mischief in your heart; for you have come down here, so that you might see the battle.”
1Sa 17:29 David asked, “What have I done now? Was it not just a question?”
1Sa 17:30 He turned away from him toward another and spoke in the same way. The people answered the same thing as before.
1Sa 17:31 When the words that David said were heard, soldiers repeated them to Saul, and he sent for David.

1Sa 17:32 Then David said to Saul, “Let no man’s heart fail because of that Philistine; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.”
1Sa 17:33 Saul said to David, “You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are only a youth and he a man of war from his youth.”
1Sa 17:34 But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock,
1Sa 17:35 I chased after him and attacked him, and rescued it out of his mouth. When he rose up against me, I caught him by his beard, struck him, and killed him.
1Sa 17:36 Your servant has killed both a lion and a bear. This uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has challenged the armed forces of the living Almighty.”
1Sa 17:37 David said, “Yehowah rescued me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear. He will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.” Then Saul ordered David, “Go, and may Yehowah be with you.”
1Sa 17:38 Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze upon his head, and he clothed him with body armor.
1Sa 17:39 David strapped his sword on his armor. But he was not able to walk, because he had not trained with them. Then David said to Saul, “I cannot go out to fight with these, for I have not trained with them.” So David took them off.
1Sa 17:40 He took his trekking pole in his hand and chose five smooth stones out of the brook; he put them in his shepherd’s pouch. His sling was in his hand as he approached the Philistine.
1Sa 17:41 The Philistine came and approached David, with his shield bearer in front of him.
1Sa 17:42 When the Philistine looked around and saw David, he despised him, for he was only a boy, and ruddy, with a handsome appearance.
1Sa 17:43 Then the Philistine asked David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with trekking poles?” And the Philistine cursed David by his deities.
1Sa 17:44 The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the sky and to the beasts of the field.”
1Sa 17:45 David replied to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a lance. But I come to you in the name of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of the armed forces of Israel, whom you have defied.
1Sa 17:46 Today, Yehowah will give me victory over you, and I will kill you and remove your head from your body. Today, I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine military force to the birds of the sky and to the wild beasts of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is an Almighty One in Israel,
1Sa 17:47 and that all this gathering may know that Yehowah does not give victory with sword or spear. For the battle belongs to Yehowah, and he will give you into our hand!”

1Sa 17:48 When the Philistine rose and approached David, then David ran quickly toward the enemy military force to meet him.
1Sa 17:49 David put his hand in his bag, took a stone from it, slung it, and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank into the Philistine's forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground.
1Sa 17:50 David defeated the Philistine with a sling and a stone. He hit the Philistine and killed him. There was no sword in David's hand.
1Sa 17:51 Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword, drew it out of the scabbard, killed him, and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their strong man was dead, they fled.
1Sa 17:52 Then the men of Israel and of Judah rose with a shout, and chased after the Philistines as far as the valley and the gates of Ekron. The dead Philistines lay along the way to Shaaraim, all the way to Gath and Ekron.
1Sa 17:53 The people of Israel returned from chasing the Philistines, and they plundered their camp.
1Sa 17:54 David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armor in his tent.
1Sa 17:55 When Saul saw David go out against the Philistine, he asked Abner, the captain of the military force, "Abner, whose son is this youth?" Abner answered, "As you live, king, I do not know."
1Sa 17:56 The king said, "Ask those who might know, whose son the boy is."
1Sa 17:57 When David returned from killing the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand.
1Sa 17:58 Saul asked him, "Whose son are you, young man?" David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse, the Bethlehemite."

1 Samuel Chapter 18

1Sa 18:1 When he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.
1Sa 18:2 Saul took David into his service that day; he did not let him return to his father's house.
1Sa 18:3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant of friendship, because Jonathan loved him as his own soul.
1Sa 18:4 Jonathan took off the robe that he was wearing and gave it to David with his armor, as well as his sword, bow, and belt.
1Sa 18:5 David went out wherever Saul sent him, and he succeeded. Saul set him over the warriors. This was pleasing in the eyes of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.
1Sa 18:6 As they came home, when David returned from defeating the Philistine, the women came from all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy, and with musical instruments.
1Sa 18:7 The women sang one to another as they played: "Saul has killed his thousands and David his ten thousands."
1Sa 18:8 Saul was extremely angry, and this song displeased him. He said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, but they have ascribed only thousands to me. What more can he have but the monarchy?"
1Sa 18:9 Saul looked at David with suspicion from that day on.
1Sa 18:10 The next day, a harmful spirit from the Almighty rushed upon Saul, and he raved within the house. So David played his instrument, as he did each day. Saul had a spear in his hand.
1Sa 18:11 Saul threw the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David escaped from Saul's presence twice in this way.
1Sa 18:12 Saul was afraid of David, because Yehowah was with him but was no longer with Saul.
1Sa 18:13 So Saul removed him from his presence and appointed him a commander of a thousand. In this way, David went out and came in before the people.
1Sa 18:14 David was prospering in all his Ways, for Yehowah was with him.
1Sa 18:15 When Saul saw that he prospered, he stood in awe of him.
1Sa 18:16 But all Israel and Judah loved David, for he went out and came in before them.
1Sa 18:17 Then Saul said to David, "Here is my oldest daughter Merab. I will give her to you as a wife. Only be courageous for me and fight the battles of Yehowah." For Saul thought, "Let not my hand be on him, but let the hand of the Philistines be on him."

1Sa 18:18 David asked Saul, “Who am I, and who are my relatives, or my father’s family in Israel, that I should be son-in-law to the king?”
1Sa 18:19 But at the time when Merab, Saul’s daughter, should have been given to David, she was given to Adriel the Meholathite as a wife.
1Sa 18:20 But Michal, Saul’s daughter, loved David. They told Saul, and this pleased him.
1Sa 18:21 Then Saul thought, “I will give her to him, so that she can be a trap for him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him.” So Saul said to David a second time, “You will be my son-in-law.”
1Sa 18:22 Saul commanded his servants, “Speak with David in private and say, ‘See, the king takes pleasure in you, and all his servants love you. Now then, become the king’s son-in-law.’”
1Sa 18:23 So Saul’s servants spoke these words to David. Then David asked, “Is it a small matter to you to be the king’s son-in-law, since I am a poor man, and lightly esteemed?”
1Sa 18:24 The servants of Saul reported to him the words which David spoke.
1Sa 18:25 Then Saul ordered, “Say this to David, ‘The king does not desire any dowry, only one hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged from the king’s enemies.’” Now Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.
1Sa 18:26 When his servants told David these words, it pleased David to be the king’s son-in-law.
1Sa 18:27 Before those days had expired, David went with his men and killed two hundred Philistines. David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full number to the king, so that he might be the king’s son-in-law. So Saul gave him Michal his daughter as his wife.
1Sa 18:28 When Saul saw, and he knew that Yehowah was with David, and that Michal, Saul’s daughter, loved him,
1Sa 18:29 Saul was even more afraid of David. Saul was continually David’s enemy.
1Sa 18:30 Then the princes of the Philistines came out for battle, and as often as they came out, David succeeded more than all the servants of Saul, so that his name was highly regarded.

1 Samuel Chapter 19

1Sa 19:1 Saul said to Jonathan his son and to all his servants that they should kill David. But Jonathan, Saul's son, took great pleasure in David.
1Sa 19:2 So Jonathan told David, "Saul my father seeks to kill you. Therefore, be on your guard until dawn and hide yourself in a secret place.
1Sa 19:3 I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak with my father about you. If I learn anything, I will tell you."
1Sa 19:4 Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father, "Do not let the king sin against his servant David. For he has not sinned against you, and his deeds have brought you good.
1Sa 19:5 For he took his life in his hand and killed the Philistine. Yehowah brought about a great victory for all Israel. You saw it and rejoiced. Why would you sin against innocent blood by killing David for no reason?"
1Sa 19:6 Saul listened to Jonathan. Saul swore, "As Yehowah lives, he will not be executed."
1Sa 19:7 Then Jonathan called David, and Jonathan told him all these things. Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as before.
1Sa 19:8 There was war again, and David went out and fought with the Philistines and defeated them with a great slaughter. They fled before him.
1Sa 19:9 A harmful spirit from Yehowah came on Saul as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand, and as David was playing his instrument.
1Sa 19:10 Saul tried to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he slipped away from Saul's presence, so that Saul drove the spear into the wall. David fled and escaped that night.
1Sa 19:11 Saul sent messengers to David's house to watch him, that he might kill him at dawn. Michal, David's wife, told him, "If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you will be executed."
1Sa 19:12 So Michal let David down through the window. He went and fled, and escaped.
1Sa 19:13 Michal took a household idol and laid it in the bed. Then she put a pillow of goats' hair at its head and covered it with the clothes.
1Sa 19:14 When Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, "He is sick."
1Sa 19:15 Then Saul sent the messengers to see David; he ordered, "Bring him up to me in the bed, so that I may execute him."
1Sa 19:16 When the messengers came in, behold, the household idol was in the bed along with the pillow of goats' hair at its head.
1Sa 19:17 Saul asked Michal, "Why have you deceived me and let my enemy go, so that he has escaped?" Michal answered Saul, "He said to me, 'Let me go. Why should I kill you?'"

1Sa 19:18 Now David fled and escaped, and went to Samuel in Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. Then he and Samuel went and stayed in Naioth.
1Sa 19:19 It was told to Saul, “See, David is at Naioth in Ramah.”
1Sa 19:20 Then Saul sent messengers to capture David. When they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as head over them, the Ruach of the Almighty came on the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.
1Sa 19:21 When Saul was told this, he sent other messengers, and they also prophesied. So Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they also prophesied.
1Sa 19:22 Then he also went to Ramah and came to the deep well that is in Secu. He asked, “Where are Samuel and David?” Someone answered, “See, they are at Naioth in Ramah.”
1Sa 19:23 Saul went to Naioth in Ramah. Then the Ruach of the Almighty came upon him, and as he went he prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah.
1Sa 19:24 He stripped off his clothes and also prophesied before Samuel. He lay naked all that day and all that night. This is why they ask, “Is Saul also among the prophets?”

1 Samuel Chapter 20

1Sa 20:1 Then David fled from Naioth in Ramah and came and asked Jonathan, “What have I done? What is my iniquity? What is my sin before your father, that he seeks to take my life?”
1Sa 20:2 Jonathan answered David, “Far from it; you will not die. My father does nothing either great or small without telling it to me. Why should my father hide this thing from me? It is not so.”
1Sa 20:3 Yet David vowed again, “Your father knows well that I have found grace in your eyes. He has said, ‘Do not let Jonathan know this, or he will be grieved.’ But as truly as Yehowah lives, and as you live, there is but a step between me and death.”
1Sa 20:4 Then Jonathan replied to David, “Whatever you say, I will do for you.”
1Sa 20:5 David responded to Jonathan, “Tomorrow is the beginning of the month, and I ought to sit down to eat with the king. But let me go, so that I may hide myself in the field until the third day at dusk.
1Sa 20:6 If your father misses me at all, then say, ‘David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Bethlehem his city; because it is the yearly sacrifice there for the whole family.’
1Sa 20:7 If he says, ‘It is well,’ your servant will have peace. But if he is extremely angry, then know that he has decided on evil.
1Sa 20:8 Therefore, deal kindly with your servant. For you have brought your servant into a covenant of Yehowah with you. But if there is sin in me, kill me yourself; for why then should you bring me to your father?”
1Sa 20:9 Jonathan responded, “Far be it from you! If I learned my father decided harm to come upon you, would I not tell you?”
1Sa 20:10 Then David asked Jonathan, “Who will tell me if by chance your father should answer you roughly?”
1Sa 20:11 Jonathan answered David, “Come, let us go out into the field.” So they both went out into the field.
1Sa 20:12 Jonathan said to David, “May Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, be witness. When I have questioned my father around this time tomorrow, or the third day, see, if there is good will toward David, will I not then send to you and make it known to you?
1Sa 20:13 If it pleases my father to do you harm, may Yehowah do to Jonathan and more also, if I do not make it known to you and send you away, so that you may go in peace. May Yehowah be with you, as he has been with my father.
1Sa 20:14 If I am still alive, will you not show me the covenant faithfulness of Yehowah, that I may not die?

1Sa 20:15 Do not cut off your covenant faithfulness from my household forever, not even when Yehowah cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth."
1Sa 20:16 So Jonathan made a covenant with the House of David, "May Yehowah require an accounting from the hand of the enemies of David."
1Sa 20:17 Jonathan made David vow again, because of the love that he had for him, because he loved him as he loved his own soul.
1Sa 20:18 Then Jonathan said to him, "Tomorrow is the beginning of the month. You will be missed, because your seat will be empty.
1Sa 20:19 When you have stayed three days, go down quickly and come to the place where you hid yourself when the business was in hand, and stay by the stone Ezel.
1Sa 20:20 I will shoot three arrows to the side of it, as though I were shooting at a target.
1Sa 20:21 Then I will send my young man and order him, 'Go find the arrows.' If I say to the young boy, 'Look, the arrows are on this side of you; get them,' then come; for there will be safety for you and not harm, as Yehowah lives.
1Sa 20:22 "But if I say to the young man, 'Look, the arrows are beyond you,' then go your way, for Yehowah has sent you away.
1Sa 20:23 As for the agreement of which you and I have spoken, see, Yehowah is between you and me forever."
1Sa 20:24 So David hid himself in the field. When the beginning of the month came, the king sat down to eat food.
1Sa 20:25 The king sat on his seat, as usual, on the seat by the wall. Jonathan stood up, and Abner sat by Saul's side. But David's place was empty.
1Sa 20:26 Yet Saul did not say anything that day, because he thought, "Something has happened to him. He is not clean; surely he is not clean."
1Sa 20:27 But on the second day of the month, David's place was empty. Saul asked Jonathan his son, "Why has the son of Jesse not come to the meal either yesterday or today?"
1Sa 20:28 Jonathan answered Saul, "David earnestly asked permission from me to go to Bethlehem.
1Sa 20:29 He requested, 'Please let me go. For our family has a sacrifice in the city, and my brother has ordered me to be there. Now if I have found grace in your eyes, please let me go and see my brothers.' For this reason he has not come to the king's table."
1Sa 20:30 Then Saul's anger burned against Jonathan, and he said to him, "You son of a perverse, rebellious woman! Do I not know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own shame, and to the shame of your mother's nakedness?

1Sa 20:31 For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established. Now then send and bring him to me, for he must surely be executed!”
1Sa 20:32 Jonathan asked Saul his father, “For what reason should he be executed? What has he done?”
1Sa 20:33 Then Saul threw his spear at him to kill him. So Jonathan knew that his father was determined to put David to death.
1Sa 20:34 Jonathan rose up from the table in fierce anger and ate no food the second day of the month, for he was grieved over David, because his father had dishonored him.
1Sa 20:35 At daybreak, Jonathan went out into the field to the appointment with David, and a young man was with him.
1Sa 20:36 He ordered his young man, “Run and find the arrows that I shoot.” As the young man ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.
1Sa 20:37 When the young man came to the place where the arrow that Jonathan shot had landed, Jonathan called after the young man and asked, “Is not the arrow beyond you?”
1Sa 20:38 Then Jonathan called after the young man, “Hurry, be quick, do not stay!” So Jonathan’s young man gathered up the arrows and came to his master.
1Sa 20:39 But the young man did not know anything. Only Jonathan and David knew the matter.
1Sa 20:40 Jonathan gave his weapons to his young man and ordered him, “Go, take them to the city.”
1Sa 20:41 As soon as the young man was gone, David stood up from behind the mound, lay facedown on the ground, and bowed himself three times. They kissed one another and wept together, with David weeping the more.
1Sa 20:42 Jonathan said to David, “Go in peace, because we have both sworn in the name of Yehowah, ‘May Yehowah be between you and me, and between my descendants and your descendants, forever.’” Then David stood up and left, and Jonathan returned to the city.

1 Samuel Chapter 21

1Sa 21:1 Then David came to Nob to see Ahimelech the priest. Ahimelech came to meet David trembling and asked him, “Why are you alone and have no one with you?”
1Sa 21:2 David answered Ahimelech the priest, “The king has sent me on a mission and has said to me, ‘Let no one know anything about the business I am sending you on, and what I have commanded you.’ I have directed the young men to a certain place.
1Sa 21:3 Now then what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever is here.”
1Sa 21:4 The priest answered David, “There is no ordinary bread on hand, but there is set apart bread, if the young men have kept themselves from women.”
1Sa 21:5 David answered the priest, “Surely women have been kept from us for the past three days, as usual, when I set out. The things belonging to the men have been set apart even on ordinary missions. How much more today will what they have be set apart!”
1Sa 21:6 So the priest gave him the bread that was set apart. For there was no bread there except the bread of the presence, which was removed from before Yehowah, in order to put hot bread in its place on the day it was taken away.
1Sa 21:7 Now one of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before Yehowah. His name was Doeg, the Edomite, the chief of Saul’s herdsmen.
1Sa 21:8 David said to Ahimelech, “Now is there not here on hand any spear or sword? For I brought neither my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king’s business was urgent.”
1Sa 21:9 The priest answered, “The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the Valley of Elah, is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod. If you want to take that, take it, for there is no other weapon here.” David replied, “There is no other sword like that one; give it to me.”
1Sa 21:10 David arose and fled that day from Saul and went to Achish, the king of Gath.
1Sa 21:11 Achish’s servants asked him, “Is not this David, the king of the land? Did they not sing to one another about him in dances, ‘Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands?’”
1Sa 21:12 David took these words to heart and was deathly afraid of Achish, the king of Gath.
1Sa 21:13 He changed his behavior before them and pretended to be insane in their hands; he made marks on the doors of the gate and let his saliva run down his beard.

1Sa 21:14 Then Achish asked his servants, “Look, you see the man is mad. Why have you brought him to me?
1Sa 21:15 Do I lack madmen, so that you have brought this fellow to behave like one in my presence? Will this fellow really come into my house?”

1 Samuel Chapter 22

1Sa 22:1 So David left there and escaped to the cave of Adullam. When his brothers and all his father's household heard it, they went down there to him.
1Sa 22:2 Everyone who was in distress, everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented, they all gathered to him. David became captain over them. There were about four hundred men with him.
1Sa 22:3 Then David went from there to Mizpah in Moab. He entreated the king of Moab, "Please let my father and my mother stay with you, until I know what the Almighty will do for me."
1Sa 22:4 He left them with the king of Moab. His father and mother stayed with him the whole time that David was in his stronghold.
1Sa 22:5 Then the prophet Gad ordered David, "Do not stay in your stronghold. Leave and go into the land of Judah." So David left there and went into the forest of Hereth.
1Sa 22:6 Saul heard that David had been discovered, along with the men who were with him. Now Saul was sitting in Gibeah under the tamarisk tree in Ramah, with his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing around him.
1Sa 22:7 Saul said to his servants who stood around him, "Listen now, people of Benjamin! Will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards? Will he make you all captains of thousands and captains of hundreds,
1Sa 22:8 in exchange for all of you plotting against me? None of you informs me when my son makes a covenant with the son of Jesse. None of you is sorry for me. None of you informs me that my son has incited my servant David against me. Today he hides and waits for me, so he may attack me."
1Sa 22:9 Then Doeg the Edomite, who stood by the servants of Saul, answered, "I saw the son of Jesse come to Nob, to Ahimelech son of Ahitub.
1Sa 22:10 He prayed to Yehowah that he might help him, and he gave him provisions and the sword of Goliath the Philistine."
1Sa 22:11 Then the king sent someone to summon the priest Ahimelech son of Ahitub and all his father's household, the priests who were in Nob. All of them came to the king.
1Sa 22:12 Saul said, "Listen now, son of Ahitub." He answered, "Here I am, my master."
1Sa 22:13 Saul asked him, "Why have you plotted against me, you and the son of Jesse, in that you have given him bread, and a sword, and have prayed to the Almighty that he might help him, so that he might rise up against me, to hide in secret, as he does today?"

1Sa 22:14 Then Ahimelech answered the king, “Who among all your servants is so faithful as David, who is the king’s son-in-law and is over your bodyguard, and is honored in your house?
1Sa 22:15 Is today the first time I have prayed to the Almighty to help him? Far be it from me! Do not let the king impute anything to his servant or to all the household of my father. For your servant knows nothing of this whole matter.”
1Sa 22:16 The king replied, “You will surely be executed, Ahimelech, you and all your father’s household!”
1Sa 22:17 The king ordered the guard that stood around him, “Turn and kill the priests of Yehowah. Because their hand also is with David, and because they knew that he fled but did not reveal it to me.” But the servants of the king would not put out their hand to kill the priests of Yehowah.
1Sa 22:18 Then the king ordered Doeg, “Turn and kill the priests.” So Doeg the Edomite turned and attacked the priests; he killed eighty-five persons who wore a linen ephod that day.
1Sa 22:19 With the edge of the sword, he attacked Nob, the city of the priests, both men and women, children and infants, and oxen and donkeys and sheep. He murdered them all with the edge of the sword.
1Sa 22:20 But one of the sons of Ahimelech son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped and fled after David.
1Sa 22:21 Abiathar told David that Saul had murdered the priests of Yehowah.
1Sa 22:22 David said to Abiathar, “I knew on that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul. I am responsible for every death in your father’s family!
1Sa 22:23 Stay with me and do not be afraid. For the one who seeks your life seeks mine as well. You will be safe with me.”

1 Samuel Chapter 23

1Sa 23:1 They told David, “Look, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah and are robbing the threshing floors.”
1Sa 23:2 So David prayed to Yehowah for help and asked him, “Should I go and attack these Philistines?” Yehowah commanded David, “Go and attack the Philistines and save Keilah.”
1Sa 23:3 David’s men said to him, “See, we are afraid here in Judah. How much more then if we go to Keilah against the armed forces of the Philistines?”
1Sa 23:4 Then David prayed to Yehowah for help yet again. Yehowah answered him, “Arise, go down to Keilah. For I will give you victory over the Philistines.”
1Sa 23:5 David and his men went to Keilah and fought with the Philistines. He led away their livestock and struck them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.
1Sa 23:6 When Abiathar son of Ahimelech had fled to David at Keilah, he came down with an ephod in his hand.
1Sa 23:7 Saul was told that David had gone to Keilah. Saul said, “The Almighty has given him into my hand. For he is shut in, because he has entered a city that has gates and bars.”
1Sa 23:8 Saul summoned all his forces for battle, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men.
1Sa 23:9 David knew that Saul was plotting harm against him. He said to Abiathar the priest, “Bring the ephod here.”
1Sa 23:10 Then David prayed, “Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, your servant has indeed heard that Saul seeks to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake.
1Sa 23:11 Will the men of Keilah surrender me into his hand? Will Saul come down, as your servant has heard? Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, I beg you, please tell your servant.” Yehowah answered, “He will come down.”
1Sa 23:12 Then David asked, “Will the men of Keilah surrender me and my men into the hand of Saul?” Yehowah answered, “They will surrender you.”
1Sa 23:13 Then David and his men, who were about six hundred, rose up and went away from Keilah, and they went from place to place. It was told Saul that David had escaped from Keilah, and he stopped the pursuit.
1Sa 23:14 David stayed in the strongholds in the wilderness, in the hill country in the wilderness of Ziph. Saul looked for him every day, but the Almighty did not give him into his hand.
1Sa 23:15 David saw that Saul had come out to seek his life; now David was in the wilderness of Ziph at Horesh.
1Sa 23:16 Then Jonathan, Saul’s son, rose up and went to David at Horesh, and strengthened his hand in the Almighty.

1Sa 23:17 He said to him, “Do not be afraid. For the hand of Saul my father will not find you. You will be king over Israel, and I will be next to you. Saul my father also knows this.”
1Sa 23:18 They made a covenant before Yehowah. David remained at Horesh, and Jonathan went home.
1Sa 23:19 Then Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah and said, “Is not David hiding among us in the strongholds at Horesh, on the hill of Hachilah, which is south of Jeshimon?
1Sa 23:20 Now come down, king! According to your desire, come down! Our part will be to surrender him into the king’s hand.”
1Sa 23:21 Saul responded, “May you be blessed by Yehowah. For you have had compassion on me.
1Sa 23:22 Go, make even more sure. Learn and find out where his hiding place is, and who has seen him there. It is told to me that he is extremely crafty.
1Sa 23:23 So look and learn all of the places where he hides himself. Come back to me with sure information, and then I will return with you. If he is in the land, I will search him out among all the thousands of Judah.”
1Sa 23:24 Then they rose up and went to Ziph ahead of Saul. Now David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the Arabah to the south of Jeshimon.
1Sa 23:25 Saul and his men went to seek him. But David was told of it, so he went down to a rocky hill and lived in the wilderness of Maon. When Saul heard it, he chased David in the wilderness of Maon.
1Sa 23:26 Saul went on one side of the mountain, and David and his men were going on the other side of the mountain. David hurried to get away from Saul. As Saul and his men were surrounding David and his men to take them,
1Sa 23:27 a messenger came to Saul and reported, “Hurry and come, for the Philistines have made a raid against the land.”
1Sa 23:28 So Saul returned from pursuing David and went against the Philistines. Therefore, that place was called the Rock of Escape (Petra).
1Sa 23:29 David went up from there and lived in the strongholds of Engedi (Hazazon Tamar; modern Tall al-Gurn).

1 Samuel Chapter 24

1Sa 24:1 When Saul returned from chasing the Philistines, he was told, “David is in the wilderness of Engedi.”
1Sa 24:2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel and went to seek David and his men on the Rocks of the Wild Goats.
1Sa 24:3 He came to sheep pens on the way, where there was a cave. Saul went inside to defecate. Now David and his men were sitting far back in the cave.
1Sa 24:4 David’s men said to him, “This is the day of which Yehowah spoke when he said to you, ‘I will give your enemy into your hand, for you to do with him as you wish.’” Then David arose and quietly crept forward and cut off the tassel of Saul’s robe.
1Sa 24:5 Afterward, David’s heart afflicted him, because he had cut a tassel off Saul’s robe.
1Sa 24:6 He said to his men, “May Yehowah forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the anointed of Yehowah, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of Yehowah.”
1Sa 24:7 So David rebuked his men with these words and did not permit them to attack Saul. Saul stood up, left the cave, and went on his way.
1Sa 24:8 Afterward, David also stood up, left the cave, and called out after Saul, “My master the king!” When Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the ground and showed him respect.
1Sa 24:9 David said to Saul, “Why do you listen to the men who say, ‘See, David is seeking your harm?’
1Sa 24:10 Today your eyes have seen how Yehowah put you into my hand when we were in the cave. Some told me to murder you, but I spared you. I said, ‘I will not put out my hand against my master; for he is the anointed of Yehowah.’
1Sa 24:11 See, my father, see the tassel of your robe in my hand. For the fact that I cut off the tassel of your robe and did not murder you, you may know and see that there is no evil or treason in my hand, and I have not sinned against you, even though you hunt my life to take it.
1Sa 24:12 May Yehowah judge between you and me, and may Yehowah avenge me against you, but my hand will not be against you.
1Sa 24:13 As the proverb of the ancients says, ‘Out of the wicked comes wickedness.’ But my hand will not be against you.
1Sa 24:14 After whom has the king of Israel come out? After whom do you pursue? After a dead dog! After a flea!
1Sa 24:15 May Yehowah be judge and give judgment between you and me, and see to it, and plead my cause and permit me to escape from your hand.”

1Sa 24:16 When David had finished speaking these words to Saul, Saul asked, “Is this your voice, my son David?” Saul lifted up his voice and wept.
1Sa 24:17 He said to David, “You are more righteous than I am. For you have repaid me good, where I have repaid you evil.
1Sa 24:18 You have declared today how you have done good to me, for you did not murder me when Yehowah had put me at your mercy.
1Sa 24:19 For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go safely? May Yehowah reward you with good for what you have done to me today.
1Sa 24:20 Now I know that you will surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel will be established in your hand.
1Sa 24:21 Swear to me by Yehowah that you will not cut off my descendants after me, and that you will not destroy my name out of my father’s household.”
1Sa 24:22 So David made an oath to Saul. Then Saul went home, but David and his men went up to the stronghold.

1 Samuel Chapter 25

1Sa 25:1 Now Samuel died (c. 1069 BC). All Israel gathered together and mourned for him, and they buried him in his house at Ramah. Then David rose and went down to the wilderness of Paran.
1Sa 25:2 There was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel. The man was superabundantly wealthy. He had three thousand sheep and one thousand goats. He was shearing his sheep in Carmel.
1Sa 25:3 The man's name was Nabal, and the name of his wife was Abigail. The woman was intelligent and beautiful in appearance. But the man was harsh and evil in his dealings. He was a descendant of the house of Caleb.
1Sa 25:4 David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep.
1Sa 25:5 So David sent ten young men. David ordered the young men, "Go up to Carmel, go to Nabal, and greet him in my name.
1Sa 25:6 You will say to him, 'Live in prosperity. Peace to you and peace to your household, and peace be to all that you have.
1Sa 25:7 I hear that you have shearers. Your shepherds have been with us, and we did them no harm, and they missed nothing the whole time they were in Carmel.
1Sa 25:8 Ask your young men, and they will tell you. Now let my young men find grace in your eyes, for we have come on a festive day. Please give whatever you have on hand to your servants and to your son David.'"
1Sa 25:9 When David's young men arrived, they said all of this to Nabal on David's behalf and then waited.
1Sa 25:10 Nabal answered David's servants, "Who is David, and who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants these days who are breaking away from their masters.
1Sa 25:11 Should I take my bread, my water, and my meat that I have killed for my shearers, and give it to men who come from I do not know where?"
1Sa 25:12 So David's young men turned away and came back, and told him everything that was said.
1Sa 25:13 David ordered his men, "Every man strap on his sword." So every man strapped on his sword. David also strapped on his sword. About four hundred men followed after David, and two hundred stayed by the baggage.
1Sa 25:14 But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, "David sent messengers out of the wilderness to greet our master, and he insulted them.
1Sa 25:15 Yet the men were extremely good to us. We were not harmed and did not miss anything, as long as we went with them when we were in the fields.
1Sa 25:16 They were a wall to us both night and day, all the while we were with them tending the sheep.

1Sa 25:17 Therefore, know this and consider what you will do, for evil is plotted against our master, and against his whole household. He is such a worthless fellow, that one cannot reason with him."
1Sa 25:18 Then Abigail hurried and took two hundred loaves, two bottles of wine, five sheep already prepared, 37 liters of parched grain, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on donkeys.
1Sa 25:19 She ordered her young men, "Go on before me, and I will come after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal.
1Sa 25:20 As she rode on her donkey and came down by the cover of the mountain, David and his men came down toward her, and she met them.
1Sa 25:21 Now David had said, "Surely in vain have I guarded all that this man has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that belonged to him, and he has returned me evil for good.
1Sa 25:22 May the Almighty do so to me, David, and more also, if by dawn I leave so much as one urinating male of all who belong to him."
1Sa 25:23 When Abigail saw David, she hurried and got down from her donkey, lay before David facedown, and bowed herself to the ground.
1Sa 25:24 She lay at his feet and said, "On me alone, my master, be the guilt. Please let your servant speak to you, and listen to the words of your servant.
1Sa 25:25 Let not my master regard this worthless fellow, Nabal, for as his name is, so is he. Nabal is his name, and folly is with him. But I your servant did not see the young men of my master, whom you sent.
1Sa 25:26 Now then my master, as Yehowah lives, and as you live, since Yehowah has restrained you from bloodshed, and from avenging yourself with your own hand, now let your enemies, and those who seek to do evil to my master, be like Nabal.
1Sa 25:27 Now let this present that your servant has brought to my master be given to the young men who follow my master.
1Sa 25:28 Please forgive the trespass of your servant, for Yehowah will certainly make my master a sure household, because my master is fighting the battles of Yehowah; and evil will not be found in you so long as you live.
1Sa 25:29 Though men rise up to pursue you to take your life, yet the life of my master will be bound in the bundle of the living by Yehowah your Divine One; and he will sling away the lives of your enemies, as from the pocket of a sling.
1Sa 25:30 Yehowah will have done for my master everything he promised you, and has appointed you leader over Israel.
1Sa 25:31 This will not be a staggering burden for you, my master, that you have poured out innocent blood, or because my master attempted to rescue himself. For when Yehowah will do good for my master, remember your servant."
1Sa 25:32 David responded to Abigail, "May Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, be blessed, he who sent you to meet me today.

1Sa 25:33 Your wisdom is blessed, and you are blessed, because you have kept me today from bloodshed and from avenging myself with my own hand!
1Sa 25:34 For in truth, as Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel lives, he who has kept me from hurting you, unless you had hurried to come meet me, there would certainly have not been left to Nabal by daybreak so much as one male who urinates against a wall."
1Sa 25:35 So David received from her hand what she had brought him; he said to her, "Go up in peace to your house; see, I have listened to your voice and have accepted you."
1Sa 25:36 Abigail went back to Nabal; behold, he was holding a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was exceedingly drunk. So she told him nothing at all until daybreak.
1Sa 25:37 It came about at dawn, when the wine had gone out of Nabal, that his wife told him these things; his heart died within him, and he became like a stone.
1Sa 25:38 It came about ten days later that Yehowah attacked Nabal, so that he died.
1Sa 25:39 When David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, "May Yehowah be blessed, who has taken up the cause of my insult from the hand of Nabal and has kept back his servant from evil. Yehowah has turned Nabal's evil action back on his own head." Then David sent and spoke to Abigail, to take her to himself as wife.
1Sa 25:40 When David's servants had come to Abigail at Carmel, they spoke to her, "David has sent us to you to take you to him as his wife."
1Sa 25:41 She arose, bowed herself with her face to the ground and replied, "See, your female servant is a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my master."
1Sa 25:42 Abigail hurried and arose, and rode on a donkey with five servant girls of hers who followed her; and she followed David's messengers and became his wife.
1Sa 25:43 Now David had also taken Ahinoam of Jezreel as a wife; both of them became his wives.
1Sa 25:44 Also, Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Palti son of Laish, who was of Gallim.

1 Samuel Chapter 26

1Sa 26:1 The Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah and reported, “Is not David hiding in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon?”
1Sa 26:2 Then Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.
1Sa 26:3 Saul camped on the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon, by the road. But David was staying in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul was coming after him into the wilderness.
1Sa 26:4 So David sent out spies and learned that Saul had indeed come.
1Sa 26:5 David arose and went to the place where Saul had camped; he saw the place where Saul lay, and Abner son of Ner, the general of his military force; Saul lay in the camp, and the people were camped around him, all asleep.
1Sa 26:6 Then David asked Ahimelech the Hethite and Abishai son of Zeruiah, the brother of Joab, “Who will go down with me to Saul in the camp?” Abishai answered, “I will go down with you.”
1Sa 26:7 So David and Abishai went to the military force by night. Saul was there sleeping inside the camp with his spear stuck in the ground beside his head. Abner and his soldiers lay around him.
1Sa 26:8 Then Abishai said to David, “Today the Almighty has put your enemy into your hand. Now please let me pin him to the ground with the spear with just one blow. I will not strike him a second time.”
1Sa 26:9 David replied to Abishai, “Do not destroy him; for who can extend his hand against the anointed of Yehowah and be guiltless?”
1Sa 26:10 David said, “As Yehowah lives, Yehowah will kill him, or his day will come to die, or he will go into battle and perish.
1Sa 26:11 May Yehowah forbid that I should extend my hand against his anointed one; but now, I beg you, take the spear that is at his head and the jar of water, and let us go.”
1Sa 26:12 So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul’s head, and they got away. No one saw them or knew about it, nor did anyone wake up, for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from Yehowah had fallen on them.
1Sa 26:13 Then David went over to the other side and stood on the top of the mountain far off; a great distance was between them.
1Sa 26:14 David shouted out to the people and to Abner son of Ner; he asked, “Do you not answer, Abner?” Then Abner answered and asked, “Who are you who is shouting to the king?”
1Sa 26:15 David answered Abner, “Are you not a courageous man? Who is like you in Israel? Why then have you not kept watch over your master the king? For someone came in to kill the king your master!

1Sa 26:16 This thing you have done is not good! As Yehowah lives, you deserve to be executed, because you have not kept watch over your master, the anointed of Yehowah! Now see where the king's spear is and the jar of water that was near his head!"
1Sa 26:17 Saul recognized David's voice and asked, "Is that your voice, my son David?" David answered, "It is my voice, my master, king!"
1Sa 26:18 He asked, "Why does my master pursue his servant? What have I done? What evil is in my hand?
1Sa 26:19 Now therefore, I beg you, let my master the king listen to the words of his servant! If it is Yehowah who has stirred you up against me, let him accept an offering; but if it is humans, may they be cursed in the sight of Yehowah, for they have today driven me out, that I should not cling to the inheritance of Yehowah; they have said to me, 'Go worship false deities!'
1Sa 26:20 Now therefore, do not let my blood fall to the earth away from the presence of Yehowah; for the king of Israel has come out to look for the one flea, as when one hunts a partridge in the mountains!"
1Sa 26:21 Then Saul responded, "I have sinned. Return, David, my son; for I will harm you no more, because my life was precious in your eyes today. See, I have played the fool and have made an extremely bad mistake."
1Sa 26:22 David answered, "See, your spear is here, king! Let one of the young men come over and get it and bring it to you!
1Sa 26:23 May Yehowah pay each man for his righteousness and his faithfulness; because Yehowah put you into my hand today, but I would not strike the anointed of Yehowah!
1Sa 26:24 See, as your life was precious in my eyes today, so may my life be much valued in the eyes of Yehowah, and may he rescue me out of all trouble!"
1Sa 26:25 Then Saul encouraged David, "May you be blessed, David my son! You will certainly do great things, and you will succeed in them." So David went his way, and Saul returned to his place.

1 Samuel Chapter 27

1Sa 27:1 David said in his heart, “I will now perish one day by Saul’s hand; there is nothing better for me than to escape into the land of the Philistines; Saul will give up looking for me any more within all the borders of Israel; in this way, I will escape out of his hand.”
1Sa 27:2 David arose and passed over, he and the six hundred men who were with him, to Achish son of Maoch, the king of Gath.
1Sa 27:3 David lived with Achish at Gath, he and his men, each man with his own household, and David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal’s widow.
1Sa 27:4 Saul was told that David had fled to Gath, so he looked for him no longer.
1Sa 27:5 David entreated Achish, “If I have found grace in your eyes, let them give me a place in one of the cities in the country, that I may live there: For why should your servant live in the royal city with you?”
1Sa 27:6 So Achish gave him Ziklag (possibly Khirbet al-Raʻi) that day; that is why Ziklag belongs to the kings of Judah to this day.
1Sa 27:7 The number of days that David lived in the land of the Philistines was a full year and four months.
1Sa 27:8 David and his men attacked various places, making raids on the Geshurites, the Girzites, and the Amalekites; for those ethnicities were the inhabitants of the land, as you go to Shur, as far as the land of Egypt. They had been living there in the land from ancient times.
1Sa 27:9 David attacked the land and saved neither man nor woman alive; he took away the sheep, the oxen, the donkeys, the camels, and the clothing; he would return and come again to Achish.
1Sa 27:10 Achish would ask, “Against whom have you made a raid today?” David would answer, “Against the south of Judah,” or “Against the south of the Jerahmeelites,” or “Against the south of the Kenites.”
1Sa 27:11 David would keep neither man nor woman alive to bring them to Gath, saying, “So that they cannot say about us, ‘David did such and such.’” This was what he did all the while he was living in the country of the Philistines.
1Sa 27:12 Achish believed David, saying, “He has made his people Israel utterly abhor him; he will therefore be my servant forever.”

1 Samuel Chapter 28

1Sa 28:1 It came about in those days that the Philistines gathered their armed forces together for battle to fight with Israel. Achish said to David, “Know for certain that you will go out with me in the armed forces, you and your men.”
1Sa 28:2 David replied to Achish, “So you will know what your servant can do.” Achish said to David, “So I will permanently make you my bodyguard.”
1Sa 28:3 Now Samuel had died (c. 1069 BC), and all Israel had lamented him and buried him in Ramah, in his hometown. Also, Saul had banned from the land necromancers and wizards who conjured up dead spirits.
1Sa 28:4 Then the Philistines gathered themselves together, came, and camped at Shunem; and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they camped at Gilboa.
1Sa 28:5 When Saul saw the military force of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart fibrillated.
1Sa 28:6 Saul prayed to Yehowah for help, but Yehowah did not answer him, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.
1Sa 28:7 Then Saul ordered his servants, “Find me a woman who conjures up dead spirits, so that I may go to her and seek her advice by necromancy.” His servants replied to him, “See, there is a woman in Endor who conjures up dead spirits.”
1Sa 28:8 Saul disguised himself, put on other clothing, and went, he and two men with him; they went to the woman by night. He said, “Divine for me, I beg you, with a dead spirit, and bring me up whomever I name to you.”
1Sa 28:9 The woman replied to him, “See, you know what Saul has done, how he has banned from the land necromancers and wizards who conjure up dead spirits. So why are you setting a trap for my life, to cause my execution?”
1Sa 28:10 Saul swore to her by Yehowah, “As Yehowah lives, no punishment will happen to you for this thing.”
1Sa 28:11 Then the woman asked, “Whom should I bring up to you?” Saul answered, “Bring up Samuel for me.”
1Sa 28:12 When the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice and spoke to Saul, “Why have you deceived me? For you are Saul!”
1Sa 28:13 The king answered her, “Do not be afraid. What do you see?” The woman answered Saul, “I see a spirit coming up out of the earth.”
1Sa 28:14 He asked her, “What does he look like?” She answered, “An old man is coming up; he is clothed with a robe.” Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground and showed respect.
1Sa 28:15 Samuel asked Saul, “Why have you disturbed me and brought me up?” Saul answered, “I am extremely distressed, for the Philistines are waging war against me, and the Almighty has left me and does not answer me any more,

neither by prophets, nor by dreams. Therefore, I have called you, that you may make known to me what I will do."
1Sa 28:16 Samuel responded, "What then do you ask me, since Yehowah has left you, and he has become your enemy?
1Sa 28:17 Yehowah has done to you what he said he would. Yehowah has torn the kingdom out of your hand, and he has given it to someone else, to David.
1Sa 28:18 Because you did not obey the voice of Yehowah and did not carry out his fierce wrath on Amalek, Yehowah has therefore done this today to you.
1Sa 28:19 Moreover, Yehowah will hand over Israel and you into the hand of the Philistines. Tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. Yehowah will also hand over the military force of Israel into the hand of the Philistines."
1Sa 28:20 Then Saul immediately fell his full length on the ground and was deathly afraid because of the words of Samuel. There was no strength in him, for he had eaten no food all that day, neither that whole night.
1Sa 28:21 The woman came to Saul and saw that he was extremely troubled. She said to him, "See, your female servant has listened to your voice; I have put my life in my hand and have listened to the words that you said to me.
1Sa 28:22 Now therefore, I beg you, listen also to the voice of your female servant, and let me set a little food in front of you. Eat, so that you may gain strength for when you go on your way."
1Sa 28:23 But Saul refused and said, "I will not eat." But his servants, together with the woman, compelled him, and he listened to their voice. So he rose from the ground and sat on the bed.
1Sa 28:24 The woman had a fatted calf in the house; she hurried and killed it; she took flour, kneaded it, and baked unleavened bread with it.
1Sa 28:25 She brought it before Saul and his servants, and they ate. Then they rose up and left that night.

1 Samuel Chapter 29

1Sa 29:1 Now the Philistines gathered together all their military force at Aphek; the Israelis camped by the spring that is in Jezreel.
1Sa 29:2 The princes of the Philistines passed on by hundreds and by thousands; David and his men passed on in the rearguard with Achish.
1Sa 29:3 Then the princes of the Philistines asked, “What are these Hebrews doing here?” Achish asked the other princes of the Philistines, “Is not this David, the servant of Saul, the king of Israel, who has been with me these days, or rather these years, and I have found no fault with him since he came away to me to this day?”
1Sa 29:4 But the princes of the Philistines were angry with him; they said to him, “Make that man go away, that he may go back to his place that you have given him; do not let him go with us into battle, so that he does not become an enemy to us in the battle. For how else could this fellow make peace with his master? Would it not be with the heads of our men?
1Sa 29:5 Is this not David of whom they sang one to another in dances, ‘Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?’”
1Sa 29:6 Then Achish called David and said to him, “As Yehowah lives, you have been good, and your going out and your coming in with me in the military force is good in my view; for I have found nothing wrong with you since the day of your coming to me to this day. Nevertheless, the princes are not favorable to you.
1Sa 29:7 So now return and go in peace, so that you do not displease the princes of the Philistines.”
1Sa 29:8 David asked Achish, “But what have I done? What have you found in your servant as long as I have been before you to this day, that I may not go and fight against the enemies of my master the king?”
1Sa 29:9 Achish answered and said to David, “I know that you are as blameless in my sight as an angel of the Almighty; nevertheless, the princes of the Philistines have insisted, ‘He must not go up with us to the battle.’
1Sa 29:10 So now rise up at the crack of dawn with the servants of your master who have come with you; as soon as you are up at the crack of dawn and have light, go away.”
1Sa 29:11 So David rose up early, he and his men, to leave at dawn, to return into the land of the Philistines. But the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

1 Samuel Chapter 30

1Sa 30:1 It came about, when David and his men had come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had made a raid upon the Negev and on Ziklag. They attacked Ziklag, burned it,
1Sa 30:2 and captured the women and everyone who was in it, both small and great. They killed no one, but carried them off as they went on their way.
1Sa 30:3 When David and his men came to the city, it was burned, and their wives, their sons, and their daughters were taken captive.
1Sa 30:4 Then David and the people that were with him raised their voices and wept, until they had no more power to weep.
1Sa 30:5 David's two wives were taken captive, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite.
1Sa 30:6 David was greatly distressed, for the troops were talking about stoning him, for all the people were bitter in spirit, each man for his sons and daughters; but David strengthened himself in Yehowah his Divine One.
1Sa 30:7 David entreated Abiathar son of Ahimelech, the priest, "I beg you, bring the ephod here for me." Abiathar brought the ephod to David.
1Sa 30:8 David prayed to Yehowah for direction, asking, "If I pursue after this troop, will I overtake them?" Yehowah answered him, "Pursue, for you will certainly overtake them, and you will surely recover everything."
1Sa 30:9 So David went, he and the six hundred men who were with him; they came to the brook Besor, where those who were left behind stayed.
1Sa 30:10 But David kept pursuing, he and four hundred men; for two hundred had stayed behind, who were so weak that they could not go over the brook Besor.
1Sa 30:11 They found an Egyptian in a field and brought him to David; they gave him bread, and he ate; they gave him water to drink;
1Sa 30:12 and they gave him a piece of a cake of figs and two clusters of raisins. When he had eaten, he gained strength again, for he had eaten no bread nor drunk any water for three days and three nights.
1Sa 30:13 David interrogated him, "To whom do you belong? Where do you come from?" He answered, "I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; my master left me, because three days ago I fell sick.
1Sa 30:14 We made a raid on the Negev of the Cherethites, what belongs to Judah, and the Negev of Caleb, and we burned Ziklag."
1Sa 30:15 David asked him, "Will you bring me down to this raiding party?" The Egyptian answered, "Swear to me by the Almighty that you will not kill me or betray me up into the hands of my master, and I will bring you down to this raiding party."

1Sa 30:16 When the Egyptian had brought David down, the raiders were spread out over all the ground, eating, drinking, and dancing, because of all the booty they had taken out of the land of the Philistines and from the land of Judah.
1Sa 30:17 David attacked them from twilight until dusk of the next day. Not a man escaped except for four hundred young men, who rode on camels and fled.
1Sa 30:18 David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken; and David rescued his two wives.
1Sa 30:19 Nothing was missing, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither booty, nor anything that the raiders had taken for themselves. David brought back everything.
1Sa 30:20 David took all the flocks and the herds, which the men drove ahead of the other livestock. They said, “This is David’s booty.”
1Sa 30:21 David came to the two hundred men who had been too weak to follow him, the ones the others had made to stay at the brook Besor. These men went ahead to meet David and the people who were with him. When David came to these people, he greeted them.
1Sa 30:22 Then all the wicked men and worthless fellows among those who had gone with David said, “Because these men did not go with us, we will not give them any of the booty that we have recovered. Except that each man may take his wife and children, lead them away, and go.”
1Sa 30:23 Then David responded, “You must not act like this, my brothers, with what Yehowah has given to us. He has preserved us and given into our hand the raiders who came against us.
1Sa 30:24 Who will listen to you in this matter? For as the share is for anyone who goes into battle, so also will the share be for anyone who waits by the baggage; they will share and share alike.”
1Sa 30:25 It has been so from that day to this day, for David made it a statute and a decree for Israel.
1Sa 30:26 When David came to Ziklag, he sent some of the booty to the elders of Judah, to his friends, saying, “See, here is a present for you from the booty from the enemies of Yehowah.”
1Sa 30:27 He also sent some to the elders who were in Bethel, and to those who were in Ramoth of the South, and to those who were in Jattir,
1Sa 30:28 and to those who were in Aroer, and to those who were in Siphmoth, and to those who were in Eshtemoa.
1Sa 30:29 He also sent some to the elders who were in Racal, and to those who were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to those who were in the cities of the Kenites,
1Sa 30:30 and to those who were in Hormah, and to those who were in Chorashan, and to those who were in Athach,

1Sa 30:31 and to those who were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men habitually went.

1 Samuel Chapter 31

1Sa 31:1 Now the Philistines fought against Israel. The men of Israel fled from before the Philistines and fell down dead on Mount Gilboa.
1Sa 31:2 The Philistines closely pursued Saul and his sons. The Philistines killed Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua, his sons.
1Sa 31:3 The battle went heavily against Saul, and the archers overtook him. He was in severe pain because of them.
1Sa 31:4 Then Saul ordered his armor bearer, "Draw your sword and thrust me through with it. Otherwise, these uncircumcised will come and abuse me." But his armor bearer would not, for he was deathly afraid. So Saul took his own sword and fell on it.
1Sa 31:5 When his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell on his sword and died with him (Mat. 27:5; Acts 1:18; 2 Sam. 17:23).
1Sa 31:6 So Saul died (c. 1063 BC), his three sons, and his armor bearer, these men all died together that same day.
1Sa 31:7 When the men of Israel who were on the other side of the valley, and those beyond the Jordan River, saw that the men of Israel had fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned their cities and fled, and the Philistines came and lived in them.
1Sa 31:8 It came about on the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the dead, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.
1Sa 31:9 They cut off his head and stripped off his armor, and sent messengers into the land of the Philistines throughout, to carry the news to their idols' temples and to the people.
1Sa 31:10 They put his armor in the temple of the Ashtoreth, and they fastened his body to the city wall of Beth Shan.
1Sa 31:11 When the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead heard of what the Philistines had done to Saul,
1Sa 31:12 all the fighting men arose and went all night and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth Shan. They went to Jabesh and burned them there.
1Sa 31:13 Then they took their bones and buried them under a tamarisk tree in Jabesh, and fasted for seven days (1 Chron. 10:8-12).

Book of 2nd Samuel

2 Samuel Chapter 1

2Sa 1:1 After the death of Saul (c. 1063 BC), David returned from attacking the Amalekites and remained in Ziklag for two days.
2Sa 1:2 On the third day, a man came from Saul's camp with his clothes torn and with dirt on his head. When he came to David he lay facedown on the ground and made obeisance to him.
2Sa 1:3 David asked him, "Where did you come from?" He answered, "I escaped from the camp of Israel."
2Sa 1:4 David entreated him, "Please tell me how things went." He answered, "The people fled from the battle. Many have fallen and many are dead. Saul and Jonathan his son are also dead."
2Sa 1:5 David asked the young man, "How do you know that Saul and Jonathan his son are dead?"
2Sa 1:6 The young man replied, "By chance I happened to be on Mount Gilboa, and there Saul was leaning on his spear, and chariots and cavalry were about to catch up with him.
2Sa 1:7 Saul turned around and saw me and called out to me. I answered, 'Here I am.'
2Sa 1:8 He asked me, 'Who are you?' I answered him, 'I am an Amalekite.'
2Sa 1:9 He entreated me, 'Please stand over me and kill me, for great suffering has taken hold of me, but life is still in me.'
2Sa 1:10 So I stood over him and killed him, because I knew that he would not live after he had fallen. Then I took the crown that was on his head and the band that was on his arm, and brought them here to you, my master."
2Sa 1:11 Then David tore his clothes, and all the men with him did the same.
2Sa 1:12 They mourned, wept, and fasted until dusk for Saul, for Jonathan his son, for the people of Yehowah, and for the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.
2Sa 1:13 David asked the young man, "Where are you from?" He answered, "I am the son of a sojourning foreigner in the land, an Amalekite."
2Sa 1:14 David asked him, "Why were you not afraid to kill the anointed king of Yehowah with your own hand?"
2Sa 1:15 David called one of the young men and ordered, "Go and kill him." So that man went and struck him down, and the Amalekite died.

2Sa 1:16 Then David spoke over him, “Your blood is on your head, because your own mouth has testified against you, ‘I have killed the anointed king of Yehowah.’”
2Sa 1:17 Then David sung this funeral song about Saul and Jonathan his son.
2Sa 1:18 He commanded the people to teach this Song of the Bow to the sons of Judah, which has been written in the Book of Jasher.
2Sa 1:19 “Your glory, Israel, is dead, killed on your high places! How the mighty have fallen!
2Sa 1:20 Do not tell it in Gath, do not proclaim it in the streets of Ashkelon, so that the daughters of the Philistines may not rejoice, so that the daughters of the uncircumcised may not celebrate.
2Sa 1:21 Mountains of Gilboa, let there not be dew or rain on you, nor fields giving grain for offerings, for there the shield of the mighty was defiled. The shield of Saul is no longer anointed with oil.
2Sa 1:22 From the blood of those who have been killed, from the bodies of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, and the sword of Saul did not return empty.
2Sa 1:23 Saul and Jonathan were loved and gracious in life, and in their death they were not separated. They were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.
2Sa 1:24 You daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet as well as jewels, and who put ornaments of gold on your clothing.
2Sa 1:25 How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan is killed on your high places.
2Sa 1:26 I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan. You were exceptionally dear to me. Your love to me was wonderful, exceeding the love of women.
2Sa 1:27 How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!”

2 Samuel Chapter 2

2Sa 2:1 After this David asked Yehowah, “Should I go up to one of the cities of Judah?” Yehowah answered him, “Go up.” David asked, “To which city should I go?” Yehowah answered, “To Hebron.”
2Sa 2:2 So David went up with his two wives, Ahinoam from Jezreel, and Abigail from Carmel, the widow of Nabal.
2Sa 2:3 David brought the men who were with him, who each brought his family, to the cities of Hebron, where they began to live.
2Sa 2:4 Then men from Judah came and anointed David king over the house of Judah. They told David, “The men of Jabesh Gilead have buried Saul.”
2Sa 2:5 So David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh Gilead and said to them, “You are blessed by Yehowah, since you have showed this loyalty to your master Saul and have buried him.
2Sa 2:6 Now may Yehowah show you covenantal loyalty and faithfulness. I also will show you this goodness, because you have done this thing.
2Sa 2:7 Now then, let your hands be strong; be courageous for Saul your master is dead, and the house of Judah has anointed me king over them.”
2Sa 2:8 But Abner son of Ner, commander of Saul’s military force, took Ishbosheth son of Saul and brought him to Mahanaim.
2Sa 2:9 He made Ishbosheth king over Gilead, Asher, Jezreel, Ephraim, Benjamin, and over all Israel.
2Sa 2:10 Ishbosheth (Ishbaal; 1 Chron. 8:33), son of Saul, was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and he reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David.
2Sa 2:11 The time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.
2Sa 2:12 Abner son of Ner, and the servants of Ishbosheth son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon.
2Sa 2:13 Joab son of Zeruiah and the servants of David went out and met them by the pool of Gibeon. There they sat down, one group on one side of the pool and the other on the other side.
2Sa 2:14 Abner said to Joab, “Let the young men arise and compete before us.” Then Joab agreed, “Let them arise.”
2Sa 2:15 Then the young men rose up and gathered together, twelve for Benjamin and Ishbosheth son of Saul, and twelve from the servants of David.
2Sa 2:16 Each man seized his opponent by the head and thrust his sword into the side of his opponent, and they fell down together. Therefore, that place was called in Hebrew, “Helkath Hazzurim,” or “Field of Swords,” which is in Gibeon.

2Sa 2:17 The battle was extremely severe that day and Abner and the men of Israel were defeated before the servants of David.
2Sa 2:18 The three sons of Zeruiah were there: Joab, Abishai, and Asahel. Asahel was swift in his feet like a wild gazelle.
2Sa 2:19 Asahel closely pursued Abner and followed him without turning away in any direction.
2Sa 2:20 Abner looked behind him and asked, “Is that you Asahel?” He answered, “It is I.”
2Sa 2:21 Abner said to him, “Turn aside to your right or to your left, and seize one of the young men and take his armor.” But Asahel would not turn aside.
2Sa 2:22 So Abner said again to Asahel, “Stop pursuing me. Why should I strike you to the ground? How then could I hold up my face to Joab, your brother?”
2Sa 2:23 But Asahel refused to turn aside, and so Abner stabbed him in the body with the blunt end of his spear, so that the spear came out the other side. Asahel fell down and died there. So it came about that anyone who arrived at the place where Asahel fell down and died, he stopped and stood still.
2Sa 2:24 But Joab and Abishai pursued Abner. When the sun was going down, they came to the hill of Ammah, which is near Giah by the road to the wilderness of Gibeon.
2Sa 2:25 The men of Benjamin gathered themselves together behind Abner and stood on the top of the hill.
2Sa 2:26 Then Abner called to Joab and asked, “Must the sword devour forever? Do you not know it will be bitter in the end? How long will it be before you tell your men to stop pursuing their brothers?”
2Sa 2:27 Joab answered, “Just as the Almighty lives, if you had not said that, my soldiers would have pursued their brothers until tomorrow morning!”
2Sa 2:28 So Joab blew the trumpet, and all his men stopped and did not pursue Israel anymore, nor did they fight anymore.
2Sa 2:29 Abner and his men traveled all that night through the Arabah. They crossed the Jordan River, marched all the next morning, and then reached Mahanaim.
2Sa 2:30 Joab returned from pursuing Abner. He assembled all his men, from whom were missing Asahel and nineteen of David’s soldiers.
2Sa 2:31 But the men of David had killed 360 men of Benjamin with Abner.
2Sa 2:32 Then they took up Asahel and buried him in the tomb of his father, which was in Bethlehem. Joab and his men traveled all night, and the day dawned on them at Hebron.

2 Samuel Chapter 3

2Sa 3:1 Now there was a long war between the house of Saul and the House of David. David grew stronger and stronger, but the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker.
2Sa 3:2 Sons were born to David in Hebron. His firstborn was Amnon, by Ahinoam from Jezreel.
2Sa 3:3 His second son, Chileab, was born to Abigail, the widow of Nabal from Carmel. The third, Absalom, was son of Maacah, daughter of Talmai, king of Geshur.
2Sa 3:4 David's fourth son, Adonijah (Adoniyah), was the son of Haggith. His fifth son was Shephatiah (Shephatyah) son of Abital,
2Sa 3:5 and the sixth, Ithream, was the son of David's wife Eglah. These sons were born to David in Hebron.
2Sa 3:6 It came about during the war between the house of Saul and the House of David that Abner made himself strong in the house of Saul.
2Sa 3:7 Saul had a concubine whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah. Ishbosheth asked Abner, "Why have you had sex with my father's concubine?"
2Sa 3:8 Then Abner was extremely angry at the words of Ishbosheth and answered, "Am I a dog's head that belongs to Judah? Today, I am showing faithfulness to the house of Saul, your father, to his brothers, and to his friends, by not delivering you into the hand of David. But now you accuse me of an offense concerning this woman?
2Sa 3:9 May the Almighty do so to me, Abner, and more also, if I do not do for David as Yehowah has sworn to him,
2Sa 3:10 to transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul and set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan to Beersheba."
2Sa 3:11 Ishbosheth could not answer Abner another word, because he feared him.
2Sa 3:12 Then Abner sent messengers to David to speak for him, "Whose land is this? Make a covenant with me, and you will see that my hand is with you, to bring all Israel to you."
2Sa 3:13 David answered, "Good, I will make a covenant with you. But one thing I require from you is that you cannot see my face unless you first bring Michal, Saul's daughter, when you come to see me."
2Sa 3:14 Then David sent messengers to Ishbosheth, Saul's son, ordering, "Give me my wife Michal, for whom I paid a price of one hundred Philistine foreskins."
2Sa 3:15 So Ishbosheth sent for Michal and took her from her husband, Paltiel son of Laish.

2Sa 3:16 Her husband went with her, weeping as he went, and followed her to Bahurim. Then Abner ordered him, “Return home now.” So he returned.
2Sa 3:17 Abner spoke with the elders of Israel, “In the past, you were trying to have David be king over you.
2Sa 3:18 Now do it. For Yehowah has spoken of David, ‘By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel from the hand of the Philistines and from the hand of all their enemies.’”
2Sa 3:19 Abner also spoke personally to the people of Benjamin. Then Abner went also to speak with David in Hebron to explain everything that Israel and the whole house of Benjamin desired to accomplish.
2Sa 3:20 When Abner and twenty of his men arrived in Hebron to see David, David had a feast prepared for them.
2Sa 3:21 Abner explained to David, “I will arise and gather all Israel to you, my master the king, so that they may make a covenant with you, so that you may reign over all that you desire.” So David sent Abner away, and Abner left in peace.
2Sa 3:22 Then the soldiers of David and Joab came from a raid and brought much plunder with them. But Abner was not with David in Hebron. David had sent him away, and Abner had left in peace.
2Sa 3:23 When Joab and all the military force with him arrived, they told Joab, “Abner son of Ner came to the king, the king has sent him away, and Abner left in peace.”
2Sa 3:24 Then Joab came to the king and asked, “What have you done? Look, Abner came to you! Why have you sent him away, and he is gone?
2Sa 3:25 Do you not know that Abner son of Ner came to deceive you, to discover your plans, and learn everything you are doing?”
2Sa 3:26 When Joab left David, he sent messengers after Abner, and they brought him back from the well of Sirah, but David did not know this.
2Sa 3:27 When Abner returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the middle of the gate to speak with him quietly. There Joab stabbed him in the stomach and murdered him. In this way, Joab avenged the blood of Asahel his brother.
2Sa 3:28 When David heard about this he said, “I and my kingdom are innocent before Yehowah forever regarding the blood of Abner son of Ner.
2Sa 3:29 Let the guilt of Abner’s death fall on the head of Joab and on all his father’s household. May there never fail to be in the family of Joab someone who has a flowing sore or is a leper, or who is lame and must walk with a crutch, or who is killed by the sword, or who goes without food.”
2Sa 3:30 So Joab and Abishai his brother murdered Abner, because he had killed their brother Asahel at Gibeon in battle.

2Sa 3:31 David ordered Joab and all the people who were with him, “Tear your clothes, put on sackcloth, and mourn before Abner’s body.” Now King David walked behind the body in the funeral procession.
2Sa 3:32 They buried Abner in Hebron. The king wept and cried loudly at the tomb of Abner, and all the people also wept.
2Sa 3:33 The king lamented for Abner and sang, “Should Abner die as a fool dies?
2Sa 3:34 Your hands were not bound. Your feet were not shackled. As a man falls before the sons of injustice, so you have fallen.” Once more all the people wept over him.
2Sa 3:35 All the people came to make David eat while it was still day, but David swore, “May the Almighty do so to me, and more also, if I taste bread or anything else before the sun goes down.”
2Sa 3:36 All the people took notice of David’s grief, and it pleased them, as whatever the king did pleased them.
2Sa 3:37 So all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not the king’s desire to kill Abner son of Ner.
2Sa 3:38 The king said to his servants, “Do you not know that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel?
2Sa 3:39 Now I am weak today, though I am an anointed king. These men, the sons of Zeruiah, are too brutal for me. May Yehowah repay the evildoer by punishing him for his wickedness, as he deserves.”

2 Samuel Chapter 4

2Sa 4:1 When Ishbosheth, Saul's son, heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands became weak, and all Israel was troubled.
2Sa 4:2 Now Saul's son had two men who were captains of groups of soldiers. The name of one was Baanah and the other Rechab, sons of Rimmon the Beerothite of the people of Benjamin, for Beeroth is also considered part of Benjamin,
2Sa 4:3 and the Beerothites fled to Gittaim and have been living there until this time.
2Sa 4:4 Now Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son who was crippled in his feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel. His nurse picked him up to flee. But as she was running, Jonathan's son fell and became lame. His name was Mephibosheth.
2Sa 4:5 So the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, traveled during the heat of the day to the house of Ishbosheth, as he was resting at noon.
2Sa 4:6 The woman guarding the door had fallen asleep while sifting wheat, and Rechab and Baanah walked in quietly and passed her.
2Sa 4:7 So after they entered the house, they attacked and murdered him as he was lying on his bed in his room (c. 1062 BC). Then they cut off his head and carried it away, traveling on the road all night to the Arabah.
2Sa 4:8 They brought the head of Ishbosheth to David at Hebron, and they reported to the king, "Look, this is the head of Ishbosheth son of Saul, your enemy, who sought your life. Today, Yehowah has avenged our master the king against Saul and his descendants."
2Sa 4:9 David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite; he said to them, "As Yehowah lives, who delivered my life from every trouble,
2Sa 4:10 when someone told me, 'Look, Saul is dead,' thinking he was bringing good news, I seized him and executed him at Ziklag. That was the reward I gave him for his news.
2Sa 4:11 How much more, when wicked men have murdered an innocent person in his own house on his bed, should I not now require his blood from your hand, and remove you from the earth?"
2Sa 4:12 Then David gave orders to the young men, and they executed them and cut off their hands and feet and hung them up beside the pool at Hebron. But they took the head of Ishbosheth and buried it in the grave of Abner in Hebron.

2 Samuel Chapter 5

2Sa 5:1 Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “Look, we are your flesh and bone.
2Sa 5:2 In the recent past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led the Israeli military force. Yehowah prophesied to you, ‘You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become ruler over Israel.’”
2Sa 5:3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them before Yehowah. They anointed David king over Israel.
2Sa 5:4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign (c. 1062 BC), and he reigned forty years.
2Sa 5:5 In Hebron, he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem, he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.
2Sa 5:6 The king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land. They boasted to David, “You will not come in here, except to be turned away by the blind and the lame. David cannot come in here!”
2Sa 5:7 Nevertheless, David captured the stronghold of Zion, which now is the City of David (1 Chron. 11:4-9; 1 Kings 9:15).
2Sa 5:8 At that time David said, “Those who attack the Jebusites will have to go through the water shaft to reach the ‘lame and the blind’ who are David’s enemies.” That is why people say, “The ‘blind and the lame’ must not enter the palace.”
2Sa 5:9 So David lived in the stronghold and called it the City of David. He fortified around it, from the (Gihon) Spring Tower toward the inside.
2Sa 5:10 David became powerful, because Yehowah, Mighty One of the heavenly armed forces, was with him.
2Sa 5:11 Then Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, carpenters, and masons. They built a house for David.
2Sa 5:12 David knew that Yehowah had established him as king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.
2Sa 5:13 After David left Hebron and came to Jerusalem, he took more concubines and wives in Jerusalem, and more sons and daughters were born to him.
2Sa 5:14 These were the names of the children who were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,
2Sa 5:15 Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia,
2Sa 5:16 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet.

2Sa 5:17 Now when the Philistines heard that David had been anointed as king over Israel, they all went out looking for him. But David heard about it and went down to the stronghold.
2Sa 5:18 Now the Philistines had come and spread out in the Valley of Giants.
2Sa 5:19 Then David sought help from Yehowah. He asked, “Should I attack the Philistines? Will you give me victory over them?” Yehowah answered David, “Attack, for I will certainly give you victory over the Philistines.”
2Sa 5:20 So David attacked at Baal Perazim, and there he defeated them. He testified, “Yehowah has burst through my enemies before me like a bursting flood of water!” So the name of that place became Baal Perazim (1 Chron. 14:11; Mat. 11:12; Mic. 2:12-13; Gen. 38:29).
2Sa 5:21 The Philistines left their idols there, and David and his men carried them away.
2Sa 5:22 Then the Philistines came up again and spread out once more in the Valley of Giants.
2Sa 5:23 So David sought help from Yehowah again, and Yehowah ordered him, “You must not attack their front, but rather circle around behind them and come on them through the balsam woods.
2Sa 5:24 When you hear the sound of marching in the wind blowing through the balsam treetops, then attack with force. Do this, because Yehowah will have gone out before you to attack the military force of the Philistines.”
2Sa 5:25 So David did as Yehowah had commanded him. He killed Philistines from Geba all the way to Gezer.

2 Samuel Chapter 6

2Sa 6:1 Now David again gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.
2Sa 6:2 David arose and went with all his men who were with him from Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the Ark of the Almighty, which is called by the name of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, who sits enthroned over the cherubim.
2Sa 6:3 They set the Ark of the Almighty on a new cart. They brought it out of Abinadab's house, which was on a hill. Uzzah and Ahio, his sons, were guiding the new cart.
2Sa 6:4 They brought the cart out of Abinadab's house on the hill with the Ark of the Almighty on it. Ahio was walking in front of the ark.
2Sa 6:5 Then David and all the house of Israel began to play before Yehowah, celebrating with wooden instruments, harps, lyres, tambourines, rattles, and cymbals.
2Sa 6:6 When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, the oxen stumbled, and Uzzah reached out with his hand to grab the Ark of the Almighty, and he took hold of it.
2Sa 6:7 Then the anger of Yehowah burned against Uzzah. The Almighty attacked him there for his sin. Uzzah died there by the Ark of the Almighty.
2Sa 6:8 David was angry, because Yehowah had attacked Uzzah, and he called the name of that place Perez Uzzah. That place is called Perez Uzzah to this day.
2Sa 6:9 David was afraid of Yehowah that day. He asked, "How can the Ark of Yehowah come to me?"
2Sa 6:10 So David was not willing to take the Ark of Yehowah with him into the City of David. Instead, he put it aside in the house of Obed Edom the Gittite.
2Sa 6:11 The Ark of Yehowah remained in the house of Obed Edom the Gittite for three months. So Yehowah blessed him and all his household.
2Sa 6:12 Now King David was told, "Yehowah has blessed Obed Edom's household and everything that belongs to him because of the Ark of the Almighty." So David went and brought up the Ark of the Almighty from Obed Edom's house to the City of David with joy.
2Sa 6:13 When those who were carrying the Ark of Yehowah had gone six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened calf.
2Sa 6:14 David danced before Yehowah with all his might; he was wearing only a linen ephod.
2Sa 6:15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the Ark of Yehowah with shouting and the sound of trumpets.

2Sa 6:16 Now as the Ark of Yehowah came into the City of David, Michal, daughter of Saul, looked out the window. She saw King David leaping and dancing before Yehowah. Then she despised him in her heart.
2Sa 6:17 They brought in the Ark of Yehowah and put it in its place, in the middle of the tent that David had set up for it. Then David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before Yehowah.
2Sa 6:18 When David had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
2Sa 6:19 Then he distributed among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both to men and women, a loaf of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people left; each one returned to his own house.
2Sa 6:20 Then David returned to bless his family. Michal, the daughter of Saul, came out to meet David and said, “How honored the king of Israel was today, who undressed himself today before the eyes of the slave girls among his servants, like one of the crude fellows who shamelessly undresses himself!”
2Sa 6:21 David responded to Michal, “I did that before Yehowah, who chose me above your father and above all his family, who appointed me leader over the people of Yehowah, over Israel. Before Yehowah I will be joyful!
2Sa 6:22 I will be even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you have spoken about, I will be honored.”
2Sa 6:23 So Michal, the daughter of Saul, had no children to the day of her death.

2 Samuel Chapter 7

2Sa 7:1 It happened, that after the king had settled in his house, and after Yehowah had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies,
2Sa 7:2 the king said to Nathan the prophet, “Look, I am living in a house of cedar, but the Ark of the Almighty is staying in the middle of a tent.”
2Sa 7:3 Then Nathan said to the king, “Go, do what is in your heart, for Yehowah is with you.”
2Sa 7:4 But that same night the Word of Yehowah came to Nathan,
2Sa 7:5 “Go and tell David my servant, ‘This is what Yehowah says: Will you build me a temple in which to live?
2Sa 7:6 For I have not lived in a temple from the day that I brought up the people of Israel out of Egypt until this present day; instead, I have been moving about in a tent, a tabernacle.
2Sa 7:7 In all places where I have moved among all the people of Israel, did I ever say anything to any of Israel’s leaders whom I appointed to shepherd my people Israel, asking, “Why have you not built me a temple of cedar?”’”
2Sa 7:8 Now then, tell my servant David, “This is what Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces says: ‘I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, so that you would be ruler over my people Israel.
2Sa 7:9 I have been with you wherever you went. I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the great ones of the earth.
2Sa 7:10 I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them there, so that they may live in their own place and be troubled no more. No longer will wicked people oppress them, as they did before,
2Sa 7:11 as they were doing from the days that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel. Now I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, I, Yehowah, declare to you that I will make you a household.
2Sa 7:12 When your days are fulfilled, and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up a descendant after you, one who will come out from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.
2Sa 7:13 He will build a temple for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.
2Sa 7:14 I will be a father to him, and he will be my son. When he sins, I will discipline him with the rod of men and with the whipping of the sons of men.
2Sa 7:15 But my covenant faithfulness will not leave him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you.
2Sa 7:16 Your household and kingdom will be confirmed forever before you. Your throne will be established forever.’”

2Sa 7:17 Nathan spoke to David and reported to him all these words, and he told him about the entire vision.
2Sa 7:18 Then King David went in and sat before Yehowah; he prayed, “Who am I, Lord Yehowah, and what is my family that you have brought me to this point?
2Sa 7:19 Now this was a small thing in your sight, Lord Yehowah. You have even spoken about your servant’s family for a great while to come and have shown me future generations, Lord Yehowah.
2Sa 7:20 What more can I, David, say to you? You have honored your servant, Lord Yehowah.
2Sa 7:21 For your word’s sake, and to fulfill your own purpose, you have done this great thing and revealed it to your servant.
2Sa 7:22 Therefore, you are great, Lord Yehowah, for there is no one like you, and there is no Almighty besides you, as we have heard with our own ears.
2Sa 7:23 What ethnicity is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom you, Almighty One, went and rescued for yourself? You did this, so that they would become a people for yourself, to make a name for yourself, and to do great and fearful deeds for your land. You drove out ethnicities and their deities from before your people, whom you rescued from Egypt.
2Sa 7:24 You established Israel as your own people forever, and you, Yehowah, became their Divine One.
2Sa 7:25 So now, Almighty Yehowah, may the promise that you made concerning your servant and his family be established forever. Do as you have spoken.
2Sa 7:26 May your name be forever great, so the people will say, ‘Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces is the Mighty One of Israel,’ while the household of me, David, your servant, is established before you.
2Sa 7:27 For you, Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, have revealed to your servant that you will build him a household. That is why I, your servant, have found courage to pray to you.
2Sa 7:28 Now Lord Yehowah, you are the Almighty, and your words are true, and you have made this good promise to your servant.
2Sa 7:29 Now then, let it please you to bless the household of your servant, so that it may continue forever before you. For you, Lord Yehowah, have said these things, and with your blessing your servant’s household will be blessed forever.”

2 Samuel Chapter 8

2Sa 8:1 After this, it came about that David attacked the Philistines and defeated them. So David took Gath and its villages out of the Philistines' control.
2Sa 8:2 Then he defeated Moab and measured their men with a line by making them lie down on the ground. He measured off two lines to put to death, and one full line to keep alive. So the Moabites became servants to David and began to pay him tribute.
2Sa 8:3 David then defeated Hadadezer son of Rehob, the king of Zobah, as Hadadezer was traveling to recover his rule by the Euphrates River.
2Sa 8:4 David captured from him 1,700 chariots and twenty thousand infantrymen. David hamstrung all the chariot horses, but reserved enough of them for a hundred chariots.
2Sa 8:5 When the Arameans of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David killed twenty-two thousand Aramean men.
2Sa 8:6 Then David put garrisons in Aram of Damascus, and the Arameans became servants to him and brought him tribute. Yehowah gave victory to David wherever he went.
2Sa 8:7 David took the golden shields that were on Hadadezer's servants and brought them to Jerusalem.
2Sa 8:8 From Betah and Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, King David took a large amount of bronze.
2Sa 8:9 When Tou, king of (the Neo-Hittite City of) Hamath (modern Hama, Syria), heard that David had defeated all the military force of Hadadezer,
2Sa 8:10 Tou sent Hadoram his son to King David to greet him and to bless him, because David had fought against Hadadezer and defeated him, and because Hadadezer had waged war against Tou. Hadoram brought with himself objects of silver, gold, and bronze (1 Chron. 18:9-10).
2Sa 8:11 King David set aside these objects to Yehowah, together with the silver and gold from all the ethnicities that he conquered,
2Sa 8:12 from Aram, Moab, the people of Ammon, the Philistines, and Amalek, along with all of the plundered goods of Hadadezer son of Rehob, the king of Zobah.
2Sa 8:13 David's name was well known when he returned from conquering the Arameans in the Valley of Salt, with their eighteen thousand men.
2Sa 8:14 He placed garrisons throughout all of Edom, and all the Edomites became servants to him. Yehowah gave victory to David wherever he went.
2Sa 8:15 David reigned over all Israel, and he administered justice and righteousness to all his people.

2Sa 8:16 Joab son of Zeruiah was the commander of the military force, and Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud was recorder.
2Sa 8:17 Zadok son of Ahitub and Ahimelech son of Abiathar were priests, and Seraiah (Serayah) was scribe.
2Sa 8:18 Benaiah (Benayah) son of Jehoiada was in charge of the Cherethites and Pelethites, and David's sons were the king's leading advisors.

2 Samuel Chapter 9

2Sa 9:1 David asked, “Is there anyone left in Saul’s family to whom I may show kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”
2Sa 9:2 There was in Saul’s family a servant whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David. The king asked him, “Are you Ziba?” He answered, “Yes. I am your servant.”
2Sa 9:3 So the king asked, “Is there not anyone left of Saul’s family to whom I may show the kindness of the Almighty?” Ziba answered the king, “Jonathan still has a son who is lame in his feet.”
2Sa 9:4 The king asked him, “Where is he?” Ziba answered the king, “Look, he is in the house of Machir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar.”
2Sa 9:5 Then King David sent and had him brought out of the house of Machir son of Ammiel from Lo Debar.
2Sa 9:6 So Mephibosheth (Merib Baal; 1 Chron. 8:34), son of Jonathan son of Saul, came to David and bowed down his face to the floor in honor of David. David said, “Mephibosheth.” He replied, “See, I am your servant.”
2Sa 9:7 David said to him, “Do not be afraid, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father’s sake, and I will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather, and you will always eat at my table.”
2Sa 9:8 Mephibosheth bowed and asked, “What is your servant, that you should look with grace on such a dead dog as I am?”
2Sa 9:9 Then the king called to Ziba, Saul’s servant and said to him, “All that belonged to Saul and his family I have given to your master’s grandson.
2Sa 9:10 You, your sons, and your servants must till the land for him, and you must harvest the crops, so that your master’s grandson will have food to eat. For Mephibosheth, your master’s grandson, must always eat at my table.” Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.
2Sa 9:11 Then Ziba said to the king, “Your servant will do all that my master the king commands his servant.” The king added, “As for Mephibosheth, he will eat at my table as one of the king’s sons.”
2Sa 9:12 Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was Mica. All who lived in the house of Ziba were servants of Mephibosheth.
2Sa 9:13 So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, and he always ate at the king’s table, though he was lame in both his feet.

2 Samuel Chapter 10

2Sa 10:1 It came about later that the king of the people of Ammon died, and that Hanun his son became king in his place.
2Sa 10:2 David said, “I will show kindness to Hanun son of Nahash, as his father showed kindness to me.” So David sent his servants to comfort Hanun concerning his father. His servants entered the land of the people of Ammon.
2Sa 10:3 But the leaders of the people of Ammon asked Hanun their master, “Do you really think that David is honoring your father, because he has sent men to comfort you? Has not David sent his servants to you to look at the city, to spy it out, in order to overthrow it?”
2Sa 10:4 So Hanun took David’s servants, shaved off half their beards, cut off their garments up to their buttocks, and sent them away.
2Sa 10:5 When they explained this to David, he sent to meet with them, for the men were deeply ashamed. The king ordered, “Stay at Jericho until your beards have grown back and then return.”
2Sa 10:6 When the people of Ammon saw that they had become a stench to David, the people of Ammon sent messengers and hired the Arameans of Beth Rehob and Zobah, twenty thousand infantrymen, and the king of Maacah with a thousand men, and the men of Tob with twelve thousand men.
2Sa 10:7 When David heard of it, he sent Joab and all the soldiers of the military force.
2Sa 10:8 The Ammonites came out and formed a line of battle at the entrance to their city gate, while the Arameans of Zobah and of Rehob, and the men of Tob and Maacah, stood by themselves in the open fields.
2Sa 10:9 When Joab saw the battle lines facing him both in front and behind, he chose some of Israel’s best fighters and arranged them against the Arameans.
2Sa 10:10 As for the rest of the military force, he gave it into the command of Abishai his brother, and he put them into battle lines against the military force of Ammon.
2Sa 10:11 Joab said, “If the Arameans are too strong for me, then you, Abishai, must rescue me. But if the military force of Ammon is too strong for you, then I will come and rescue you.
2Sa 10:12 Be strong, and let us show ourselves to be strong for our people and for the cities of our Divine One, for Yehowah will do what is good for his purpose.”
2Sa 10:13 So Joab and the soldiers of his military force advanced to the battle against the Arameans, who were forced to flee before the military force of Israel.

2Sa 10:14 When the military force of Ammon saw that the Arameans had fled, they also fled from Abishai and went back into the city. Then Joab returned from the people of Ammon and went back to Jerusalem.
2Sa 10:15 When the Arameans saw that they were being defeated by Israel, they gathered themselves together again.
2Sa 10:16 Then Hadadezer sent for Aramean troops from beyond the Euphrates River. They came to Helam with Shobach, the commander of Hadadezer's military force at their head.
2Sa 10:17 When David was told this, he gathered all Israel together, crossed the Jordan River, and arrived at Helam. The Arameans arranged themselves in battle lines against David and fought him.
2Sa 10:18 The Arameans fled from Israel. David killed seven hundred Aramean charioteers and forty thousand cavalry. Shobach the commander of their military force was wounded and died there.
2Sa 10:19 When all the kings who were servants of Hadadezer saw that they were defeated by Israel, they made peace with Israel and became their subjects. So the Arameans were afraid to help the people of Ammon anymore.

2 Samuel Chapter 11

2Sa 11:1 It came about in the springtime, at the time when kings normally go to war, that David sent out Joab, his servants, and all the military force of Israel. They destroyed the military force of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed in Jerusalem.
2Sa 11:2 So it came about one evening that David rose up from his bed and walked on the roof of his palace. From there he happened to see a woman who was bathing, and the woman was exquisitely beautiful to look at.
2Sa 11:3 So David sent, and he asked people who would know about the woman. Someone said, “Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, and is she not the wife of Uriah (Uriyah) the Hethite?”
2Sa 11:4 David sent messengers and took her; she came in to him, and he had sex with her, for she had just purified herself from menstruation. Then she returned to her house.
2Sa 11:5 The woman conceived, and she sent and told David, “I am pregnant.”
2Sa 11:6 Then David sent to Joab ordering, “Send me Uriah the Hethite.” So Joab sent Uriah, his armor-bearer, to David.
2Sa 11:7 When Uriah arrived, David asked him how Joab was, how the military force was doing, and how the war was going.
2Sa 11:8 David said to Uriah, “Go down to your house and wash your feet.” So Uriah left the king’s palace, and the king sent a gift for Uriah after he left.
2Sa 11:9 But Uriah slept at the door of the king’s palace with all the servants of his master, and he did not go down to his house.
2Sa 11:10 When they told David, “Uriah did not go down to his house,” David asked Uriah, “Have you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?”
2Sa 11:11 Uriah answered David, “The ark, Israel, and Judah are staying in tents, and my master Joab and my master’s servants are camped in an open field. How then can I go into my house to eat, to drink, and make love with my wife? As sure as you are alive, I will not do this.”
2Sa 11:12 So David said to Uriah, “Stay here today also, and tomorrow I will let you leave.” So Uriah stayed in Jerusalem that day and the next day.
2Sa 11:13 When David called him, he ate and drank before him, and David made him drunk. At dusk, Uriah went out to sleep on his bed with the servants of his master; he did not go down to his house.
2Sa 11:14 So at dawn, David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah.
2Sa 11:15 David wrote in the letter, “Set Uriah at point in front of the most intense battle and then withdraw from him, that he may be hit and killed.”

2Sa 11:16 So as Joab watched the siege upon the city, he assigned Uriah to the place where he knew the strongest enemy soldiers would be fighting.
2Sa 11:17 When the men of the city went out and fought against Joab's military force, some of the soldiers of David fell, and Uriah the Hethite was also killed there.
2Sa 11:18 When Joab sent word to David about everything concerning the war,
2Sa 11:19 he commanded the messenger, "When you have finished telling all the things concerning the war to the king,
2Sa 11:20 it may happen that the king will become angry, and he will ask you, 'Why did you go so near to the city to fight? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall?
2Sa 11:21 Who killed Abimelech son of Jerubbesheth (Gideon)? Did not a woman cast an upper millstone on him from the wall, so that he died at Thebez? Why did you go so near the wall?' Then you must answer, 'Your servant Uriah the Hethite is dead also.'"
2Sa 11:22 So the messenger left, went to David, and told him everything that Joab had sent him to say.
2Sa 11:23 Then the messenger said to David, "The enemy were stronger than we were at first; they came out to us into the field, but we drove them back to the entrance of the gate.
2Sa 11:24 Then their archers shot at your soldiers from off the wall, and some of the king's servants were killed, and your servant Uriah the Hethite was killed too."
2Sa 11:25 Then David ordered the messenger, "Say this to Joab, 'Do not let this displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another. Make your battle even stronger against the city and overthrow it,' and encourage him."
2Sa 11:26 So when the widow of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she lamented deeply for her husband.
2Sa 11:27 When her sorrow passed, David sent and took her home to his palace, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But what David had done displeased Yehowah.

2 Samuel Chapter 12

2Sa 12:1 Then Yehowah sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said, “There were once two men in a city. One man was rich and the other poor.
2Sa 12:2 The rich man had huge numbers of flocks and herds,
2Sa 12:3 but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb, which he had bought, fed, and raised. It grew up together with him and with his children. The lamb even ate with him and drank from his own cup, and it slept in his arms and was like a daughter to him.
2Sa 12:4 One day a visitor came to the rich man, but the rich man was unwilling to take an animal from his own flocks and herds to provide food for him. Instead, he took the poor man’s ewe lamb and cooked it for his visitor.”
2Sa 12:5 David was hot with anger against the rich man, and he raged to Nathan, “As Yehowah lives, the man who has done this deserves to be executed!
2Sa 12:6 He must pay back the lamb four times over, because he did such a thing, and because he had no pity on the poor man.”
2Sa 12:7 Then Nathan said to David, “You are that man! Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, says, ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you out of the hand of Saul.
2Sa 12:8 I gave you your master’s house, and your master’s wives into your arms. I also gave you the house of Israel and Judah. But if that had been too little, I would have given you many other things in addition.
2Sa 12:9 So why have you despised the commands of Yehowah, so as to do what is evil in his sight? You have killed Uriah the Hethite with the sword and have taken his widow to be your own wife. You murdered him with the sword of the military force of Ammon.
2Sa 12:10 So now the sword will never leave your household, because you have despised me and have taken the widow of Uriah the Hethite as your wife.’
2Sa 12:11 Yehowah declares, ‘Look, I will raise up disaster against you out of your own household. Before your own eyes, I will take your wives and give them to your neighbor, and he will have sex with your wives in broad daylight.
2Sa 12:12 For you committed your sin secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, in the sunlight.’”
2Sa 12:13 Then David confessed to Nathan, “I have sinned against Yehowah.” Nathan replied to David, “Yehowah also has passed over your sin. You will not be executed.
2Sa 12:14 However, because by this act you have despised Yehowah, the child who is born to you will surely die.”
2Sa 12:15 Then Nathan left and went home. Yehowah attacked the child that Uriah’s widow bore to David, and he was incurably sick.

2Sa 12:16 David then entreated the Almighty for the boy. David fasted and went inside and lay all night on the floor.
2Sa 12:17 The elders of his household arose and stood beside him, to raise him up from the floor, but he would not get up, and he would not eat with them.
2Sa 12:18 It came about on the seventh day that the child died. David's servants were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, "Look, while the child was still alive we spoke to him, and he did not listen to our voice. What might he do to himself if we tell him that the boy is dead?"
2Sa 12:19 But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David perceived that the child was dead. He said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" They answered, "He is dead."
2Sa 12:20 Then David arose from the floor and washed himself, anointed himself, and changed his clothes. He went to the tabernacle of Yehowah and worshiped there, and then he came back to his own palace. When he asked for it, they set food before him, and he ate.
2Sa 12:21 Then his servants said to him, "Why have you done this? You fasted and wept for the child while he was alive, but when the child died, you rose up and ate."
2Sa 12:22 David answered, "While the child was still alive I fasted and wept. I asked, 'Who knows whether or not Yehowah will be gracious to me, that the child may live?'
2Sa 12:23 But now he is dead, so why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me."
2Sa 12:24 David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in to her, and made love to her. Later, she gave birth to a son, and the child was named Solomon. Yehowah loved him,
2Sa 12:25 and he sent word through Nathan the prophet to name him Jedidiah (Yedideyah), because Yehowah loved him.
2Sa 12:26 Now Joab fought against Rabbah, the royal city of the people of Ammon, and he captured its fortress.
2Sa 12:27 So Joab sent messengers to David and said, "I have fought against Rabbah, and I have taken the city's water supply.
2Sa 12:28 Now therefore, gather the rest of the military force together and camp against the city and take it, because if I take the city, it will be named after me."
2Sa 12:29 So David gathered all the military force together and went to Rabbah; he fought against the city and captured it.
2Sa 12:30 David took the crown from their king's head, it weighed thirty-three kilograms of gold, and there was a precious stone in it. The crown was placed on David's own head. Then he brought out the plunder of the city in large quantities.

2Sa 12:31 He brought out the people who were in the city and forced them to work with saws, iron picks, and axes; he also made them work at brick kilns. David required all the cities of the people of Ammon to do this labor. Then David and all the military force returned to Jerusalem.

2 Samuel Chapter 13

2Sa 13:1 It came about after this, that Amnon son of David was sexually attracted to his beautiful half-sister Tamar, who was a full sister of Absalom, another of David's sons.
2Sa 13:2 Amnon was so frustrated that he became sick because of his sister Tamar. She was a virgin, and it seemed impossible to Amnon to do anything to her.
2Sa 13:3 But Amnon had a friend whose name was Jehonadab son of Shammah, David's brother. Jehonadab was an extremely shrewd man.
2Sa 13:4 Jehonadab asked Amnon, "Why, son of the king, are you depressed every morning? Will you not tell me?" So Amnon answered him, "I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister."
2Sa 13:5 Then Jehonadab said to him, "Lie down on your bed and pretend to be sick. When your father comes to see you, ask him, 'Would you please send my sister Tamar to give me something to eat and cook it before me, so that I may see it and eat it from her hand?'"
2Sa 13:6 So Amnon lay down and pretended to be sick. When the king came to see him, Amnon entreated the king, "Please send my sister Tamar to make some food for my sickness in front of me, so that I may eat from her hand."
2Sa 13:7 Then David sent word to Tamar at his palace, "Go now to your brother Amnon's house and prepare food for him."
2Sa 13:8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house, where he was lying down. She took dough and kneaded it and formed bread in his sight, and then she baked it.
2Sa 13:9 She took the pan and gave the bread to him, but he refused to eat. Then Amnon ordered the others present, "Send everyone out, away from me." So everyone went out from him.
2Sa 13:10 So Amnon said to Tamar, "Bring the food into my room that I may eat from your hand." So Tamar took the bread that she had made and brought it into the room of Amnon her brother.
2Sa 13:11 When she had brought the food to him, he took hold of her and said to her, "Come, have sex with me, my sister."
2Sa 13:12 She answered him, "No, my brother, do not rape me, for nothing like this should be done in Israel. Do not do this appalling thing!
2Sa 13:13 How could I be rid of my shame? What about you? You would be like one of the fools in Israel! Now please speak to the king, for he would not keep me from you."
2Sa 13:14 However, Amnon would not listen to her. Since he was stronger than Tamar, he seized her and raped her.

2Sa 13:15 Then Amnon hated Tamar with extreme hatred. He hated her even more than he had desired her. Amnon ordered her, “Get up and go.”
2Sa 13:16 But she responded to him, “No! Because this great evil of making me leave is even worse than what you did to me!” But Amnon did not listen to her.
2Sa 13:17 Instead, he called his personal servant and ordered, “Take this woman away from me and bolt the door after her.”
2Sa 13:18 Then his servant brought her out and bolted the door after her. Tamar was wearing an ankle-length long-sleeved robe, because the king’s daughters who were virgins dressed that way.
2Sa 13:19 Tamar put ashes on her head and tore her robe. She put her hands on her head and walked away, crying aloud as she went.
2Sa 13:20 Absalom her brother said to her, “Has Amnon your brother been with you? But now keep quiet, my sister. He is your brother. Do not take this thing to heart.” So Tamar remained alone in her brother Absalom’s house.
2Sa 13:21 But when King David heard of all these things, he was extremely angry.
2Sa 13:22 Absalom said nothing to Amnon, for Absalom hated him for what he had done to her, and how he had disgraced his sister Tamar.
2Sa 13:23 It came about after two full years that Absalom had sheep shearers working at Baal Hazor, which is near Ephraim, and Absalom invited all the king’s sons to visit there.
2Sa 13:24 Absalom went to the king and entreated, “Look now, your servant has sheep shearers. Please, may the king and his servants go with me, your servant.”
2Sa 13:25 The king answered Absalom, “No, my son, all of us should not go, because we would be a burden to you.” Absalom encouraged the king, but he would not go, yet he did bless Absalom.
2Sa 13:26 Then Absalom entreated, “If not, please let my brother Amnon go with us.” So the king asked him, “Why should Amnon go with you?”
2Sa 13:27 Absalom pressed David, and so he let Amnon and all the king’s sons go with him.
2Sa 13:28 Absalom commanded his servants, “Listen closely. When Amnon begins to be drunk with wine, and when I say to you, ‘Attack Amnon,’ then execute him. Do not be afraid. Have I not commanded you? Be courageous and brave.”
2Sa 13:29 So Absalom’s servants did to Amnon as he had commanded them. Then all the king’s sons arose, and every man mounted his mule and fled.
2Sa 13:30 So it came about, while they were on the road, that the intelligence report was announced to David, “Absalom has murdered all the king’s sons, and there is not one of them left.”
2Sa 13:31 Then the king arose and tore his clothes, and lay on the floor; all his servants stood by with their clothes torn.

2Sa 13:32 Jehonadab son of Shammah, David's brother, answered, "Let not my master believe that they have killed all the young men who are the king's sons, for Amnon only is dead. Absalom has planned this from the day that Amnon violated his sister Tamar.
2Sa 13:33 So therefore, let not my master the king take this intelligence report to heart, so as to believe that all the king's sons are dead, for Amnon only is dead."
2Sa 13:34 Absalom fled away. A servant keeping watch raised his eyes and saw many people coming on the road on the hillside west of him.
2Sa 13:35 Then Jehonadab said to the king, "Look, the king's sons are coming. It is just as your servant said."
2Sa 13:36 So it came about when he finished speaking, the king's sons arrived, raised their voices, and wept. The king and all his servants also wept bitterly.
2Sa 13:37 But Absalom fled and went to Talmai son of Ammihud, the king of Geshur. David mourned for his son every day.
2Sa 13:38 So Absalom fled and went to Geshur, where he was for three years.
2Sa 13:39 The mind of King David longed to go out to see Absalom, for he was comforted concerning Amnon and his death.

2 Samuel Chapter 14

2Sa 14:1 Now Joab son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart desired to see Absalom.
2Sa 14:2 So Joab sent word to Tekoa and had a wise woman brought to him. He instructed her, "Please pretend you are a mourner and put on mourning clothes. Please do not anoint yourself with oil, but be like a woman who has mourned a long time for the dead.
2Sa 14:3 Then go to the king and speak to him about what I will describe." So Joab told her the words she was to say to the king.
2Sa 14:4 When the woman from Tekoa spoke to the king, she lay facedown on the ground, "Help me, king."
2Sa 14:5 The king asked her, "What is wrong?" She answered, "The truth is that I am a widow, and my husband is dead.
2Sa 14:6 I, your servant, had two sons, and they fought together in the field, and there was no one to separate them. One struck the other and killed him.
2Sa 14:7 Now the whole clan has risen against your servant, and they say, 'Hand over the man who struck his brother, so that we may execute him, to pay for the life of his brother whom he killed.' So they would also destroy the heir. Thus they will put out the burning coal that I have left, and they will leave for my husband neither name nor descendant on the surface of the earth."
2Sa 14:8 So the king responded to the woman, "Go to your house, and I will command something to be done for you."
2Sa 14:9 The woman of Tekoa replied to the king, "My master, king, may the guilt be on me and on my father's family. The king and his throne are guiltless."
2Sa 14:10 The king replied, "Whoever says anything to you, bring him to me, and he will not touch you anymore."
2Sa 14:11 Then she entreated, "Please, may the king call to mind Yehowah your Divine One, so that the avenger of blood will not destroy anyone further, so that they will not destroy my son." The king replied, "As Yehowah lives, not one hair of your son will fall to the ground."
2Sa 14:12 Then the woman said, "Please let your servant speak a further word to my master the king." He replied, "Speak on."
2Sa 14:13 So the woman said, "Why then have you devised such a thing against the people of the Almighty? For in saying this thing, the king is like someone who is guilty, because the king has not brought back home again his banished son.
2Sa 14:14 For we all must die, and we are like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again. But the Almighty will not take away life; instead, he finds a way for those who were driven away to be restored.

2Sa 14:15 Now then seeing that I have come to speak this thing to my master the king, it is because the people have made me afraid. So your servant said to herself, ‘I will now speak to the king. It may be that the king will perform the request of his servant.
2Sa 14:16 For the king will listen to me, in order to hand over his servant out of the hand of the man who would destroy me and my son together, out of the inheritance of the Almighty.’
2Sa 14:17 Then your servant prayed, ‘Yehowah, please let the word of my master the king give me relief, for as an angel of the Almighty, so is my master the king in telling good from evil.’ May Yehowah your Divine One be with you.”
2Sa 14:18 Then the king answered the woman, “Please do not hide from me anything that I will ask you.” The woman replied, “Let my master the king now speak.”
2Sa 14:19 The king asked, “Is not the hand of Joab with you in all this?” The woman answered, “As you live, my master the king, no one can escape to the right hand or to the left from anything that my master the king has spoken. It was your servant Joab who commanded me and told me to say these things that your servant has spoken.
2Sa 14:20 Your servant Joab has done this to change the course of what is happening. My master is wise, like the wisdom of an angel of the Almighty, and he knows everything that is happening in the land.”
2Sa 14:21 So the king ordered Joab, “Look now, I will do this thing. Go then and bring the young man Absalom back.”
2Sa 14:22 So Joab lay facedown on the ground in honor and gratitude to the king. Joab said, “Today your servant knows that I have found grace in your sight, my master, king, in that the king has performed the request of his servant.”
2Sa 14:23 So Joab arose, went to Geshur, and brought Absalom back to Jerusalem.
2Sa 14:24 The king ordered, “He may return to his own house, but he may not see my face.” So Absalom returned to his own house but did not see the king’s face.
2Sa 14:25 Now in all Israel there was no one praised for his handsomeness more than Absalom. From the sole of his foot to the top of his head there was no blemish in him.
2Sa 14:26 When he cut the hair of his head at the end of every year, because it was heavy on him, he weighed his hair; it would weigh about 2.2 kilograms, which is measured by the weight of the king’s standard.
2Sa 14:27 To Absalom were born three sons and one daughter, whose name was Tamar. She was a beautiful woman.

2Sa 14:28 Absalom lived two full years in Jerusalem, without seeing the king's face.
2Sa 14:29 Then Absalom sent word for Joab to send him to the king, but Joab would not come to him. So Absalom sent word a second time, but Joab still did not come.
2Sa 14:30 So Absalom ordered his servants, "See, Joab's field is near mine, and he has barley there. Go and set it on fire." So Absalom's servants set the field on fire. So Joab's servants came to him with their clothes torn and reported, "Absalom's servants have set the field on fire."
2Sa 14:31 Then Joab arose and came to Absalom at his house and asked him, "Why have your servants set my field on fire?"
2Sa 14:32 Absalom answered Joab, "Look, I sent word to you ordering, 'Come here so I may send you to the king to say, "Why did I come from Geshur? It would be better for me to still be there. Now therefore, let me see the king's face, and if I am guilty, let him execute me."'"
2Sa 14:33 So Joab went to the king and told him. When the king called for Absalom, he came to the king and bowed low to the ground before the king, and the king kissed Absalom.

2 Samuel Chapter 15

2Sa 15:1 It came about after this, that Absalom prepared a chariot and horses for himself, with fifty men to run before him.
2Sa 15:2 Absalom would get up early and stand beside the road leading to the city gate. When any man had a dispute to come to the king for judgment, Absalom called to him and asked, “From what city have you come?” Then the man would answer, “Your servant is from one of the tribes of Israel.”
2Sa 15:3 So Absalom would say to him, “Look, your case is good and right, but there is no one empowered by the king to hear your case.”
2Sa 15:4 Absalom added, “I wish that I were made judge in the land, so that every man who had any dispute or cause might come to me, and I would bring him justice!”
2Sa 15:5 So it came about that when any man came to Absalom to honor him, Absalom would put out his hand and take hold of him and kiss him.
2Sa 15:6 Absalom acted in this way to all Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.
2Sa 15:7 It came about at the end of four years that Absalom entreated the king, “Please let me go and pay a vow that I have made to Yehowah in Hebron.
2Sa 15:8 For your servant spoke a vow while I was living at Geshur in Aram, ‘If Yehowah will indeed bring me again to Jerusalem, then I will worship Yehowah.’”
2Sa 15:9 So the king replied to him, “Go in peace.” So Absalom arose and went to Hebron.
2Sa 15:10 But then Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, ordering, “As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you must shout, ‘Absalom is king in Hebron!’”
2Sa 15:11 With Absalom went two hundred men from Jerusalem, who were invited. They went in their innocence, not knowing anything that Absalom had planned.
2Sa 15:12 While Absalom offered sacrifices, he sent for Ahithophel from his hometown of Giloh. He was David’s counselor. Absalom’s conspiracy was strong, for the people following Absalom were constantly increasing.
2Sa 15:13 A messenger came to David reporting, “The hearts of the men of Israel are following after Absalom.”
2Sa 15:14 So David ordered all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, “Arise and let us flee, or none of us will escape from Absalom. Prepare to leave immediately, or he will quickly overtake us, and he will bring down disaster on us and attack the city with the edge of the sword.”

2Sa 15:15 The king's servants said to the king, "Look, your servants are ready to do whatever our master the king decides."
2Sa 15:16 The king left and all his family after him, but the king left ten women, who were concubines, to keep the palace.
2Sa 15:17 After the king went out and all the people after him, they stopped at the last house.
2Sa 15:18 All his military force marched with him, and before him went all the Cherethites, all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men who had followed him from Gath.
2Sa 15:19 Then the king ordered Ittai the Gittite, "Why did you go with us, too? Return and stay with King Absalom, for you are a foreigner and an exile. Return to your own place.
2Sa 15:20 Since you just left yesterday, why should I make you wander all over with us? I do not even know where I am going. So return and take your fellow countrymen back. May loyalty and faithfulness go with you."
2Sa 15:21 But Ittai answered the king, "As Yehowah lives, and as my master the king lives, surely in whatever place where my master the king goes, there also will your servant go, whether that means living or dying."
2Sa 15:22 So David responded to Ittai, "Go ahead and continue with us." So Ittai the Gittite marched with the king, along with all his men and all the families who were with him.
2Sa 15:23 All the country wept with a loud voice as all the people passed by over the Kidron Valley, and as the king also himself crossed over. All the people traveled on the road toward the wilderness.
2Sa 15:24 Even Zadok with all the Levites, carrying the Ark of the Covenant of the Almighty, were present. They set the Ark of the Almighty down, and then Abiathar joined them. They waited until all the people had passed by out of the city.
2Sa 15:25 The king ordered Zadok, "Carry the Ark of the Almighty back into the city. If I find grace in the eyes of Yehowah, he will bring me back here and show me again the ark and the place where he lives.
2Sa 15:26 But if he says, 'I am not pleased with you,' look, here am I, let him do to me whatever seems good to him."
2Sa 15:27 The king also ordered Zadok the priest, "Are you not a seer? Return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz your son, and Jonathan son of Abiathar.
2Sa 15:28 See, I will wait at the fords of the Arabah, until word comes from you to inform me."
2Sa 15:29 So Zadok and Abiathar carried the Ark of the Almighty back into Jerusalem, and they stayed there.

2Sa 15:30 But David ascended barefoot and weeping up the Mount of Olives, and he had his head covered. Every man of the people who were with him covered his head, and they went up weeping as they walked.
2Sa 15:31 Someone told David, “Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom.” So David prayed, “O Yehowah, please turn Ahithophel’s advice into foolishness.”
2Sa 15:32 It came about that when David arrived at the top of the road, where the Almighty used to be worshiped, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat torn and earth on his head.
2Sa 15:33 David ordered him, “If you travel with me, then you will be a burden to me.
2Sa 15:34 But if you return to the city and say to Absalom, ‘I will be your servant, king, as I have been your father’s servant in time past, so will I now be your servant,’ then you will confuse Ahithophel’s advice for me.
2Sa 15:35 Will you not have the priests Zadok and Abiathar with you? So whatever you hear in the king’s palace, you must tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests.
2Sa 15:36 See that they have there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz, Zadok’s son, and Jonathan, Abiathar’s son. You must send to me by their hand everything that you hear.”
2Sa 15:37 So Hushai, David’s friend, came into the city as Absalom arrived and entered into Jerusalem.

2 Samuel Chapter 16

2Sa 16:1 When David had gone a short distance over the summit of the hill, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him with a couple of saddled donkeys; on them were two hundred loaves of bread, one hundred clusters of raisins, and one hundred bunches of figs, and a skin of wine.
2Sa 16:2 The king asked Ziba, “Why did you bring these things?” Ziba answered, “The donkeys are for the king’s household to ride on, the bread and fig cakes are for your men to eat, and the wine is for anyone who is faint in the wilderness to drink.”
2Sa 16:3 The king asked, “Then where is your master’s grandson?” Ziba answered the king, “Look, he has stayed behind in Jerusalem, for he said, ‘Today the house of Israel will restore my father’s kingdom to me.’”
2Sa 16:4 Then the king said to Ziba, “Look, all that belonged to Mephibosheth now belongs to you.” Ziba replied, “I bow in humility to you, my master, king. Let me find grace in your sight.”
2Sa 16:5 When King David approached Bahurim, there came out from there a man from the clan of Saul, whose name was Shimei son of Gera. He came out cursing as he walked.
2Sa 16:6 He threw stones at David and at all of the king’s officials, in spite of the military force and bodyguards who were on the king’s right and left.
2Sa 16:7 Shimei called out in cursing, “Go away, get out of here, you villain, you man of blood!
2Sa 16:8 Yehowah has repaid all of you for the blood you shed within the family of Saul, in whose place you have reigned! Yehowah has given the kingdom into the hand of Absalom your son! You have come to ruin, because you are a man of blood!”
2Sa 16:9 Then Abishai son of Zeruiah entreated the king, “Why should this dead dog curse my master the king? Please let me go over and take off his head.”
2Sa 16:10 But the king replied, “What have I to do with you, sons of Zeruiah? Perhaps he is cursing me, because Yehowah has said to him, ‘Curse David.’ Who then could ask him, ‘Why are you cursing the king?’”
2Sa 16:11 So David said to Abishai and to all his servants, “Look, my son, who was born from my body, wants to take my life. How much more may this Benjamite now desire my ruin? Leave him alone and let him curse, for Yehowah has commanded him to do it.
2Sa 16:12 Perhaps Yehowah will look at the misery unleashed on me, and Yehowah will repay me with good for his cursing me today.”
2Sa 16:13 So David and his men traveled on the road, while Shimei went beside him up on the hillside, cursing and throwing dust and stones at him as he went.

2Sa 16:14 Then the king and all the people who were with him became weary, and he rested when they stopped for the night.
2Sa 16:15 As for Absalom and all the men of Israel who were with him, they came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel was with him.
2Sa 16:16 It came about when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, had come to Absalom, that Hushai said to Absalom, "Long live the king! Long live the king!"
2Sa 16:17 Absalom asked Hushai, "Is this your loyalty to your friend? Why did you not go with him?"
2Sa 16:18 Hushai answered Absalom, "No! Instead, the one whom Yehowah, this people, and all the men of Israel have chosen, that is the man to whom I will belong, and I will stay with him.
2Sa 16:19 Also, what man should I serve? Should I not serve in the presence of his son? As I have served in your father's presence, I will serve in your presence."
2Sa 16:20 Then Absalom ordered Ahithophel, "Give us your advice about what we should do."
2Sa 16:21 Ahithophel answered Absalom, "Go have sex with your father's slave wives whom he has left to keep the palace, and all Israel will hear that you have become a stench to your father. Then the hands of all who are with you will be strong."
2Sa 16:22 So they spread for Absalom a tent on the top of the palace, and Absalom had sex with his father's slave wives in the sight of all Israel.
2Sa 16:23 Now the advice of Ahithophel that he gave in those days was as if a man heard from the mouth of the Almighty himself. That was how all of Ahithophel's advice was viewed by both David and Absalom.

2 Samuel Chapter 17

2Sa 17:1 Then Ahithophel said to Absalom, “Now let me choose twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue David tonight.
2Sa 17:2 I will come on him while he is weary and weak and will surprise him with fear. The people who are with him will flee, and I will attack only the king.
2Sa 17:3 I will bring back all the people to you, like a bride coming to her husband, and all the people will be at peace under you.”
2Sa 17:4 What Ahithophel said pleased Absalom and all the elders of Israel.
2Sa 17:5 Then Absalom said, “Now call Hushai the Archite, too, and let us hear what he says.”
2Sa 17:6 When Hushai had come to Absalom, Absalom explained to him what Ahithophel had said and then asked Hushai, “Should we do what Ahithophel has said? If not, tell us what you advise.”
2Sa 17:7 So Hushai responded to Absalom, “The advice that Ahithophel has given this time is not good.”
2Sa 17:8 Hushai added, “You know your father and his men are strong warriors, and that they are bitter, and they are like a bear robbed of her cubs in a field. Your father is a man of war; he will not sleep with the military force tonight.
2Sa 17:9 Look, right now he is probably hidden in some pit or in some other place. It will happen that when some of your men have been killed at the beginning of an attack, that whoever hears it will shout, ‘A slaughter has taken place among the soldiers who follow Absalom!’
2Sa 17:10 Then even the bravest soldiers, whose hearts are like the heart of a lion, will be afraid, because all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man, and that the men who are with him are sons of valor.
2Sa 17:11 So I advise you that all Israel should be gathered together to you, from Dan to Beersheba, as numerous as the sands that are by the sea, and that you go to battle in person.
2Sa 17:12 Then we will come on him wherever he may be found, and we will cover him as the dew falls on the ground. We will not leave even one of his men, or him himself, alive.
2Sa 17:13 If he retreats into a city, then all Israel will bring ropes to that city and we will drag it into the river, until there is no longer even a small stone found there.”
2Sa 17:14 Then Absalom and the men of Israel said, “Hushai the Archite’s advice is better than Ahithophel’s.” Yehowah had ordained the rejection of Ahithophel’s good advice in order to bring destruction on Absalom.

2Sa 17:15 Then Hushai said to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, “Ahithophel advised Absalom and the elders of Israel in such and such a way, but I have advised something else.
2Sa 17:16 Now then go quickly and report to David, ‘Do not camp tonight at the fords of the Arabah, but by all means cross over, or the king will be swallowed up along with all the people who are with him.’”
2Sa 17:17 Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz were staying at the spring of En Rogel. A female servant used to go and inform them what they needed to know, for they could not risk being seen going into the city. When the message came, then they were to go and tell King David.
2Sa 17:18 But a young man saw them this time and told Absalom. So Jonathan and Ahimaaz went away quickly and came to the house of a man in Bahurim, who had a well in his courtyard, into which they descended.
2Sa 17:19 The man’s wife took the covering for the well and spread it over the well’s opening, and tossed milled grain over it, so no one knew Jonathan and Ahimaaz were in the well.
2Sa 17:20 Absalom’s men came to the woman of the house and asked, “Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan?” The woman answered them, “They have crossed over the river.” So after they had looked around and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem.
2Sa 17:21 It came about after they had left that Jonathan and Ahimaaz came up out of the well. They went to report to King David; they said to him, “Get up and cross quickly over the water, because Ahithophel has given such and such advice about you.”
2Sa 17:22 Then David arose and all the people who were with him, and they crossed over the Jordan River. By daybreak, not one of them had failed to cross over the Jordan River.
2Sa 17:23 When Ahithophel saw that his advice had not been followed, he saddled his donkey and left. He went home to his hometown, set his affairs in order, and hanged himself (on his sword, Mat. 27:5; Acts 1:18; 1 Sam. 31:4-5). In this way, he died and was buried in the tomb of his father.
2Sa 17:24 Then David came to Mahanaim. As for Absalom, he crossed over the Jordan River, he and all the men of Israel with him.
2Sa 17:25 Absalom had set Amasa over the military force instead of Joab. Amasa was the son of Jether the Israeli, who had had sex with Abigail, who was the daughter of Nahash and sister of Zeruiah, the mother of Joab.
2Sa 17:26 Then Israel and Absalom camped in the land of Gilead.
2Sa 17:27 It came about when David had come to Mahanaim, that Shobi son of Nahash from Rabbah of the Ammonites, and Machir son of Ammiel from Lo Debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim,

2Sa 17:28 brought sleeping mats and blankets, bowls and pots, wheat, barley flour, roasted grain, beans, lentils,
2Sa 17:29 honey, butter, sheep, and milk curds, so that David and the people with him could eat. These men had said, “The people are hungry, weary, and thirsty in the wilderness.”

2 Samuel Chapter 18

2Sa 18:1 David counted the soldiers who were with him and appointed captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them.
2Sa 18:2 Then David sent out the military force, one third under the command of Joab, another third under the command of Abishai son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and still another third under the command of Ittai the Gittite. The king said to the military force, "I myself will certainly go out with you, too."
2Sa 18:3 But the men responded, "You must not go to battle, for if we flee away they will not care about us, or if half of us die they will not care. But you are worth ten thousand of us! Therefore, it is better that you be ready to help us from the city."
2Sa 18:4 So the king answered them, "I will do whatever seems best to you." The king stood by the city gate while all the military force went out by hundreds and by thousands.
2Sa 18:5 The king commanded Joab, Abishai, and Ittai ordering, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man, with Absalom." All the people heard that the king had given the captains this command about Absalom.
2Sa 18:6 So the military force went out into the countryside against Israel; the battle spread into the forest of Ephraim.
2Sa 18:7 The military force of Israel was defeated there before the soldiers of David; there was a great slaughter there that day of twenty thousand men.
2Sa 18:8 The battle spread throughout the whole countryside, and more men were consumed by the forest than by the sword.
2Sa 18:9 Absalom happened to meet some of David's soldiers. Absalom was riding his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a large oak tree, and his head was caught up in the tree branches. He was left dangling between the ground and the sky, while the mule he was riding kept going.
2Sa 18:10 Someone saw this and told Joab, "Look, I saw Absalom hanging in an oak tree!"
2Sa 18:11 Joab responded to the man who told him about Absalom, "Look! You saw him! Why did you not strike him down to the ground? I would have given you 10-weight silver-currency and a belt."
2Sa 18:12 The man replied to Joab, "Even if I received 1,000-weight silver-currency, still I would not have reached out my hand against the king's son, because we all heard the king command you, Abishai, and Ittai, 'No one must touch the young man Absalom.'
2Sa 18:13 If I had risked my life by a falsehood, and there is nothing hidden from the king, you would have abandoned me."

2Sa 18:14 Then Joab said, “I will not wait for you.” So Joab took three javelins in his hand and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was still alive and hanging from the oak.
2Sa 18:15 Then ten young men who carried Joab’s armor surrounded Absalom, attacked him, and killed him.
2Sa 18:16 Then Joab blew the trumpet, and the military force returned from pursuing Israel, for Joab held back the military force.
2Sa 18:17 They took Absalom and threw him into a large pit in the forest; they buried his body under a huge pile of stones, while all Israel fled, every man to his own home.
2Sa 18:18 Now Absalom, while still alive, had built for himself a large stone pillar in the King’s Valley, for he said, “I have no son to carry along the memory of my name.” He named the pillar after his own name, so it is called Absalom’s Monument to this day.
2Sa 18:19 Then Ahimaaz son of Zadok entreated, “Let me now run to the king with the good news, how Yehowah has rescued him from the hand of his enemies.”
2Sa 18:20 Joab answered him, “You will not be the bearer of news today; you must do it another day. Today, you will bear no news, because the king’s son is dead.”
2Sa 18:21 Then Joab ordered a Cushite, “Go, tell the king what you have seen.” The Cushite bowed down to Joab and ran.
2Sa 18:22 Then Ahimaaz son of Zadok said again to Joab, “Regardless of what may happen, please let me also run and follow the Cushite.” Joab asked, “Why do you want to run, my son, seeing that you will have no reward for the news?”
2Sa 18:23 “Whatever happens,” answered Ahimaaz, “I will run.” So Joab ordered him, “Run.” Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the disk-shaped Valley, and outran the Cushite.
2Sa 18:24 Now David was sitting between the inner and outer gates. The watchman had gone up to the roof of the gate to the wall and raised his eyes. As he looked, he saw a man approaching, running alone.
2Sa 18:25 The watchman shouted out and told the king. Then the king responded, “If he is alone, there is news in his mouth.” The runner came closer and neared the city.
2Sa 18:26 Then the watchman noticed another man running, and the watchman called to the gatekeeper; he said, “Look, there is another man running alone!” The king replied, “He is also bringing news.”
2Sa 18:27 So the watchman said, “I think the running of the man in front is like the running of Ahimaaz son of Zadok.” The king replied, “He is a good man and is coming with good news.”

2Sa 18:28 Then Ahimaaz called out to the king, “All is well!” He bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground and said, “Blessed be Yehowah your Divine One! He has delivered the men who lifted up their hand against my master the king.”
2Sa 18:29 So the king asked, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” Ahimaaz answered, “When Joab sent me, the king’s servant, to you, king, I saw a great disturbance, but I did not know what it was.”
2Sa 18:30 Then the king ordered, “Turn aside and stand here.” So Ahimaaz turned aside and stood still.
2Sa 18:31 Immediately then, the Cushite arrived and said, “There is good news for my master the king, for Yehowah has avenged you today from all who rose up against you.”
2Sa 18:32 Then the king asked the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” The Cushite answered, “The enemies of my master the king, and all who rise up against you to do harm to you, should be as that young man is.”
2Sa 18:33 Then the king was deeply unnerved, and he went up to the room over the gate and wept. As he went he grieved, “My son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! I wish I had died instead of you, Absalom, my son, my son!”

2 Samuel Chapter 19

2Sa 19:1 Joab was told, “Look, the king is weeping and mourning for Absalom.”
2Sa 19:2 So the victory that day was turned into mourning for all the military force, for the armed forces heard it said that day, “The king is mourning for his son.”
2Sa 19:3 The troops had to sneak quietly into the city that day, like people who are ashamed sneak away when they run from battle.
2Sa 19:4 The king covered his face and cried in a loud voice, “My son Absalom, Absalom, my son, my son!”
2Sa 19:5 Then Joab entered into the house to the king and rebuked him, “You have shamed the faces of all your troops today, who have saved your life today, and the lives of your sons and of your daughters, and the lives of your wives, and the lives of your slave wives,
2Sa 19:6 because you love those who hate you, and you hate those who love you. For today you have shown that commanders and soldiers are nothing to you. Today, I believe that if Absalom had lived, and we all had died, then that would have pleased you.
2Sa 19:7 Now therefore, get up, go out, and speak kindly to your troops, for I swear by Yehowah, if you do not go, not one man will remain with you tonight. That would be worse for you than all the disasters that have ever happened to you from your youth until now.”
2Sa 19:8 So the king rose up and sat in the city gate, and all the people were told, “Look, the king is sitting in the gate,” and all the people came before the king. For Israel had fled, every man to his home.
2Sa 19:9 All the people were arguing with each other throughout all the tribes of Israel, “The king rescued us out of the hand of our enemies, and he saved us out of the hand of the Philistines, but now he has run out of the land because of Absalom.
2Sa 19:10 Absalom, whom we anointed over us, has died in battle. So why do you say nothing about bringing the king back?”
2Sa 19:11 King David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests ordering, “Ask the elders of Judah, ‘Why are you the last to bring the king back to his palace, since the talk of all Israel favors the king, to bring him back to his palace?
2Sa 19:12 You are my brothers, my flesh and bone. Why then are you the last to bring back the king?’
2Sa 19:13 Then say to Amasa, ‘Are you not my flesh and my bone? The Almighty do so to me, and more also, if you are not captain of my military force from now on in the place of Joab.’”

2Sa 19:14 So he won the hearts of all the men of Judah as one man. They sent to the king entreating, “Return, you and all your troops.”
2Sa 19:15 So the king returned and came to the Jordan River. Now the men of Judah came to Gilgal to go to meet the king and then to bring the king across the Jordan River.
2Sa 19:16 Shimei son of Gera, the Benjamite, who was from Bahurim, hurried down with the men of Judah to meet King David.
2Sa 19:17 There were one thousand men from Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of Saul, and his fifteen sons and twenty servants with him. They crossed through the Jordan River in the presence of the king.
2Sa 19:18 They crossed to bring over the king’s family and to do whatever he thought good. Shimei son of Gera bowed down before the king, just before he began to cross the Jordan River.
2Sa 19:19 Shimei entreated the king, “Do not, my master, find me guilty or call to mind what your servant stubbornly did the day that my master the king left Jerusalem. Please, may the king not take it to heart.
2Sa 19:20 For your servant knows that I have sinned. See, that is why I have come today as the first from all the family of Joseph to come down to meet my master the king.”
2Sa 19:21 But Abishai son of Zeruiah answered and asked, “Should not Shimei be executed for this, because he cursed the anointed of Yehowah?”
2Sa 19:22 Then David asked, “What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah, that you should today be adversaries to me? Will any man be executed today in Israel? For do I not know that today I am king over Israel?”
2Sa 19:23 So the king assured Shimei, “You will not be executed.” So the king promised him with an oath.
2Sa 19:24 Then Mephibosheth son of Saul came down to meet the king. He had not dressed his feet, or trimmed his beard, or washed his clothes from the day the king left, until the day he came home in peace.
2Sa 19:25 So when he came from Jerusalem to meet the king, the king asked him, “Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth?”
2Sa 19:26 He answered, “My master the king, my servant deceived me, for I said, ‘I will saddle a donkey, so I may ride on it and go with the king, because your servant is lame.’
2Sa 19:27 My servant Ziba has slandered me, your servant, to my master the king. But my master the king is like an angel of the Almighty. Therefore, do what is good in your eyes.
2Sa 19:28 For all my father’s household were dead men before my master the king, but you set your servant among those who ate at your own table. What right, therefore, have I that I should still cry any more to the king?”

2Sa 19:29 Then the king said to him, “Why explain anything further? I have decided that you and Ziba will divide the fields.”
2Sa 19:30 So Mephibosheth replied to the king, “Yes, let him take it all, since my master the king has come safely to his own home.”
2Sa 19:31 Then Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim to cross over the Jordan River with the king, and he accompanied the king over the Jordan River.
2Sa 19:32 Now Barzillai was quite elderly, eighty years old. He had furnished the king with provisions while he stayed at Mahanaim, for he was a superabundantly wealthy man.
2Sa 19:33 The king said to Barzillai, “Come over with me, and I will provide for you to stay with me in Jerusalem.”
2Sa 19:34 Barzillai replied to the king, “How many days are left in the years of my life, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem?
2Sa 19:35 I am eighty years old. Can I distinguish between good and bad? Can your servant taste what I eat or what I drink? Can I hear any more the voice of singing men and singing women? Why then should your servant be a burden to my master the king?
2Sa 19:36 Your servant would like to just go over the Jordan River with the king. Why should the king repay me with such a reward?
2Sa 19:37 Please let your servant return back home, so I may die in my hometown by the grave of my father and my mother. But see, here is your servant Kimham. Let him cross over with my master the king, and do for him what seems good to you.”
2Sa 19:38 The king answered, “Kimham will go over with me, and I will do for him what seems good to you, and whatever you desire from me, I will do that for you.”
2Sa 19:39 Then all the people crossed the Jordan River, and the king crossed over, and the king kissed Barzillai and blessed him. Then Barzillai returned to his own home.
2Sa 19:40 So the king crossed over to Gilgal, and Kimham crossed over with him. All the military force of Judah brought the king over and also half the military force of Israel.
2Sa 19:41 Soon all the men of Israel began to come to the king and ask the king, “Why have our brothers, the men of Judah, stolen you away and brought the king and his family over the Jordan River, and all David’s men with him?”
2Sa 19:42 So the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, “It is because the king is more closely related to us. Why then are you angry about this? Have we eaten anything that the king had to pay for? Has he given us any gifts?”
2Sa 19:43 The men of Israel answered the men of Judah, “We have ten tribes related to the king, so we have even more right to David than you. Why then did you despise us? Was not our proposal to bring back our king the first to be

heard?” But the words of the men of Judah were even more harsh than the words of the men of Israel.

2 Samuel Chapter 20

2Sa 20:1 There also happened to be at the same place a troublemaker whose name was Sheba son of Bichri, a Benjamite. He blew the trumpet and shouted, “We have no part in David, neither have we any inheritance in the son of Jesse! Let every man go back to his home, Israel!”
2Sa 20:2 So all the men of Israel deserted David and followed Sheba son of Bichri. But the men of Judah followed closely their king, from the Jordan River all the way to Jerusalem.
2Sa 20:3 When David came to his palace at Jerusalem, he took the ten slave wives whom he had left to keep the palace, and he put them in a house under guard. He provided for their needs, but he did not have sex with them any longer. So they were shut up to the day of their death, living as if they were widows.
2Sa 20:4 Then the king ordered Amasa, “Call the men of Judah together within three days; you must be here, too.”
2Sa 20:5 So Amasa went to call the men of Judah together, but he stayed longer than the set time which the king had commanded him.
2Sa 20:6 So David ordered Abishai, “Now Sheba son of Bichri will do us more harm than Absalom did. Take your master’s servants, my soldiers, and pursue after him, or he will find fortified cities and escape out of our sight.”
2Sa 20:7 Then Joab’s men went out after him, along with the Cherethites, the Pelethites, and all the mighty warriors. They left Jerusalem to pursue Sheba son of Bichri.
2Sa 20:8 When they were at the great stone which is at Gibeon, Amasa came to meet them. Joab was wearing the battle armor that he had put on, which included a belt around his waist with a sheathed sword fastened to it. As he walked forward, the sword fell out.
2Sa 20:9 So Joab asked Amasa, “Is it well with you, my cousin?” Joab affectionately took Amasa by the beard with his right hand to kiss him.
2Sa 20:10 Amasa did not notice the dagger that was in Joab’s left hand. Joab stabbed Amasa in the stomach and his bowels spilled out to the ground. Joab did not strike him again, and Amasa died. So Joab and Abishai his brother pursued Sheba son of Bichri.
2Sa 20:11 Then one of Joab’s men stood by Amasa, and the man shouted, “He who favors Joab, and he who is for David, let him follow Joab!”
2Sa 20:12 Amasa lay wallowing in his blood in the middle of the road. When the man saw that all the people stood still, he carried Amasa off of the road and into a field. He threw a garment over him, because he saw that everyone who came by him stood still.

2Sa 20:13 After Amasa was taken off the road, all the men followed on after Joab in pursuit of Sheba son of Bichri.
2Sa 20:14 Sheba passed through all the tribes of Israel to Abel Beth Maacah, and through all the land of the Berites, who gathered together and also pursued Sheba.
2Sa 20:15 They caught up with him and besieged him in Abel Beth Maacah. They built up a siege ramp against the wall of the city. All the military force who were with Joab battered the wall to knock it down.
2Sa 20:16 Then a wise woman cried out of the city, “Listen, please listen, Joab! Come near me so I may speak with you!”
2Sa 20:17 So Joab came near to her, and the woman asked, “Are you Joab?” He answered, “I am.” Then she said to him, “Listen to the words of your servant.” He answered, “I am listening.”
2Sa 20:18 Then she spoke, “They used to say in old times, ‘Surely seek advice at Abel,’ and that advice would end the matter.
2Sa 20:19 We are a city that is one of the most peaceful and faithful in Israel. You are trying to destroy a city that is a mother in Israel. Why do you want to swallow up the inheritance of Yehowah?”
2Sa 20:20 So Joab answered, “Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy.
2Sa 20:21 That is not true. But a man from the hill country of Ephraim, named Sheba son of Bichri, has lifted up his hand against the king, against David. Give up him alone, and I will withdraw from the city.” The woman said to Joab, “His head will be thrown to you over the wall.”
2Sa 20:22 Then the woman went to all the people in her wisdom. They cut off the head of Sheba son of Bichri and threw it out to Joab. Then he blew the trumpet, and Joab’s troops left the city, every man to his home. Then Joab returned to Jerusalem to the king.
2Sa 20:23 Now Joab was over all the military force of Israel, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and over the Pelethites.
2Sa 20:24 Adoram was over the men who did forced labor, and Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud was the recorder.
2Sa 20:25 Sheva was scribe and Zadok and Abiathar were priests.
2Sa 20:26 Ira the Jairite was chief minister to David.

2 Samuel Chapter 21

2Sa 21:1 There was a famine in David's time for three years in a row, and David sought the face of Yehowah. So Yehowah said, "This famine is on you because of Saul and his murderous family, because he put the Gibeonites to death."
2Sa 21:2 Now the Gibeonites were not from the people of Israel; they were from what remained of the Amorites. The people of Israel had sworn not to kill them, but Saul tried to murder them all anyway in his zeal for the people of Israel and Judah.
2Sa 21:3 So King David called together the Gibeonites and asked them, "What should I do for you? How can I make atonement, so that you may bless the people of Yehowah, who inherit his goodness and promises?"
2Sa 21:4 The Gibeonites answered him, "It is not a matter of silver or gold between us and Saul or his family. In the same way, it is not for us to put to death any man in Israel." David asked, "What are you saying that I should do for you?"
2Sa 21:5 They answered the king, "The man who tried to kill us all, who schemed against us, so that we are now destroyed and have no place within the borders of Israel,
2Sa 21:6 let seven men from his descendants be handed over to us, and we will hang them before Yehowah in Gibeah of Saul, the one chosen by Yehowah." So the king replied, "I will give them to you."
2Sa 21:7 But the king spared Mephibosheth son of Jonathan son of Saul, because of the oath of Yehowah between them, between David and Jonathan son of Saul.
2Sa 21:8 But the king took the two sons of Rizpah daughter of Aiah, sons whom she bore to Saul, the two sons were named Armoni and the other Mephibosheth; and David also took the five sons of Merab daughter of Saul, whom she bore to Adriel son of Barzillai the Meholathite.
2Sa 21:9 He handed them over into the hands of the Gibeonites. They hanged them on the mountain before Yehowah, and they died all seven together. They were executed during the time of harvest, during the first days at the beginning of barley harvest (Passover).
2Sa 21:10 Then Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah, took sackcloth and spread it for herself on the mountain beside the dead bodies, from the beginning of harvest, until the rain poured down on them from the sky. She did not allow the birds of the sky to disturb the bodies by day or the wild animals by night.
2Sa 21:11 It was told to David what Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah, the slave wife of Saul, had done.
2Sa 21:12 So David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh Gilead, who had stolen them from the public

square of Beth Shan, where the Philistines had hanged them, after the Philistines had killed Saul at Gilboa.
2Sa 21:13 David took away from there the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son, and they gathered the bones of the seven men who had been hanged, as well.
2Sa 21:14 They buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son in the country of Benjamin in Zela, in the tomb of Kish his father. They performed all that the king commanded. After that, the Almighty answered their prayers for the land.
2Sa 21:15 Then the Philistines went to war again with Israel. So David went down with his military force and fought against the Philistines. David was overcome with battle fatigue.
2Sa 21:16 Ishbibenob, a descendant of the giants, whose bronze spear weighed three and one-half kilograms, and who was armed with a new sword, intended to kill David.
2Sa 21:17 But Abishai son of Zeruiah rescued David, attacked the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, “You must not go to battle anymore with us, so that you do not put out the lamp of Israel.”
2Sa 21:18 It came about after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob, when Sibbecai the Hushathite killed Saph, who was one of the descendants of the giants.
2Sa 21:19 It came about again in a battle with the Philistines at Gob, that Elhanan son of Jari the Bethlehemite killed Lahmi brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver’s beam (1 Chron. 20:5).
2Sa 21:20 It came about in another battle at Gath that there was a man of great height who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number. He also was descended from the giants.
2Sa 21:21 When he taunted Israel, Jonathan son of Shammah, David’s brother, killed him.
2Sa 21:22 These were descendants of the giants of Gath, and they were killed by the hand of David and by the hand of his soldiers.

2 Samuel Chapter 22

2Sa 22:1 David sang to Yehowah the words of this song on the day that Yehowah rescued him out of the hand of all his enemies and out of the hand of Saul.
2Sa 22:2 He sang, “Yehowah is my Rock, my fortress, the One who rescues me.
2Sa 22:3 The Almighty is my Rock. I take refuge in him. He is my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold, and my refuge, the One who saves me from violence.
2Sa 22:4 I will call on Yehowah, who is worthy to be praised, and I will be saved from my enemies.
2Sa 22:5 For the waves of death surrounded me, the rushing waters of destruction overwhelmed me.
2Sa 22:6 The cords of the place of the dead surrounded me; the snares of death trapped me.
2Sa 22:7 In my distress I called to Yehowah; I called to my Divine One; he heard my voice from his temple, and my call for help went into his ears.
2Sa 22:8 Then the earth shook and trembled. The foundations of Heaven trembled and were shaken, because he was angry.
2Sa 22:9 Smoke went up from out of his nostrils, and blazing fire came out of his mouth. Coals were ignited by it.
2Sa 22:10 He opened Heaven and came down, and thick darkness was under his feet.
2Sa 22:11 He rode on an angel and flew. He was seen on the wings of the wind.
2Sa 22:12 He made darkness a tent around him, gathering heavy rain clouds in the skies.
2Sa 22:13 From the lightning before him coals of fire fell.
2Sa 22:14 Yehowah thundered from Heaven. The Most High shouted!
2Sa 22:15 He shot arrows and scattered his enemies, lightning bolts and dispersed them.
2Sa 22:16 Then the water channels (SEA) appeared; the foundations of the globe were exposed at the battle cry of Yehowah, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.
2Sa 22:17 He reached down from above; he took hold of me! He pulled me out of the surging water.
2Sa 22:18 He rescued me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me, for they were too strong for me.
2Sa 22:19 They came against me on the day of my distress, but Yehowah was my support.
2Sa 22:20 He also brought me out to a wide open place. He saved me, because he was pleased with me.

2Sa 22:21 Yehowah has rewarded me to the measure of my righteousness; he has restored me to the measure of the cleanness of my hands.
2Sa 22:22 For I have kept the Ways of Yehowah and have not acted wickedly by turning from my Divine One.
2Sa 22:23 For all his righteous decrees have been before me; as for his statutes, I have not turned away from them.
2Sa 22:24 I have also been innocent before him, and I have kept myself from sin.
2Sa 22:25 Therefore, Yehowah has restored me to the measure of my righteousness, to the degree of my cleanness in his sight.
2Sa 22:26 To one who is faithful, you show yourself to be faithful; to a man who is blameless, you show yourself to be blameless.
2Sa 22:27 With the pure you show yourself pure, but you are perverse to the twisted.
2Sa 22:28 You save afflicted people, but your eyes are against the proud, and you bring them down.
2Sa 22:29 For you are my lamp, Yehowah. Yehowah lights up my darkness.
2Sa 22:30 For by you I can run over a barricade; by my Divine One I can leap over a wall.
2Sa 22:31 As for the Almighty, his Way is perfect. The Word of Yehowah is pure. He is a shield to everyone who takes refuge in him.
2Sa 22:32 For who is the Almighty besides Yehowah, and who is a Rock besides our Divine One?
2Sa 22:33 The Almighty is my powerful refuge, and he leads the blameless person on his Path.
2Sa 22:34 He makes my feet swift like a deer and places me on the high hills.
2Sa 22:35 He trains my hands for war, and my arms to bend a bow of bronze.
2Sa 22:36 You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your grace has made me great.
2Sa 22:37 You have made a wide place for my feet beneath me, so my feet have not slipped.
2Sa 22:38 I pursued my enemies and destroyed them. I did not turn back, until they were destroyed.
2Sa 22:39 I devoured them and smashed them; they cannot rise. They have fallen under my feet.
2Sa 22:40 You put strength on me like a belt for battle; you put under me those who rise up against me.
2Sa 22:41 You gave me the back of my enemies' necks; I annihilated those who hated me.
2Sa 22:42 They cried for help, but no one saved them; they cried out to Yehowah, but he did not answer them.

2Sa 22:43 I beat them into fine pieces like dust on the ground, I pulverized them like mud in the streets, I spread them out.
2Sa 22:44 You also have rescued me from the disputes of my own people. You have kept me as the head of ethnicities. A people that I have not known serves me.
2Sa 22:45 Foreigners were forced to bow to me. As soon as they heard of me, they obeyed me.
2Sa 22:46 The foreigners came trembling out of their strongholds.
2Sa 22:47 Yehowah lives! May my Rock be praised. May the Almighty be exalted, the Rock of my salvation.
2Sa 22:48 This is the Almighty who executes vengeance for me, the One who brings down people under me.
2Sa 22:49 He sets me free from my enemies. Indeed, you lifted me up above those who rose up against me. You rescue me from violent men.
2Sa 22:50 Therefore, I will give thanks to you, Yehowah, among the ethnicities; I will sing praises to your name.
2Sa 22:51 He gives great victory to his king, and he shows his covenant loyalty to his anointed one, to David and to his descendants forever" (Psalm 18).

2 Samuel Chapter 23

2Sa 23:1 Now these are the last words of David, David son of Jesse, the man who was highly honored, the one anointed by the Mighty One of Jacob, the sweet psalmist of Israel.
2Sa 23:2 “The Ruach of Yehowah spoke by me, and his word was on my tongue.
2Sa 23:3 The Mighty One of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me, ‘The one who rules righteously over men, who rules in the fear of the Almighty,
2Sa 23:4 he will be like the morning light when the sun rises, a dawn without clouds, when the tender grass springs up from the earth through bright sunshine after rain.
2Sa 23:5 Indeed, is my family not like this before the Almighty? Has he not made an everlasting covenant with me, ordered and sure in every way? Does he not increase my salvation and fulfill my every desire?
2Sa 23:6 But the worthless will all be like thorns to be thrown away, because they cannot be gathered by one’s hands.
2Sa 23:7 The man who touches them must use an iron tool or the shaft of a spear. They must be burned up where they lie.’”
2Sa 23:8 These are the names of David’s elite soldiers: Jeshbaal the Hachmonite was the leader of the elite soldiers. He killed eight hundred men on one occasion.
2Sa 23:9 After him was Eleazar son of Dodo, son of an Ahohite, one of the three mighty men of David. He was present when they defied the Philistines who had gathered together to do battle, and when the men of Israel had retreated.
2Sa 23:10 Eleazar stood and fought the Philistines, until his hand became weary and his hand stiffened to the grip of his sword. Yehowah brought about a great victory that day. The military force returned after Eleazar, only to strip the bodies.
2Sa 23:11 After him was Shammah son of Agee, a Hararite. The Philistines gathered together where there was a field of lentils, and the military force fled from them.
2Sa 23:12 But Shammah stood in the middle of the field and defended it. He killed the Philistines, and Yehowah brought about a great victory.
2Sa 23:13 Three of the thirty soldiers went down to David at harvest time, to the cave of Adullam. The military force of the Philistines was camped in the Valley of Giants.
2Sa 23:14 At that time David was in his stronghold, a cave, while the Philistines had garrisoned at Bethlehem.
2Sa 23:15 David was longing for water and said, “If only someone would give me water to drink from the well at Bethlehem, the well that is by the gate!”

2Sa 23:16 So these three mighty men broke through the military force of the Philistines and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, the well at the gate. They took the water and brought it to David, but he refused to drink it. Instead, he poured it out to Yehowah.
2Sa 23:17 Then he said, “Far be it from me, Yehowah, that I should drink this. Should I drink the blood of men who have risked their lives?” So he refused to drink it. These are things the three mighty men did.
2Sa 23:18 Abishai, brother of Joab and son of Zeruiah, was captain over the three. He once fought with his spear against three hundred men and killed them. He was often mentioned along with the three soldiers.
2Sa 23:19 Was he not even more famous than the three? He was made their captain. However, his fame did not equal the fame of the three most famous soldiers.
2Sa 23:20 Benaiah from Kabzeel was the son of Jehoiada; he was a strong man who did mighty feats. He killed the two sons of Ariel of Moab. He also went down into a pit and killed a lion while it was snowing.
2Sa 23:21 Then he killed a spectacle of an Egyptian man. The Egyptian had a spear in his hand, but Benaiah fought against him with only a trekking pole. He seized the spear out of the Egyptian’s hand and then killed him with his own spear.
2Sa 23:22 Benaiah son of Jehoiada did these feats, and he was named alongside the three mighty men.
2Sa 23:23 He was more highly regarded than the thirty soldiers in general, but he was not regarded quite as highly as the three most elite soldiers. Yet David put him in charge of his bodyguard.
2Sa 23:24 The thirty included the following men: Asahel brother of Joab, Elhanan son of Dodo from Bethlehem,
2Sa 23:25 Shammah the Harodite, Elika the Harodite,
2Sa 23:26 Helez the Paltite, Ira son of Ikkesh the Tekoite,
2Sa 23:27 Abi Ezer the Anathothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite,
2Sa 23:28 Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite;
2Sa 23:29 Heleb son of Baanah, the Netophathite, Ittai son of Ribai from Gibeah of the Benjamites,
2Sa 23:30 Benaiah the Pirathonite, Hiddai of the valleys of Gaash.
2Sa 23:31 Abialbon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite,
2Sa 23:32 Eliahba the Shaalbonite, the sons of Jashen, Jonathan son of Shammah the Hararite;
2Sa 23:33 Ahiam son of Sharar the Hararite,
2Sa 23:34 Eliphelet son of Ahasbai the Maacathite, Eliam son of Ahithophel the Gilonite,
2Sa 23:35 Hezro the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite,

2Sa 23:36 Igal son of Nathan from Zobah, Bani from the tribe of Gad,
2Sa 23:37 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite, armor bearer to Joab son of Zeruiah,
2Sa 23:38 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,
2Sa 23:39 Uriah the Hethite, thirty-seven in all.

2 Samuel Chapter 24

2Sa 24:1 Again, the anger of Yehowah was ignited against Israel, and he moved David against them, ordering, “Go, count Israel and Judah.”
2Sa 24:2 The king ordered Joab, the commander of the military force, who was with him, “Go throughout all the tribes of Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, and count all the people, so that I may know the total number of men fit for battle.”
2Sa 24:3 Joab responded to the king, “May Yehowah your Divine One multiply the number of people a hundred times, and may the eyes of my master the king see it take place. But why does my master the king want this?”
2Sa 24:4 Nevertheless, the king’s word was final against Joab and against the commanders of the military force. So Joab and the commanders went out from the king’s presence to count the people of Israel.
2Sa 24:5 They crossed over the Jordan River and encamped near Aroer, south of the city in the valley. Then they traveled on through Gad to Jazer.
2Sa 24:6 They came to Gilead and to the land of Tahtim Hodshi, then on to Dan Jaan and around toward Sidon.
2Sa 24:7 They reached the stronghold of Tyre and all the cities of the Hivites and the Canaanites. Then they went out to the Negev in Judah at Beersheba.
2Sa 24:8 When they had gone throughout all the land, they came back to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.
2Sa 24:9 Then Joab reported the total of the count of the fighting men to the king. There were in Israel 800,000 brave men who drew the sword, and the men of Judah were 500,000 men.
2Sa 24:10 Then David’s heart afflicted him after he had counted the men. So he confessed to Yehowah, “I have greatly sinned by doing this. Now Yehowah, take away your servant’s guilt, for I have acted extremely foolishly.”
2Sa 24:11 When David rose up at dawn, the Word of Yehowah came to the prophet Gad, David’s seer,
2Sa 24:12 “Go say to David: ‘This is what Yehowah says: “I am giving you three choices. Choose one of them.”’”
2Sa 24:13 So Gad went to David and asked him, “Will three years of famine come to you in your land? Or will you flee three months from your enemies while they pursue you? Or will there be three days of plague in your land? Now decide what answer I should return to him who sent me.”
2Sa 24:14 Then David answered Gad, “I am in deep trouble. Let us fall into the hands of Yehowah rather than into the hand of man, for his mercies are great.”
2Sa 24:15 So Yehowah sent a plague on Israel from dawn to a fixed time, and seventy thousand people died from Dan to Beersheba.

2Sa 24:16 When the angel reached out with his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, Yehowah changed his mind because of the harm it would cause, and he commanded the angel who was destroying people, “Enough! Now draw back your hand.” At that time, the angel of Yehowah was standing at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.
2Sa 24:17 Then David spoke to Yehowah when he saw the angel who had attacked the people, “I have sinned, and I have acted perversely. But these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand punish me and my father’s family!”
2Sa 24:18 Then Gad came that day to David and ordered him, “Go up and build an altar for Yehowah at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.”
2Sa 24:19 So David went up as Gad instructed him to do, as Yehowah had commanded.
2Sa 24:20 Ornan looked out and saw the king and his servants approaching. So Ornan went out and bowed to the king with his face to the ground.
2Sa 24:21 Then Ornan asked, “Why has my master the king come to me, his servant?” David answered, “To buy your threshing floor, so I can build an altar for Yehowah, so that the plague may be removed from the people.”
2Sa 24:22 Ornan replied to David, “Take it as your own, my master the king. Do with it what is good in your sight. Look, here are oxen for the burnt offering, threshing sledges, and ox yokes for the wood.
2Sa 24:23 All this, my king, I, Ornan, will give to you.” Then he said to the king, “May Yehowah your Divine One accept you.”
2Sa 24:24 The king replied to Ornan, “No, I insist on buying it at a price. I will not offer as a burnt offering to Yehowah my Divine One anything that costs me nothing.” So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for 50-weight silver-currency.
2Sa 24:25 David built an altar for Yehowah there and offered on it burnt offerings and peace offerings. So they pleaded with Yehowah on behalf of the land, and he caused the plague to be contained throughout Israel.

Book of 1st Kings

1 Kings Chapter 1

1Ki 1:1 When King David was quite elderly, they covered him with blankets, but he could not keep warm.
1Ki 1:2 So his servants said to him, “Let us look for a young virgin for our master the king. Let her serve the king as an administrator. Let her lie in his arms, so that our master the king may keep warm.”
1Ki 1:3 So they searched for a beautiful girl within all the borders of Israel. They found Abishag the Shunammite and brought her to the king.
1Ki 1:4 The girl was exquisitely beautiful. She served the king and took care of him, but the king did not have sexual relations with her.
1Ki 1:5 At that time, Adonijah son of Haggith exalted himself, proclaiming, “I will be king.” So he prepared for himself chariots and cavalry with fifty men to run ahead of him.
1Ki 1:6 His father had never troubled him, asking, “Why have you done this or that?” Adonijah was also an extraordinarily handsome man, born next after Absalom.
1Ki 1:7 He conferred with Joab son of Zeruiah and with Abiathar the priest. They followed Adonijah and helped him.
1Ki 1:8 But Zadok the priest, Benaiah son of Jehoiada, Nathan the prophet, Shimei, Rei, and the mighty men who belonged to David did not follow Adonijah.
1Ki 1:9 Adonijah sacrificed sheep, oxen, and fattened calves by the stone of Zoheleth, which is beside En Rogel. He invited all his brothers, the king’s sons, and all the men of Judah, the king’s servants.
1Ki 1:10 But he did not invite Nathan the prophet, Benaiah, the mighty men, or his brother Solomon.
1Ki 1:11 Then Nathan spoke to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, “Have you not heard that Adonijah son of Haggith has become king, and David our master does not know it?
1Ki 1:12 Now therefore, let me give you advice, so that you may save your own life and the life of your son Solomon.
1Ki 1:13 Go to King David; ask him, ‘My master the king, did you not swear to your servant, “Surely Solomon your son will reign after me, and he will sit on my throne?” Why then is Adonijah reigning?’
1Ki 1:14 While you are there speaking with the king, I will come in after you and confirm your words.”

1Ki 1:15 So Bathsheba went into the king's room. The king was quite elderly, and Abishag the Shunammite was serving the king.
1Ki 1:16 Bathsheba bowed and prostrated herself before the king. Then the king asked, "What do you desire?"
1Ki 1:17 She answered him, "My master, you swore to your servant by Yehowah your Divine One, 'Surely Solomon your son will reign after me, and he will sit on my throne.'
1Ki 1:18 Now see, Adonijah is king, and you, my master the king, do not know it.
1Ki 1:19 He has sacrificed oxen, fatted calves, and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the sons of the king, Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the military force, but he has not invited Solomon your servant.
1Ki 1:20 As for you, my master the king, the eyes of all Israel are on you, waiting for you to tell them who will sit on the throne after you, my master.
1Ki 1:21 Otherwise, it will happen when my master the king sleeps with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon will be regarded as criminals worthy of execution."
1Ki 1:22 While she was still speaking with the king, Nathan the prophet came in.
1Ki 1:23 The servants told the king, "Nathan the prophet is here." When he came in before the king, he prostrated himself before the king with his face to the ground.
1Ki 1:24 Nathan asked, "My master the king, have you said, 'Adonijah will reign after me, and he will sit on my throne?'
1Ki 1:25 For he has gone down today and sacrificed oxen, fatted calves, and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the king's sons, the captains of the military force, and Abiathar the priest. They are eating and drinking before him and shouting, 'Long live King Adonijah!'
1Ki 1:26 But as for me, your servant, Zadok the priest, Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and your servant Solomon, he has not invited us.
1Ki 1:27 Has my master the king done this without telling us, your servants, who should sit on the throne of my master the king after him?"
1Ki 1:28 Then King David answered, "Call Bathsheba back to me." She came into the king's presence and stood before the king.
1Ki 1:29 The king swore an oath, "As Yehowah lives, who has redeemed me out of all trouble,
1Ki 1:30 as I vowed to you by Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, 'Solomon your son will reign after me, and he will sit on my throne in my place,' I will do this today."
1Ki 1:31 Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the ground and prostrated herself before the king, and said, "May my master King David live forever!"
1Ki 1:32 King David ordered, "Call to me Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada." So they came before the king.

1Ki 1:33 The king commanded them, “Take with you the servants of your master, and have Solomon my son ride on my own mule and take him down to Gihon Spring.
1Ki 1:34 Let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him king over Israel, blow the trumpet, and shout, ‘Long live King Solomon!’
1Ki 1:35 Then you will come up after him, and he will come and sit on my throne; for he will be king in my place. I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and Judah.”
1Ki 1:36 Benaiah son of Jehoiada answered the king, “Amein! May Yehowah, Mighty One of my master the king, confirm it.
1Ki 1:37 As Yehowah has been with my master the king, so may he be with Solomon and make his throne greater than the throne of my master King David.”
1Ki 1:38 So Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites went down and had Solomon ride upon King David’s mule; they brought him to Gihon.
1Ki 1:39 Zadok the priest took the horn of oil out of the tent and anointed Solomon. Then they blew the trumpet, and all the people shouted, “Long live King Solomon!”
1Ki 1:40 Then all the people went up after him, and the people played the flutes and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth shook with their sound.
1Ki 1:41 Adonijah and all the guests who were with him heard it as they finished eating. When Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he asked, “Why is there an uproar in the city?”
1Ki 1:42 While he was still speaking, Jonathan son of Abiathar the priest came. Adonijah said, “Come in, for you are a worthy man and bring good news.”
1Ki 1:43 Jonathan answered Adonijah, “Our master King David has made Solomon the king,
1Ki 1:44 and the king has sent with him Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites. They have had Solomon ride on the king’s mule.
1Ki 1:45 Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king at Gihon Spring, and have come up from there rejoicing, so that the city is in an uproar. This is the noise that you have heard.
1Ki 1:46 Also, Solomon is sitting on the throne of the kingdom.
1Ki 1:47 Moreover, the king’s servants came to bless our master King David, ‘May the Almighty make the name of Solomon better than your name and make his throne greater than your throne.’ Then the king bowed down on the bed.
1Ki 1:48 The king also said, ‘Blessed be Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, who has given a person to sit on my throne this day, and that my own eyes should see it.’”

1Ki 1:49 Then all the guests of Adonijah were terrified. They stood up and each man went his way.
1Ki 1:50 Adonijah was afraid of Solomon and rose up, went, and took hold of the horns of the altar.
1Ki 1:51 Then it was told Solomon, “See, Adonijah is afraid of King Solomon, for he has laid hold on the horns of the altar, saying, ‘Let King Solomon swear to me first that he will not execute his servant with the sword.’”
1Ki 1:52 Solomon responded, “If he will show himself a worthy man, not a hair of his will fall to the earth, but if wickedness is found in him, he will be executed.”
1Ki 1:53 So King Solomon sent men, who brought Adonijah down from the altar. He came and bowed down to King Solomon, and Solomon ordered him, “Go to your house.”

1 Kings Chapter 2

1Ki 2:1 As the day of David's death approached, he commanded Solomon his son,
1Ki 2:2 "I am going the way of all the earth. Be strong, therefore, and show yourself a man.
1Ki 2:3 Keep the commands of Yehowah your Divine One to walk in his Ways, to obey his statutes, his commandments, his decisions, and his covenant decrees, being careful to do what is written in the Law of Moses, so you may prosper in all you do, wherever you go,
1Ki 2:4 so that Yehowah may fulfill his word which he spoke concerning me, 'If your sons carefully watch their conduct, to walk before me faithfully with all their heart and with all their soul, you will never cease to have a man on the throne of Israel.'
1Ki 2:5 You know also what Joab son of Zeruiah did to me, and what he did to the two commanders of the armed forces of Israel, to Abner son of Ner, and to Amasa son of Jether, whom he murdered. He shed the blood of war in peace and put the blood of war on the belt around his waist and on the sandals on his feet.
1Ki 2:6 Deal with Joab by the wisdom you have learned, but do not let his gray head go down to the grave in peace.
1Ki 2:7 However, show kindness to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be among those who eat at your table, for they came to me when I fled from Absalom your brother.
1Ki 2:8 Look, there is with you Shimei son of Gera, the Benjamite of Bahurim, who cursed me with a violent curse on the day I went to Mahanaim. Shimei came down to meet me at the Jordan River, and I swore to him by Yehowah, 'I will not execute you with the sword.'
1Ki 2:9 Now therefore, do not let him go free from punishment. You are a wise man, and you will know what you ought to do to him. You will bring his gray head down to the grave with blood."
1Ki 2:10 Then David slept with his ancestors (c. 1023 BC) and was buried in the City of David.
1Ki 2:11 The days that David reigned over Israel were forty years. He had reigned for seven years in Hebron and for thirty-three years in Jerusalem.
1Ki 2:12 Then Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established.
1Ki 2:13 Then Adonijah son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. She asked, "Do you come peacefully?" He replied, "Peacefully."
1Ki 2:14 Then he said, "I have something to say to you." So she replied, "Speak."

1Ki 2:15 Adonijah said, “You know that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel expected me to be king. But things changed, and the kingdom was given to my brother, for it was his from Yehowah.
1Ki 2:16 Now I have one request of you, and do not turn away from my face.” Bathsheba said to him, “Speak.”
1Ki 2:17 He entreated, “Please speak to King Solomon, for he will not turn away from your face, so that he may give me Abishag the Shunammite as my wife.”
1Ki 2:18 Bathsheba answered, “Well, I will speak to the king.”
1Ki 2:19 Bathsheba, therefore, went to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah. The king rose to meet her and bowed down to her. Then he sat down on his throne and had a throne brought for the king’s mother. She sat at his right hand.
1Ki 2:20 Then she said, “I wish to ask one small request of you, for you will not turn away from my face.” The king answered her, “Ask, my mother, for I will not turn away from your face.”
1Ki 2:21 She entreated, “Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah your brother as his wife.”
1Ki 2:22 King Solomon answered and asked his mother, “Why do you ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Why do you not ask the kingdom for him also, for he is my elder brother, for him, for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab son of Zeruiah?”
1Ki 2:23 Then King Solomon swore by Yehowah, “May the Almighty do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah has not spoken this word against his own life.
1Ki 2:24 Now therefore, as Yehowah lives, who has established me and set me on the throne of David my father, and who has made me a household as he promised, surely Adonijah will be executed today!”
1Ki 2:25 So King Solomon sent Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and Benaiah found Adonijah and executed him.
1Ki 2:26 Then to Abiathar the priest the king said, “Go to Anathoth, to your own fields. You are worthy of death, but I will not at this time execute you, because you carried the Ark of Lord Yehowah before David my father and suffered in every way my father suffered.”
1Ki 2:27 So Solomon dismissed Abiathar from being priest to Yehowah, that he might fulfill the Word of Yehowah, which he had spoken concerning the household of Eli at Shiloh.
1Ki 2:28 The news was announced to Joab, for Joab had supported Adonijah, though he had not supported Absalom. So Joab fled to the Tent of Yehowah and took hold of the horns of the altar.
1Ki 2:29 It was told King Solomon that Joab had fled to the Tent of Yehowah and was now beside the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah son of Jehoiada, ordering, “Go, execute him.”

1Ki 2:30 So Benaiah came to the Tent of Yehowah and said to him, “The king commands, ‘Come out!’” Joab replied, “No, I will die here.” So Benaiah returned to the king, reporting, “Joab said he wanted to die at the altar.”
1Ki 2:31 The king ordered him, “Do as he has said. Execute him and bury him, so that you may take away from me and from my father’s household the blood that Joab shed without cause.
1Ki 2:32 May Yehowah return his blood on his own head, because he attacked two men more righteous and better than himself and murdered them with the sword, Abner son of Ner, captain of the military force of Israel, and Amasa son of Jether, captain of the military force of Judah, without my father David knowing it.
1Ki 2:33 So may their blood return on the head of Joab and on the head of his descendants forever. But to David and his descendants, to his household, and to his throne, may there be peace forever from Yehowah.”
1Ki 2:34 Then Benaiah son of Jehoiada went up, attacked Joab, and killed him. He was buried in his own house in the wilderness.
1Ki 2:35 The king put Benaiah son of Jehoiada over the military force in his place, and he put Zadok the priest in Abiathar’s place.
1Ki 2:36 Then the king sent and called for Shimei and ordered him, “Build yourself a house in Jerusalem and live there, and do not go out from there to any other place.
1Ki 2:37 For on the day you go out and pass over the Kidron Valley, know for certain that you will surely be executed. Your blood will be on your own head.”
1Ki 2:38 So Shimei replied to the king, “What you say is good. As my master the king has said, so your servant will do.” So Shimei lived in Jerusalem for many days.
1Ki 2:39 But at the end of three years, two of the servants of Shimei ran away to Achish son of Maacah, the king of Gath. So they told Shimei, “See, your servants are in Gath.”
1Ki 2:40 Then Shimei arose, saddled his donkey and went to Achish in Gath to seek his servants. He went and brought his servants back from Gath.
1Ki 2:41 When Solomon was told that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath and had returned,
1Ki 2:42 the king sent and called for Shimei, and asked him, “Did I not make you swear by Yehowah and testify to you, ‘Know for certain that on the day you go out and go to any other place, you will surely be executed?’ Then you said to me, ‘What you say is good.’
1Ki 2:43 Why then have you not kept your oath to Yehowah and the command that I gave you?”

1Ki 2:44 The king also said to Shimei, “You know in your heart all the wickedness that you did to my father David. Therefore, Yehowah will return your wickedness on your own head.
1Ki 2:45 But King Solomon will be blessed and the throne of David will be established before Yehowah forever.”
1Ki 2:46 Then the king gave a command to Benaiah son of Jehoiada. He went out and executed Shimei. So the rule was well established in Solomon’s hand.

1 Kings Chapter 3

1Ki 3:1 Solomon allied himself by marriage with Pharaoh king of Egypt. He took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her into the City of David, until he had finished building his own house, the temple of Yehowah, and the wall around Jerusalem.
1Ki 3:2 The people were sacrificing at the high places, because no temple had yet been built for the name of Yehowah.
1Ki 3:3 Solomon showed his love for Yehowah by walking in the statutes of David his father, except that he sacrificed and burned incense at the high places.
1Ki 3:4 The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place there. Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.
1Ki 3:5 Yehowah appeared at Gibeon to Solomon in a dream by night; the Almighty spoke, "Ask! What should I give you?"
1Ki 3:6 So Solomon answered, "You have shown great covenant faithfulness to your servant, David my father, because he walked before you in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart. You have kept for him this great covenant faithfulness and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.
1Ki 3:7 Now Yehowah my Divine One, you have made your servant king in the place of David my father, though I am only a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in.
1Ki 3:8 Your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted.
1Ki 3:9 So give your servant an understanding heart to judge your people, so that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of yours?"
1Ki 3:10 This request of Solomon pleased the Lord.
1Ki 3:11 So the Almighty said to him, "Because you have asked this thing and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice,
1Ki 3:12 see, now I will do all you asked of me when you gave me your request. I give you a wise and an understanding heart, so that there has been no one like you before you, and no one like you will rise up after you.
1Ki 3:13 I have also given you what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there will not be any among the kings like you all your days.
1Ki 3:14 If you will walk in my Ways to keep my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."
1Ki 3:15 Then Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. He came to Jerusalem and stood before the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord. He offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

1Ki 3:16 Then two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him.
1Ki 3:17 One woman said, “Oh my master, this woman and I live in the same house, and I gave birth to a child with her in the house.
1Ki 3:18 It happened on the third day after I gave birth that this woman also gave birth. We were together. There was no one else with us in the house but only the two of us in the house.
1Ki 3:19 Then this woman’s son died in the night, because she lay on him.
1Ki 3:20 So she arose at midnight and took my son from beside me, while your servant slept, and laid him at her breast, and laid her dead son at my breast.
1Ki 3:21 When I rose at dawn to nurse my child, he was dead. But when I had looked at him carefully in the morning, he was not my son, whom I had borne.”
1Ki 3:22 Then the other woman said, “No, the living one is my son, and the dead one is your son.” The first woman said, “No, the dead one is your son, and the living one is my son.” This is how they spoke before the king.
1Ki 3:23 Then the king said, “One of you says, ‘This is my son who is alive, and your son is dead,’ and the other says, ‘No, your son is the dead one, and my son is the living one.’”
1Ki 3:24 The king ordered, “Bring me a sword!” So they brought a sword before the king.
1Ki 3:25 Then the king ordered, “Divide the living child in two and give half to this woman and half to the other.”
1Ki 3:26 Then the woman whose son was alive spoke to the king, for her heart was full of compassion for her son, “Oh my master, give her the living child and by no means kill him.” But the other woman said, “He will be neither mine nor yours. Divide him.”
1Ki 3:27 Then the king answered, “Give the first woman the living child and by no means kill him. She is his mother.”
1Ki 3:28 When all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had rendered, they feared the king, because they saw that the wisdom of the Almighty was in him for giving judgments.

1 Kings Chapter 4

1Ki 4:1 King Solomon was king over all Israel.
1Ki 4:2 These were his officials: Azariah (Azaryah) son of Zadok was the priest.
1Ki 4:3 Elihoreph and Ahijah sons of Shisha, were secretaries. Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud was the recorder.
1Ki 4:4 Benaiah son of Jehoiada was over the military force. Zadok and Abiathar were priests.
1Ki 4:5 Azariah son of Nathan was over the officers. Zabud son of Nathan was a priest and the king's friend.
1Ki 4:6 Ahishar was over the household. Adoniram son of Abda was over the men who were subjected to forced labor.
1Ki 4:7 Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, who provided food for the king and his household. Each man had to make provision for one month in the year.
1Ki 4:8 These were their names: Ben Hur, in the hill country of Ephraim;
1Ki 4:9 Ben Deker in Makaz, Shaalbim, Beth Shemesh, and Elonbeth Hanan;
1Ki 4:10 Ben Hesed, in Arubboth, to him belonged Socoh and all the land of Hepher;
1Ki 4:11 Ben Abinadab, in all the district of Dor, he had Taphath the daughter of Solomon as his wife;
1Ki 4:12 Baana son of Ahilud, in Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth Shan that is beside Zarethan below Jezreel, from Beth Shan to Abel Meholah as far as the other side of Jokmeam;
1Ki 4:13 Ben Geber, in Ramoth Gilead, to him belonged the towns of Jair son of Manasseh, that are in Gilead, and the region of Argob belonged to him, which is in Bashan, sixty great cities with walls and bronze gate bars;
1Ki 4:14 Ahinadab son of Iddo, in Mahanaim;
1Ki 4:15 Ahimaaz, in Naphtali, he also married Basemath the daughter of Solomon as his wife;
1Ki 4:16 Baana son of Hushai, in Asher and Bealoth;
1Ki 4:17 Jehoshaphat son of Paruah, in Issachar;
1Ki 4:18 Shimei son of Ela, in Benjamin;
1Ki 4:19 and Geber son of Uri, in the land of Gilead, the country of Sihon king of the Amorites and of Og king of Bashan, and he was the only official who was in the land.
1Ki 4:20 Judah and Israel were as numerous as the sand by the sea. They were eating and drinking and were happy.

1Ki 4:21 Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the River to the land of the Philistines and to the border of Egypt. They brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of his life.
1Ki 4:22 Solomon's provision for one day was 6.6 kiloliters of fine flour and 13.2 kiloliters of meal,
1Ki 4:23 ten fat oxen, twenty oxen out of the pastures, and one hundred sheep, besides deer, gazelles, roebucks, and fattened fowl.
1Ki 4:24 For he had dominion over all the region on this side of the Euphrates River, from Tiphsah as far as to Gaza, over all the kings on this side of the Euphrates River, and he had peace on all sides around him.
1Ki 4:25 Judah and Israel lived in safety, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.
1Ki 4:26 Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand cavalry.
1Ki 4:27 Those officials provided food for King Solomon and for all who came to King Solomon's table, every man in his month. They let nothing be lacking.
1Ki 4:28 They also brought to the proper place barley and straw for the chariot horses and cavalry horses, each one bringing in what he was able.
1Ki 4:29 The Almighty gave Solomon great wisdom and understanding, and wideness of understanding like the sand on the seashore.
1Ki 4:30 Solomon's wisdom exceeded the wisdom of all the people of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt.
1Ki 4:31 He was wiser than all men, than Ethan the Ezrahite, Heman, Calcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol, and his fame reached all the surrounding ethnicities.
1Ki 4:32 He spoke three thousand proverbs and his songs were one thousand and five in number.
1Ki 4:33 He described the plants, from the cedar that is in Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of the wall. He explained also about beasts, birds, creeping things, and fish.
1Ki 4:34 People came from all the ethnicities to hear the wisdom of Solomon. They came from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom.

1 Kings Chapter 5

1Ki 5:1 Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, for he had heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father; for Hiram had always loved David.
1Ki 5:2 Solomon sent word to Hiram,
1Ki 5:3 “You know that David my father could not build a temple for the name of Yehowah his Divine One because of the wars that surrounded him, for during his lifetime Yehowah was putting his enemies under the soles of his feet.
1Ki 5:4 But now, Yehowah my Divine One has given me rest on every side. There is neither adversary nor disaster.
1Ki 5:5 So I intend to build a temple for the name of Yehowah my Divine One, as Yehowah spoke to David my father, ‘Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, will build the temple for my name.’
1Ki 5:6 Now therefore, command that they cut cedars from Lebanon for me. My servants will join your servants, and I will pay you for your servants, so that you are paid fairly for everything you agreed to do. For you know there is no one among us who knows how to cut timber like the Sidonians.”
1Ki 5:7 When Hiram heard the words of Solomon, he rejoiced greatly, “May Yehowah be blessed today, who has given to David a wise son over this great people.”
1Ki 5:8 Hiram sent word to Solomon, “I have heard the message that you have sent to me. I will provide all the wood of cedar and cypress that you desire.
1Ki 5:9 My servants will bring the trees down from Lebanon to the sea, and I will make them into rafts to go by sea to the place that you direct me. I will have them broken up there, and you will take them away. You will do what I desire by giving food for my household.”
1Ki 5:10 So Hiram gave Solomon all the timber of cedar and fir that he desired.
1Ki 5:11 Solomon gave Hiram 3,520 cubic meters of wheat for food to his household and 416 kiloliters of pure oil. Solomon gave this to Hiram year by year.
1Ki 5:12 Yehowah gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him. There was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and the two of them made a covenant.
1Ki 5:13 King Solomon conscripted labor out of all Israel. The forced laborers numbered thirty thousand men.
1Ki 5:14 He sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month in shifts. One month they were in Lebanon and two months at home. Adoniram was over the men who were subjected to forced labor.
1Ki 5:15 Solomon had seventy thousand who carried burdens and eighty thousand who were stonecutters in the mountains,

1Ki 5:16 besides Solomon’s 3,300 chief officers who were over the work and who supervised the workers.
1Ki 5:17 At the king’s command they quarried large stones of high quality with which to lay the foundation of the temple.
1Ki 5:18 So Solomon’s builders, Hiram’s builders, and the Gebalites did the cutting and prepared the timber and stones to build the temple.

1 Kings Chapter 6

1Ki 6:1 So Solomon began to build the temple of Yehowah. This happened in the 480th year after the people of Israel came out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year (c. 1019 BC) of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv, which is the second month (2 Chron. 3:2).
1Ki 6:2 The temple that King Solomon built for Yehowah was twenty-seven meters long, nine meters wide, and thirteen and one-half meters high.
1Ki 6:3 The portico in front of the temple's main hall was nine meters in length, equal to the width of the temple, and four and one-half meters deep in front of the temple.
1Ki 6:4 For the temple, he made windows with frames that made them more narrow at the outside than on the inside.
1Ki 6:5 Against the walls of the main chamber he built rooms around it, around both the outer room and the inner room. He built rooms all around the sides.
1Ki 6:6 The lowest story was two and one-third meters wide, the middle was two and four-fifths meters wide, and the third was three and one-tenth meters wide. For on the outside he made offsets in the wall of the temple all around, so that the beams would not be inserted in the walls of the temple.
1Ki 6:7 The temple was built of stones prepared at the quarry. No hammer, ax, or any iron tool was heard in the temple while it was being built.
1Ki 6:8 On the south side of the temple there was an entrance at the ground level, then one went up by stairs to the middle level, and from the middle to the third level.
1Ki 6:9 So Solomon built the temple and finished it; he covered the temple with beams and planks of cedar.
1Ki 6:10 He built the side rooms against the inner chambers of the temple, each side two and one-third meters high; they were joined to the temple with timbers of cedar.
1Ki 6:11 The Word of Yehowah came to Solomon,
1Ki 6:12 "Concerning this temple which you are building, if you walk in my statutes and do justice, keep all my commandments and walk in them, then I will confirm my promise with you that I had made to David your father.
1Ki 6:13 I will live among the people of Israel and will not forsake them."
1Ki 6:14 So Solomon built the temple and finished it.
1Ki 6:15 Then he built the interior walls of the temple with boards of cedar. From the floor of the temple to the ceiling, he covered them on the inside with wood, and he covered the floor of the temple with cypress boards.
1Ki 6:16 He built nine meters onto the rear of the temple with boards of cedar from the floor to the ceiling. He built this room to be the inner room, the Most

Set-apart Place.
1Ki 6:17 The main hall, that is, the consecrated place that was in front of the Most Set-apart Place, was eighteen meters long.
1Ki 6:18 There was cedar inside the temple, carved in the shape of gourds and open flowers. All was cedar inside. No stonework was visible on the inside.
1Ki 6:19 Solomon prepared the inner room inside the temple in order to place the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah there.
1Ki 6:20 The inner room was nine meters in length, nine meters in width, and nine meters in height. Solomon overlaid the walls with pure gold and covered the altar with cedar wood.
1Ki 6:21 Solomon overlaid the inside of the temple with pure gold, and he placed chains of gold across the front of the inner room, and overlaid the front with gold.
1Ki 6:22 He overlaid the entire interior with gold, until all the temple was finished. He also overlaid with gold the whole altar that belonged to the inner room.
1Ki 6:23 Solomon made two cherubim of olivewood, each four and one-half meters high, for the inner room.
1Ki 6:24 One wing of the first cherub was 2.25 meters long and its other wing was also 2.25 meters long. So from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other there was a distance of four and one-half meters.
1Ki 6:25 The other cherub also had a wingspan of four and one-half meters. Both the cherubim were of the same dimensions and shape.
1Ki 6:26 The height of one cherub was four and one-half meters and the other cherub was the same.
1Ki 6:27 Solomon placed the cherubim in the innermost room. The wings of the cherubim were stretched out, so that the wing of one touched one wall and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall. Their wings touched one another in the middle of the Most Set-apart Place.
1Ki 6:28 Solomon overlaid the cherubim with gold.
1Ki 6:29 He carved all the walls of the temple around about with figures of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, in the outer and inner rooms.
1Ki 6:30 Solomon overlaid the floor of the temple with gold, in both the outer and inner rooms.
1Ki 6:31 Solomon crafted doors of olivewood for the entrance to the inner room, with five recessed doorframes.
1Ki 6:32 So he made two doors of olivewood, and he made on them carvings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers. He overlaid them with gold, and he spread the gold on the cherubim and palm trees.
1Ki 6:33 In this way, Solomon also made for the temple entrance doorposts of olivewood having four indented sections

1Ki 6:34 and two doors of cypress wood. The two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding.
1Ki 6:35 He carved on them cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, and he evenly overlaid gold on the carved work.
1Ki 6:36 He built the inner court with three rows of cut stone and a row of cedar beams.
1Ki 6:37 The foundation of the temple of Yehowah was laid in the fourth year, in the month of Ziv.
1Ki 6:38 In the eleventh year (c. 1012 BC), in the month of Bul, which is the eighth month, the temple was finished in all its parts and conforming to all its specifications. Solomon took seven years to build the temple.

1 Kings Chapter 7

1Ki 7:1 Solomon took thirteen years to build his own palace.
1Ki 7:2 He built the Palace of the Forest of Lebanon. Its length was forty-six meters, its width was twenty-three meters, and its height was fourteen meters. The palace was built with four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams on the pillars.
1Ki 7:3 The house was roofed with cedar that rested on beams. Those beams were supported by pillars. There were forty-five beams, fifteen in a row.
1Ki 7:4 There were beams in three rows, and each window was opposite another window in three sets.
1Ki 7:5 All the doors and posts were made square with beams, and window was opposite window in three sets.
1Ki 7:6 There was a colonnade twenty-three meters long and fourteen meters wide, with a portico in front and pillars and a roof.
1Ki 7:7 Solomon built the hall of the throne where he was to judge, the Hall of Justice. It was covered with cedar from floor to the rafters.
1Ki 7:8 Solomon's house in which he was to live, in another courtyard within the palace grounds, was similarly designed. He also built a house like this for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken as a wife.
1Ki 7:9 These buildings were adorned with costly hewn stones, precisely measured and cut with a saw and smoothed on all sides. These stones were used from the foundation to the stones on top, and also on the outside to the great court.
1Ki 7:10 The foundation was constructed with exceedingly large, valuable stones of three and three-quarters and four and four-fifths meters in length.
1Ki 7:11 Above were costly hewn stones precisely cut to size, and cedar beams.
1Ki 7:12 The great courtyard surrounding the palace had three rows of cut stone and a row of cedar beams like the inner court of the temple of Yehowah and the temple portico.
1Ki 7:13 King Solomon sent for Huram and brought him from Tyre.
1Ki 7:14 Huram was the son of a widow of the tribe of Naphtali; his father was a man of Tyre, a craftsman in bronze. Huram was filled with wisdom and understanding and skill to do great work with bronze. He came to King Solomon to work with bronze for the king.
1Ki 7:15 Huram fashioned the two pillars of bronze, each nine and one-half meters high (2 Chron. 3:15) and six meters in circumference.
1Ki 7:16 He made two capitals of polished bronze to set on the tops of the pillars. The height of each capital was two and one-half meters.

1Ki 7:17 Checker latticework and wreaths of chain work for the capitals decorated the top of the pillars, seven for each capital.
1Ki 7:18 So Huram made two rows of pomegranates around the top of each pillar to decorate their capitals.
1Ki 7:19 The capitals on the tops of the portico pillars were decorated with lilies, two meters high.
1Ki 7:20 The capitals on these two pillars also included, close to their top, two hundred pomegranates in rows all around.
1Ki 7:21 He raised up the pillars at the temple portico. The pillar on the right was named Jakin, and the pillar on the left was named Boaz.
1Ki 7:22 On the top of the pillars were decorations like lilies. The fashioning of the pillars was done in this way.
1Ki 7:23 Huram made the round sea of cast metal, five meters from rim to rim. Its height was two and one-half meters, and the sea was 15 meters in circumference.
1Ki 7:24 Under the brim encircling the sea were gourds, ten in each half-meter, cast in one piece with the sea when the sea itself was cast.
1Ki 7:25 The sea stood on twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, three looking toward the west, three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east. The sea was set on top of them, and all their hindquarters were toward the inside.
1Ki 7:26 The sea was eight centimeters thick as the width of a hand, and its brim was forged like the brim of a cup, like a lily blossom. The sea held forty-nine cubic meters of water (2 Chron. 4:5).
1Ki 7:27 Huram made the ten stands of bronze. Each stand was two meters long and two meters wide, and the height was one and one-half meters.
1Ki 7:28 The work of the stands was like this. They had panels that stood between frames,
1Ki 7:29 and on the panels and on the frames were lions, oxen, and cherubim. Above and below the lions and oxen were wreaths of hammered work.
1Ki 7:30 Every stand had four bronze wheels and axles, and its four corners had supports beneath for the basin. The supports were cast with wreaths on the side of each one.
1Ki 7:31 The opening was round like a pedestal, forty-six centimeters, and was within a crown that rose up twenty-three centimeters. On the opening were engravings, and their panels were square, not round.
1Ki 7:32 The four wheels were underneath the panels, and the axles of the wheels and their housings were in the stand. The height of a wheel was sixty-nine centimeters.
1Ki 7:33 The wheels were forged like chariot wheels. Their housings, rims, spokes, and hubs were all cast metal.

1Ki 7:34 There were four handles at the four corners of each stand, forged into the stand itself.
1Ki 7:35 In the top of the stands there was a round band twenty-three centimeters deep, and on the top of the stand its supports and panels were attached.
1Ki 7:36 On the surfaces of the supports and on the panels Huram engraved cherubim, lions, and palm trees that covered the space available, and they were surrounded by wreaths.
1Ki 7:37 He made the ten stands in this manner. All of them were cast in the same molds, and they had one size, and the same shape.
1Ki 7:38 Huram made ten basins of bronze. One basin could hold 880 liters of water. Each basin was two meters across and there was one basin on each of ten stands.
1Ki 7:39 He made five stands on the south-facing side of the temple and five on the north-facing side of the temple. He set the sea on the east corner, facing toward the south of the temple.
1Ki 7:40 Huram made the basins and the shovels and the sprinkling bowls. Then he finished all the work that he did for King Solomon in the temple of Yehowah:
1Ki 7:41 the two pillars, and the bowl-like capitals that were on top of the two pillars, and the two sets of decorative latticework to cover the two bowl-like capitals that were on top of the pillars.
1Ki 7:42 He made the four hundred pomegranates for the two sets of decorative latticework: two rows of pomegranates for each set of latticework to cover the two bowl-like capitals that were on the pillars,
1Ki 7:43 the ten stands, and the ten basins on the stands.
1Ki 7:44 He made the sea and the twelve oxen under it,
1Ki 7:45 also the pots, shovels, basins, and all the other implements. Huram made them out of polished bronze, for King Solomon, for the temple of Yehowah.
1Ki 7:46 The king had cast them in the plain of the Jordan River, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarethan.
1Ki 7:47 Solomon did not weigh all the utensils, because there were too many to weigh, because the weight of the bronze could not be measured.
1Ki 7:48 Solomon made all the furnishings that were in the temple of Yehowah out of gold: the golden altar and the table on which the bread of the presence was to be placed.
1Ki 7:49 The menorot, five on the right side and five on the left, in front of the inner room, were of pure gold, and the flowers, the lamps, and the tongs were of gold.
1Ki 7:50 The cups, lamp trimmers, basins, spoons, and incense burners were all made of pure gold. Also the sockets of the doors of the inner room, which was

the Most Set-apart Place, and of the doors of the main hall of the temple, were all made of gold.
1Ki 7:51 In this way, all the work that King Solomon did for the temple of Yehowah was finished. So Solomon brought in the things that were set apart by David, his father, and the silver, the gold, and the furnishings, and put them into the storerooms of the temple of Yehowah.

1 Kings Chapter 8

1Ki 8:1 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, all the heads of the tribes, and the leaders of the families of the people of Israel, before himself in Jerusalem, to bring up the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah from the City of David, that is, Zion.
1Ki 8:2 All the men of Israel assembled before King Solomon at the Feast (Sukkot), in the month of Ethanim (Tishrei), which is the seventh month.
1Ki 8:3 All the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark.
1Ki 8:4 They brought up the Ark of Yehowah, the Tent of Meeting, and all the set-apart furnishings that were in the tent. The priests and the Levites brought these things up.
1Ki 8:5 King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel came together before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen that could not be counted.
1Ki 8:6 The priests brought in the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah to its place, into the inner room of the temple, to the Most Set-apart Place, under the wings of the cherubim.
1Ki 8:7 For the cherubim spread out their wings to the place of the ark, and they covered the ark and the poles by which it was carried.
1Ki 8:8 The poles were so long that their ends were seen from the Set-apart Place in front of the inner room, but they could not be seen from outside. They are there to this day.
1Ki 8:9 There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses had put there at Horeb, when Yehowah made a covenant with the people of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.
1Ki 8:10 It came about that when the priests came out of the Set-apart Place, the cloud filled the temple of Yehowah.
1Ki 8:11 The priests could not stand to serve because of the cloud, for the glory of Yehowah filled the temple of Yehowah.
1Ki 8:12 Then Solomon said, “Yehowah has said that he would live in thick darkness,
1Ki 8:13 but I have built you a lofty residence, a place for you to live in forever.”
1Ki 8:14 Then the king turned around and blessed all the congregation of Israel, while all the congregation of Israel was standing.
1Ki 8:15 He said, “May Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, be praised, who spoke to David my father, and has fulfilled it with his own hands, saying,
1Ki 8:16 ‘Since the day that I brought my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel in which to build a temple, in order for my name to be there. However, I chose David to rule over my people Israel.’

1Ki 8:17 Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a temple for the name of Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel.
1Ki 8:18 But Yehowah said to David my father, 'In that it was in your heart to build a temple for my name, you did well for it to be in your heart.
1Ki 8:19 Nevertheless, you will not build the temple; instead, your son, one who will be born from your loins, will build the temple for my name.'
1Ki 8:20 Yehowah has carried out the word that he had said, for I have arisen in the place of David my father, and I sit on the throne of Israel, as Yehowah promised. I have built the temple for the name of Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel.
1Ki 8:21 I have made a place for the ark there, in which is the covenant of Yehowah, which he made with our fathers when he brought them out of the land of Egypt."
1Ki 8:22 Solomon stood before the altar of Yehowah, before all the congregation of Israel, and spread out his hands toward Heaven.
1Ki 8:23 He prayed, "Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, there is no Almighty like you in Heaven above or on the earth below, who keeps his covenant faithfulness with your servants who walk before you with all their heart;
1Ki 8:24 you who have kept with your servant David my father, what you promised him. Yes, you spoke with your mouth and have fulfilled it with your hand, as it is today.
1Ki 8:25 Now then, Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, carry out what you have promised to your servant David my father, when you said, 'You will not fail to have a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your descendants are careful to walk before me, as you have walked before me.'
1Ki 8:26 Now then, Mighty One of Israel, I pray that the promise you made to your servant David my father, will come true.
1Ki 8:27 But will the Almighty actually live on the earth? Look, the entire universe and Heaven itself cannot contain you, how much less can this temple that I have built!
1Ki 8:28 Yet please respect this prayer of your servant and his request, Yehowah my Divine One; listen to the cry and prayer that your servant prays before you today.
1Ki 8:29 May your eyes be open toward this temple night and day, to the place about which you have said, 'My name and my presence will be there,' in order to listen to the prayers that your servant will pray toward this place.
1Ki 8:30 So listen to the request of your servant and of your people Israel when we pray toward this place. Yes, listen from the place where you live, from Heaven; and when you listen, forgive.
1Ki 8:31 If a man sins against his neighbor and is required to swear an oath, and if he comes and swears an oath before your altar in this temple,

1Ki 8:32 listen from Heaven and act; judge your servants, condemning the guilty and bring what he has done upon his own head, and to declare the righteous one to be innocent, and to reward him for his righteousness.
1Ki 8:33 When your people Israel are defeated by an enemy, because they have sinned against you, if they turn back to you, confess your name, pray, and request forgiveness from you in this temple,
1Ki 8:34 then please listen in Heaven and forgive the sin of your people Israel; bring them back to the land that you gave to their ancestors.
1Ki 8:35 When the skies are shut up and there is no rain, because the people have sinned against you, if they pray toward this place, confess your name, and turn from their sin when you have afflicted them,
1Ki 8:36 then listen in Heaven and forgive the sin of your servants and of your people Israel, when you teach them the good Way in which they should walk. Send rain on your land, which you have given to your people as an inheritance.
1Ki 8:37 Suppose there is famine in the land, or suppose that there is disease, blight or mildew, locusts or caterpillars; or suppose that an enemy attacks the city gates in their land, or that there is any plague or sickness,
1Ki 8:38 and suppose then that prayers and requests are made by a person or by all your people Israel, each knowing the plague in his own heart as he spreads out his hands toward this temple.
1Ki 8:39 Then listen from Heaven, the place where you live, forgive and act, and reward every person for all he does; you know his heart, because you, and you only, know the hearts of all humans.
1Ki 8:40 Do this, so that they may fear you all the days that they live on the land that you gave to our ancestors.
1Ki 8:41 In addition, concerning the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel: When he comes from a distant country because of your name,
1Ki 8:42 for they will hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your raised arm, when he comes and prays toward this temple,
1Ki 8:43 then please listen from Heaven, the place where you live, and do whatever the foreigner asks of you. Do this, so that all the ethnicities on earth may know your name and fear you, as do your own people Israel. Do this, so they might know that this temple I have built is called by your name.
1Ki 8:44 Suppose that your people go out to battle against an enemy, by whatever way you may send them, and suppose that they pray to you, Yehowah, toward the city that you have chosen, and toward the temple that I have built for your name.
1Ki 8:45 Then listen in Heaven to their prayer and their request, and help their cause.
1Ki 8:46 Suppose that they sin against you, since there is no one who does not sin, and suppose that you are angry with them and deliver them to the enemy,

so that the enemy takes them away captive to their land, whether distant or near.
1Ki 8:47 Then suppose that they realize they are in the land where they have been exiled, and suppose that they repent and seek grace from you from the land of their captors. Suppose that they say, 'We have acted perversely and sinned. We have behaved wickedly.'
1Ki 8:48 Suppose that they return to you with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies who captured them, and suppose that they pray to you toward their land, which you gave to their ancestors, and toward the city that you chose, and toward the temple that I have built for your name.
1Ki 8:49 Then from Heaven, the place where you live, listen to their prayer and their request for help, and you will make matters right for them.
1Ki 8:50 Forgive your people who have sinned against you, and all their sins with which they have transgressed against your commands. Have compassion on them before their enemies who carried them captive, so that their enemies may also have compassion on your people.
1Ki 8:51 They are your people whom you have chosen, whom you rescued out of Egypt as if from the middle of a furnace where iron is forged.
1Ki 8:52 I pray that your eyes may be open to the request of your servant and to the requests of your people Israel, to listen to them whenever they cry to you.
1Ki 8:53 For you separated them from among all the people of the earth to belong to you and receive your promises, just as you explained by Moses your servant, when you brought our fathers out of Egypt, Lord Yehowah."
1Ki 8:54 So it was that when Solomon had finished praying all this prayer and request to Yehowah, he arose from before the altar of Yehowah, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread out toward Heaven.
1Ki 8:55 He stood and blessed all the congregation of Israel in a loud voice,
1Ki 8:56 "May Yehowah be praised, who has given rest to his people Israel, keeping all his promises! Not one word has failed out of all his good promises that he made with Moses his servant!
1Ki 8:57 May Yehowah our Divine One be with us, as he was with our ancestors! May he never leave us or forsake us,
1Ki 8:58 that he may incline our hearts to him, to live in all his Ways and keep his commandments and his regulations and his statutes, which he commanded our fathers!
1Ki 8:59 Let these words I have spoken, by which I have made request before Yehowah, be near Yehowah our Divine One day and night, so that he may help the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel, as every day will require;
1Ki 8:60 that all the people of the earth may know that Lord Yehowah, he is the Almighty, and there is no other!

1Ki 8:61 Therefore, let your heart be true to Yehowah our Divine One, to walk in his statutes and keep his commandments, as on this day!”
1Ki 8:62 So the king and all Israel with him offered sacrifices to Yehowah.
1Ki 8:63 Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he made to Yehowah: twenty-two thousand oxen and 120,000 sheep. So the king and all the people of Israel dedicated the temple of Yehowah.
1Ki 8:64 The same day, the king set apart the middle of the courtyard in front of the temple of Yehowah, for there he offered the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar that was before Yehowah was too small to receive the burnt offering, the grain offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.
1Ki 8:65 So Solomon held the Feast at that time, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from Lebo Hamath to the brook of Egypt, before Yehowah our Divine One for seven days (beginning on 7-8) and also for another seven days (Sukkot), a total of fourteen days (to dedicate the temple).
1Ki 8:66 On the eighth day (8th day assembly; Shemini Atzeret, 7-22) he sent the people away, and they blessed the king and went to their homes with joyful and glad hearts for all the goodness that Yehowah had shown to David, his servant, and to Israel, his people.

1 Kings Chapter 9

1Ki 9:1 After Solomon had finished building the temple of Yehowah and the king's palace, and after he had accomplished all that he wanted to do,
1Ki 9:2 Yehowah appeared to Solomon a second time, as he had appeared to him at Gibeon.
1Ki 9:3 Then Yehowah said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your request that you have made before me. I have set apart this temple, which you have built, to myself, to put my name there forever. My eyes and my heart will be there for all time.
1Ki 9:4 As for you, if you walk before me as David your father walked in integrity of heart and in uprightness, obeying all that I have commanded you and keeping my statutes and my decrees,
1Ki 9:5 then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, 'A descendant of yours will never fail to be on the throne of Israel.'
1Ki 9:6 But if you turn away, you or your children, and do not keep my commandments and my statutes that I have placed before you, and if you go and worship false deities and bow down to them,
1Ki 9:7 then will I cut off Israel from off the ground that I have given them; and this temple that I have set apart to my name, I will cast it out of my sight, and Israel will become an example to be mocked and an object of ridicule among all people.
1Ki 9:8 This temple will become a heap of ruins, and everyone who passes by it will be shocked and will whistle. They will ask, 'Why has Yehowah done this to this land and to this temple?'
1Ki 9:9 Others will answer, 'Because they forsook Yehowah, their Divine One, who had brought their ancestors out of the land of Egypt, and they laid hold of false deities, bowed down to them, and worshiped them. That is why Yehowah has brought all this disaster on them.'"
1Ki 9:10 It came about at the end of twenty years (c. 999 BC) that Solomon had finished building the two buildings, the temple of Yehowah and the king's palace.
1Ki 9:11 Now Hiram, the king of Tyre, had furnished Solomon with cedar and cypress trees, and with gold, all that Solomon desired, so King Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.
1Ki 9:12 Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities that Solomon had given him, but they did not please him.
1Ki 9:13 So Hiram asked, "What cities are these which you have given me, my brother?" Hiram called them the Land of Cabul, which they are still called today.
1Ki 9:14 Hiram had sent to the king 4 metric tons of gold.

1Ki 9:15 The following is the reason for the requirement to work, which King Solomon imposed: to build the temple of Yehowah and his own palace, to build the (Gihon) Spring Tower and the wall of Jerusalem, and to build the defenses of Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer (2 Sam. 5:6-10; 1 Chron. 11:4-9).
1Ki 9:16 Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up (by the Way of Horus) and taken Gezer. He burned it and killed the Canaanites in the city. Then Pharaoh gave the city to his daughter, Solomon's wife, as a wedding gift.
1Ki 9:17 So Solomon rebuilt Gezer (modern Tel Gezer) and Beth Horon the Lower,
1Ki 9:18 Baalath and Tamor in the wilderness in the land of Judah,
1Ki 9:19 and all the store cities that he possessed, and the cities for his chariots and the cities for his cavalry, and whatever he wished to build for his pleasure in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the lands under his rule.
1Ki 9:20 As for all the people who were left of the Amorites, the Hethites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were not of the people of Israel,
1Ki 9:21 their descendants who were left after them in the land, whom the people of Israel were not able to totally destroy, Solomon made them into forced laborers, which they are to this day.
1Ki 9:22 However, Solomon made no forced laborers of the people of Israel. Instead, they became his soldiers and his servants, his officials, his officers, and commanders of his chariot forces and his cavalry.
1Ki 9:23 These were also the chief officers managing the supervisors who were over Solomon's works, 550 of them, who supervised the people who did the work.
1Ki 9:24 Pharaoh's daughter moved from the City of David to the house that Solomon had built for her. Later, Solomon built the (Gihon) Spring Tower.
1Ki 9:25 Three times each year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar that he built for Yehowah, burning incense with them on the altar that was before Yehowah. So he completed the temple and was now using it.
1Ki 9:26 King Solomon built a fleet of ships in Ezion Geber, which is near Elath (modern Eilat) on the shore of the Red Sea (Gulf of Aqaba), in the land of Edom (2 Chronicles 8:17).
1Ki 9:27 Hiram sent servants to Solomon's fleet, sailors who understood the sea, with Solomon's own servants.
1Ki 9:28 They went to Ophir with servants of Solomon. From there they brought back 14 metric tons of gold for King Solomon (1 Kings 22:48).

1 Kings Chapter 10

1Ki 10:1 When the Queen of Sheba (modern Yemen) heard of Solomon's fame concerning the name of Yehowah, she came to test him with hard questions (Luke 11:31).
1Ki 10:2 She came to Jerusalem with a large caravan, with camels loaded with spices, much gold, and many precious gemstones. When she arrived, she told Solomon all that was in her heart.
1Ki 10:3 Solomon answered all her questions. There was nothing she asked that the king did not answer.
1Ki 10:4 When the Queen of Sheba saw all Solomon's wisdom, the palace that he had built,
1Ki 10:5 the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the work of his servants and their clothing, also his cupbearers, and the manner in which he offered burnt offerings in the temple of Yehowah, there was no more breath in her.
1Ki 10:6 She said to the king, "It is true, the report that I heard in my own land of your words and your wisdom.
1Ki 10:7 I did not believe what I heard, until I came here, and now my eyes have seen it. Not half was told me about your wisdom and wealth! You have exceeded the fame that I heard about.
1Ki 10:8 How blessed are your people, and how blessed are your servants who constantly stand before you, because they hear your wisdom.
1Ki 10:9 May Yehowah your Divine One be praised, who has taken pleasure in you, who placed you on the throne of Israel. Because Yehowah loved Israel forever, he has made you king, for you to do justice and righteousness!"
1Ki 10:10 She gave the king 4 metric tons of gold, a large amount of spices, and precious stones. No greater amount of spices as these that the Queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon was ever given to him again.
1Ki 10:11 The fleet of Hiram, which brought gold from Ophir, also brought from Ophir a large amount of almug wood and precious stones.
1Ki 10:12 The king made almug wood pillars for the temple of Yehowah and for the king's palace, and harps and lyres for the singers. No such quantity of almug wood has ever come or been seen again to this day.
1Ki 10:13 King Solomon gave to the Queen of Sheba everything she wished for, whatever she asked, in addition to what Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she returned to her own land with her servants.
1Ki 10:14 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was 22 metric tons of gold,

1Ki 10:15 besides the gold that the traders and merchants brought. All the kings of Arabia and the governors in the country also brought gold and silver to Solomon.
1Ki 10:16 King Solomon made two hundred large shields of beaten gold. 600-weight of gold went into each one.
1Ki 10:17 He also made three hundred shields of beaten gold. 150-weight of gold went into each shield; the king put them into the Palace of the Forest of Lebanon.
1Ki 10:18 Then the king made a great throne of ivory and overlaid it with the finest gold.
1Ki 10:19 There were six steps to the throne, and the back of it had a rounded top. There were armrests on each side of the seat, and two lions standing beside the armrests.
1Ki 10:20 Twelve lions stood on the steps, one on each side of each of the six steps. There was no throne like it in any other kingdom.
1Ki 10:21 All King Solomon's drinking cups were gold, and all the drinking cups in the Palace of the Forest of Lebanon were of pure gold. None were silver, because silver was not considered valuable in Solomon's days.
1Ki 10:22 The king had at sea a fleet of oceangoing ships, along with the fleet of Hiram. Once every three years the fleet brought gold, silver, and ivory, as well as apes and peacocks.
1Ki 10:23 So King Solomon exceeded all the kings of the world in riches and in wisdom.
1Ki 10:24 All the earth sought the presence of Solomon in order to hear his wisdom, which the Almighty had put in his heart.
1Ki 10:25 Those who visited brought tribute, vessels of silver and of gold, and clothes, armor, and spices, as well as horses and mules, year after year.
1Ki 10:26 Solomon gathered together chariots and cavalry. He had 1,400 chariots and twelve thousand cavalry that he stationed in the chariot cities and with himself in Jerusalem.
1Ki 10:27 The king had silver in Jerusalem, as much as the stones on the ground. He made cedar wood to be as abundant as the sycamore fig trees that are in the lowlands.
1Ki 10:28 Solomon owned horses and linen yarn that had been brought from Egypt and (the Neo-Hittite City of) Kue (in Cilicia). The king's merchants purchased the horses and linen yarn at a price.
1Ki 10:29 Chariots were purchased out of Egypt for 600-weight of silver-currency each, and horses for 150 each. Many of these were then sold to all the kings of the Neo-Hittites and Aram (2 Chron. 1:17).

1 Kings Chapter 11

1Ki 11:1 Now King Solomon loved many foreign women: The daughter of Pharaoh and women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Neo-Hittites,
1Ki 11:2 ethnicities concerning which Yehowah had said to the people of Israel, "You will not go among them to marry, neither will they come among you, for they will certainly turn your heart to their deities." But Solomon loved these women.
1Ki 11:3 Solomon had seven hundred royal wives and three hundred concubines. His wives turned his heart away.
1Ki 11:4 For when Solomon grew old, his wives turned away his heart after false deities; his heart was not fully surrendered to Yehowah his Divine One, as was the heart of David his father.
1Ki 11:5 For Solomon followed Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians, and he followed Milcom, the disgusting idol of the Ammonites.
1Ki 11:6 Solomon did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah; he did not fully follow Yehowah, as David his father had done.
1Ki 11:7 Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh, the disgusting idol of Moab, on a hill east of Jerusalem, and also for Molech, the disgusting idol of the people of Ammon.
1Ki 11:8 He also built high places for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their deities at them.
1Ki 11:9 Yehowah was angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned away from Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, even though he had appeared to him twice
1Ki 11:10 and commanded him about this thing, that he should not go after false deities. But Solomon did not obey what Yehowah commanded.
1Ki 11:11 Therefore, Yehowah said to Solomon, "Because you have done this and have not kept the covenant and my statutes that I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you and give it to your servant.
1Ki 11:12 However, for David your father's sake, I will not do it in your lifetime, but I will tear it out of the hand of your son.
1Ki 11:13 Yet, I will not tear away all the kingdom; I will give one tribe to your son for David my servant's sake, and for the sake of Jerusalem, which I have chosen."
1Ki 11:14 Then Yehowah raised up an adversary to Solomon, Hadad the Edomite. He was from the royal family of Edom.
1Ki 11:15 When David was in Edom, Joab the captain of the military force had gone up to bury the dead, every man who had been killed in Edom.
1Ki 11:16 Joab and all Israel remained there six months, until he had killed every

male in Edom.
1Ki 11:17 But Hadad was taken with other Edomites by his father's servants into Egypt, since Hadad was still a little child.
1Ki 11:18 They left Midian and came to Paran, from where they took men with them to Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, who gave him a house, land, and food.
1Ki 11:19 Hadad found great grace in the sight of Pharaoh (1 Kings 11:40), so that Pharaoh gave him a wife, his own wife's sister, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.
1Ki 11:20 The sister of Tahpenes gave birth to Hadad's son. They named him Genubath. Tahpenes raised him in Pharaoh's palace. So Genubath lived in Pharaoh's palace among the children of Pharaoh.
1Ki 11:21 While he was in Egypt, Hadad heard that David laid down with his ancestors (c. 1023 BC), and that Joab, the captain of the armed forces, was dead. Hadad entreated Pharaoh, "Let me depart, so I may go to my own country."
1Ki 11:22 Then Pharaoh asked him, "But what have you lacked with me, that you now seek to go to your own country?" Hadad answered, "Nothing. Please let me go."
1Ki 11:23 The Almighty also raised up another adversary to Solomon, Rezon son of Eliada, who had fled from his master Hadadezer king of Zobah.
1Ki 11:24 Rezon gathered men to himself and became captain over a small force, when David defeated the men of Zobah. Rezon's men went to Damascus and lived there, and Rezon controlled Damascus.
1Ki 11:25 He was an enemy of Israel all the days of Solomon, along with the trouble that Hadad caused. Rezon abhorred Israel and reigned over Aram.
1Ki 11:26 Then Jeroboam son of Nebat, an Ephraimite of Zeredah, an official of Solomon, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow, also lifted up his hand against the king.
1Ki 11:27 The reason he lifted up his hand against the king was because Solomon built up the place at the (Gihon) Spring Tower and repaired the opening in the city wall of David his father.
1Ki 11:28 Jeroboam was a mighty man of valor. Solomon saw that the young man was industrious, so he gave him command over all the labor of the house of Joseph.
1Ki 11:29 At that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, the prophet Ahijah (Achiyah) the Shilonite found him on the road. Now Ahijah had dressed in a new garment, and the two men were alone in the field.
1Ki 11:30 Then Ahijah grabbed hold of the new garment that was on him and tore it into twelve pieces.
1Ki 11:31 He said to Jeroboam, "Take ten pieces, for Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, declares, 'Look, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and I

will give ten tribes to you,
1Ki 11:32 but Solomon will have one tribe, for my servant David's sake and for Jerusalem's sake, the city that I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel,
1Ki 11:33 because they have forsaken me and have worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the deity of Moab, and Milcom the deity of the people of Ammon. They have not walked in my Ways, to do what is right in my eyes, and to keep my statutes and my decrees, as did David his father.
1Ki 11:34 However, I will not take the whole kingdom out of Solomon's hand. Instead, I have made him ruler all the days of his life, for David my servant's sake whom I chose, the one who kept my commandments and my statutes.
1Ki 11:35 But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and I will give it to you, ten tribes.
1Ki 11:36 I will give one tribe to Solomon's son, so that David my servant may always have a lamp before me in Jerusalem, the city in which I have chosen to put my name.
1Ki 11:37 I will take you, and you will rule to fulfill all that you desire, and you will be king over Israel.
1Ki 11:38 If you listen to all that I command you, and if you walk in my Ways and do what is right in my eyes, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did, then I will be with you and will build you a sure household, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you.
1Ki 11:39 I will punish the descendants of David but not forever.'"
1Ki 11:40 So Solomon tried to kill Jeroboam. But Jeroboam rose up and fled into Egypt, to Shishak (Shoshenq I), king of Egypt, and he remained in Egypt until the death of Solomon.
1Ki 11:41 As for the other matters concerning Solomon, all that he did and his wisdom, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of Solomon?
1Ki 11:42 Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel for forty years.
1Ki 11:43 He slept with his ancestors (c. 983 BC), and he was buried in the City of David his father. Rehoboam his son became king in his place.

1 Kings Chapter 12

1Ki 12:1 Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel was coming to Shechem to make him king.
1Ki 12:2 It happened that Jeroboam son of Nebat heard of this, for he was still in Egypt, where he had fled from the presence of King Solomon, for Jeroboam had settled down in Egypt.
1Ki 12:3 So they sent and called him, and Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came and said to Rehoboam,
1Ki 12:4 “Your father made our yoke heavy. Now make lighter the hard work of your father and make lighter the heavy yoke that he put on us, and we will serve you.”
1Ki 12:5 Rehoboam ordered them, “Go away for three days, then come back to me.” So the people went away.
1Ki 12:6 King Rehoboam consulted with the old men who had stood before Solomon his father while he was alive, and he asked, “How do you advise me to answer this people?”
1Ki 12:7 They spoke to him, “If you will be a servant today to these people and serve them, and answer them by saying good words to them, then they will always be your servants.”
1Ki 12:8 But Rehoboam ignored the advice that the old men had given him, and he consulted with the young men who had grown up with him and stood before him.
1Ki 12:9 He asked them, “What advice do you give me, that we may answer the people who spoke to me, ‘Lighten the yoke that your father put on us?’”
1Ki 12:10 The young men who had grown up with Rehoboam spoke to him, “Speak to these people who told you that your father Solomon made their yoke heavy, but that you must make it lighter. You should say to them, ‘My little finger is thicker than my father’s waist.
1Ki 12:11 So now, although my father burdened you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father punished you with whips, but I will punish you with scorpions.’”
1Ki 12:12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king had instructed, when he commanded, “Come back to me on the third day.”
1Ki 12:13 The king answered the people roughly and ignored the advice of the old men that they had given him.
1Ki 12:14 He spoke to them following the advice of the young men, “My father burdened you with a heavy yoke, but I will add to your yoke. My father punished you with whips, but I will punish you with scorpions!”

1Ki 12:15 So the king did not listen to the people, for it was a turn of events brought about by Yehowah (c. 983 BC), that he might carry out his word that he had spoken by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam son of Nebat.
1Ki 12:16 When all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered him and shouted, “What share do we have in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse! Go to your tents, Israel! Now see to your own house, David!” So Israel went back to their tents.
1Ki 12:17 But as for the people of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam became king over them.
1Ki 12:18 Then King Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the forced laborers, but all Israel stoned him to death with stones. King Rehoboam fled quickly in his chariot to Jerusalem.
1Ki 12:19 So Israel has been in rebellion against the House of David to this day.
1Ki 12:20 It happened that when all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, they sent, called him to their assembly, and made him king over all Israel. There was no one who followed the family of David, except only the tribe of Judah.
1Ki 12:21 When Rehoboam arrived in Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah and the tribe of Benjamin; there were 180,000 chosen men who were soldiers, to fight against the house of Israel, to restore the kingdom to Rehoboam son of Solomon.
1Ki 12:22 But the word of the Almighty came to Shemaiah (Shemayah), the man of the Almighty,
1Ki 12:23 “Speak to Rehoboam son of Solomon, king of Judah, to all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the rest of the people,
1Ki 12:24 ‘Yehowah commands this: You must not attack or fight against your brothers, the people of Israel. Each man must return to his home, for this thing has been made to happen by me.’” So they listened to the Word of Yehowah and turned back and went their way, and they obeyed his word.
1Ki 12:25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim and lived there. He went out from there and built Penuel.
1Ki 12:26 Jeroboam thought in his heart, “Now the kingdom will return to the House of David.
1Ki 12:27 If these people go up to offer sacrifices in the temple of Yehowah at Jerusalem, then the heart of these people will turn again to their master, to Rehoboam king of Judah. They will murder me and return to Rehoboam king of Judah.”
1Ki 12:28 So King Jeroboam sought advice and made two calves of gold; he said to the people, “It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Look, these are your deities, Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!”
1Ki 12:29 He set up one in Bethel and the other in Dan.

1Ki 12:30 So this act became a sin. The people went to one or the other, all the way to Dan.
1Ki 12:31 Jeroboam made houses on high places, and he also made priests from among all the people, who were not among the sons of Levi.
1Ki 12:32 Jeroboam ordained a feast on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, like the feast that is in Judah, and he went up to the altar. He did so at Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made, and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places he had made.
1Ki 12:33 Jeroboam went up to the altar that he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, in the month he had planned in his own mind; he ordained a feast for the people of Israel and went up to the altar to burn incense.

1 Kings Chapter 13

1Ki 13:1 A man of the Almighty came out of Judah by the Word of Yehowah to Bethel. Jeroboam was standing by the altar to burn incense.
1Ki 13:2 He cried against the altar by the Word of Yehowah: “Altar, altar! This is what Yehowah declares, ‘See, a son named Josiah (Yoshiyahu) will be born to the family of David, and on you he will sacrifice the priests of the high places who now burn incense on you. On you they will burn human bones.’”
1Ki 13:3 Then the man of the Almighty gave a sign the same day, “This is the sign that Yehowah has spoken: ‘Look, the altar will be split apart, and the ashes on it will be poured out.’”
1Ki 13:4 When the king heard what the man of the Almighty said, that he had cried out against the altar at Bethel, Jeroboam reached out with his hand from the altar, yelling, “Seize him!” Then the hand with which he had reached out against the man dried up, so that he could not draw it back to himself.
1Ki 13:5 The altar was also split apart and the ashes poured out from the altar, as described by the sign that the man of the Almighty had given by the Word of Yehowah.
1Ki 13:6 King Jeroboam answered and entreated the man of the Almighty, “Plead for the grace of Yehowah your Divine One and pray for me, so that my hand may be restored to me again.” So the man of the Almighty prayed to Yehowah, and the king’s hand was restored to him again, and it became as it was before.
1Ki 13:7 The king entreated the man of the Almighty, “Come home with me and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward.”
1Ki 13:8 The man of the Almighty replied to the king, “Even if you give me half of your possessions, I will not go with you, nor will I eat food or drink water in this place,
1Ki 13:9 because Yehowah commanded me by his word, ‘You will eat no bread nor drink water, nor return by the way that you came.’”
1Ki 13:10 So the man of the Almighty left another way and did not return to his home by the way that he had come to Bethel.
1Ki 13:11 Now there was an old prophet living in Bethel, and one of his sons came and told him all the things that the man of the Almighty had done that day in Bethel. His sons also told him the words that the man of the Almighty had spoken to the king.
1Ki 13:12 Their father asked them, “Which way did he go?” Now his sons had seen the way the man of the Almighty from Judah had gone.
1Ki 13:13 So he ordered his sons, “Saddle the donkey for me.” So they saddled the donkey and he rode off on it.

1Ki 13:14 The old prophet went after the man of the Almighty and found him sitting under an oak tree; and he asked him, “Are you the man of the Almighty who came from Judah?” He answered, “I am.”
1Ki 13:15 Then the old prophet invited him, “Come home with me and eat food.”
1Ki 13:16 The man of the Almighty answered, “I may not return with you nor go in with you, neither will I eat food nor drink water with you in this place,
1Ki 13:17 because it was commanded to me by the Word of Yehowah, ‘You will eat no food nor drink water there, nor return by the way that you came.’”
1Ki 13:18 So the old prophet said to him, “I also am a prophet as you are, and an angel spoke to me by the Word of Yehowah, ‘Bring him back with you into your house, that he may eat food and drink water.’” But he was lying to the man of the Almighty.
1Ki 13:19 So the man of the Almighty went back with the old prophet and ate food in his house and drank water.
1Ki 13:20 As they sat at the table, the Word of Yehowah came to the prophet who had brought him back,
1Ki 13:21 and he cried to the man of the Almighty who came from Judah, “Yehowah declares, ‘Because you have been disobedient to the Word of Yehowah and have not kept the command that Yehowah your Divine One gave you,
1Ki 13:22 but came back, have eaten food, and drunk water in the place about which Yehowah told you to eat no food and drink no water, your body will not be buried in the tomb of your fathers!’”
1Ki 13:23 After he had eaten food, and after he had drunk, the prophet saddled the donkey of the man of the Almighty, the man who had come back with him.
1Ki 13:24 When the man of the Almighty was gone, a lion met him on the road and killed him, and his body was left on the road. Then the donkey stood by it, and the lion also stood by the body.
1Ki 13:25 When men passed by and saw the body left on the road, and the lion standing by the body, they came and told it in the city where the old prophet lived.
1Ki 13:26 When the prophet who had brought him back from the way heard it, he said, “It is the man of the Almighty who disobeyed the Word of Yehowah. Therefore, Yehowah gave him to the lion, which tore him to pieces and killed him, just as the Word of Yehowah warned him.”
1Ki 13:27 So the old prophet ordered his sons, “Saddle my donkey,” and they saddled it.
1Ki 13:28 He went and found the body left in the road, the donkey, and the lion standing by the body. The lion had not eaten the body nor attacked the donkey.
1Ki 13:29 The prophet took up the body of the man of the Almighty, laid it on the donkey, and brought it back. He came to his hometown to mourn and to bury him.

1Ki 13:30 He laid the body in his own grave, and they mourned over him, “Woe, my brother!”
1Ki 13:31 Then after he had buried him, the old prophet spoke to his sons, “When I am dead, bury me in the tomb in which the man of the Almighty is buried. Lay my bones beside his bones.
1Ki 13:32 For the message he declared by the Word of Yehowah, against the altar in Bethel and against all the houses on the high places in the cities of Samaria, will certainly happen.”
1Ki 13:33 After this, Jeroboam did not turn from his evil way, but continued to appoint profane priests for the high places from among all sorts of people. Any who would serve he consecrated as a priest.
1Ki 13:34 This matter became sin to the family of Jeroboam and caused his family to be destroyed and to be exterminated from the face of the earth.

1 Kings Chapter 14

1Ki 14:1 At that time Abijah son of Jeroboam became incurably sick.
1Ki 14:2 Jeroboam said to his wife, “Please arise and disguise yourself, so you will not be recognized as my wife, and go to Shiloh, because Ahijah the prophet is there; he is the one who spoke about me, saying that I would become king over these people.
1Ki 14:3 Take with you ten loaves, some cakes, and a jar of honey, and go to Ahijah. He will tell you what will happen to the child.”
1Ki 14:4 Jeroboam’s wife did so; she left and went to Shiloh and came to the house of Ahijah. Now Ahijah could not see; he lost his sight because of old age.
1Ki 14:5 Yehowah said to Ahijah, “Look, the wife of Jeroboam is coming to seek advice from you regarding her son, for he is sick. Say such and such to her, because when she comes, she will act as if she were some other woman.”
1Ki 14:6 When Ahijah heard the sound of her feet as she came in at the door, he said, “Come in, wife of Jeroboam. Why do you pretend to be someone you are not? I have been sent to you with bad news.
1Ki 14:7 Go, tell Jeroboam that Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, says, ‘I raised you from among the people to make you the leader over my people Israel.
1Ki 14:8 I tore the kingdom away from the family of David and gave it to you, yet you have not been like my servant David, who kept my commandments and followed me with all his heart, to do only what was right in my eyes.
1Ki 14:9 Instead, you have done evil, more than all who were before you. You have made false deities, and you have cast metal images to provoke me to anger, and have thrust me behind your back.
1Ki 14:10 Therefore, look, I will bring disaster on your family; I will cut off from you every male child in Israel, whether slave or free, and will completely remove your family, like someone who burns up dung, until it is gone.
1Ki 14:11 Anyone who belongs to your family who dies in the city will be eaten by dogs, and anyone who dies in the field will be eaten by the birds of the sky, for I, Yehowah, have declared it.’
1Ki 14:12 So arise, wife of Jeroboam, and go back to your home; when your feet enter the city, the child Abijah will die.
1Ki 14:13 All Israel will mourn for him and bury him. He is the only one from Jeroboam’s family who will go into a grave, because only in him, out of Jeroboam’s household, was anything good found in the sight of Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel.
1Ki 14:14 Also, Yehowah will raise up a king of Israel who will cut off the family of Jeroboam on that day. Today is that day, right now.

1Ki 14:15 For Yehowah will attack Israel as a reed is shaken in the water, and he will root up Israel out of this good land that he gave to their ancestors. He will scatter them beyond the Euphrates River, because they have made their Asherah poles and provoked Yehowah to anger.
1Ki 14:16 He will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, the sins that he has committed, and through which he has led Israel to sin."
1Ki 14:17 So Jeroboam's wife arose and left, and came to Tirzah. As she came to the threshold of her house, the child died.
1Ki 14:18 All Israel buried him and mourned for him, just as it was told to them by the Word of Yehowah, which he had spoken by his servant Ahijah the prophet.
1Ki 14:19 As for the other matters concerning Jeroboam, how he waged war, and how he reigned, see, they are written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Israel.
1Ki 14:20 Jeroboam reigned twenty-two years and then slept with his ancestors (c. 962 BC), and Nadab his son became king in his place.
1Ki 14:21 Now Rehoboam son of Solomon was reigning in Judah. Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city that Yehowah had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel in which to put his name. His mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess.
1Ki 14:22 Judah did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah; they provoked him to jealousy with the sins that they committed, more than everything that their fathers had done.
1Ki 14:23 For they also built for themselves high places, stone pillars, and Asherah poles on every high hill and under every green tree.
1Ki 14:24 There were also male cultic prostitutes in the land. They did the same despicable practices as the ethnicities that Yehowah had driven out before the people of Israel.
1Ki 14:25 It happened in the fifth year (c. 978 BC) of King Rehoboam that Shishak (Shoshenq I), king of Egypt, came up against Jerusalem.
1Ki 14:26 He took away the treasures in the temple of Yehowah and the treasures in the king's house. He took everything away; he also took all the shields of gold that Solomon had made.
1Ki 14:27 King Rehoboam made shields of bronze in their place and entrusted them into the hands of the commanders of the guard, who guarded the doors to the king's house.
1Ki 14:28 It happened that, whenever the king entered the temple of Yehowah, the guards would carry them; then they would bring them back into the guardhouse.
1Ki 14:29 As for the other matters concerning Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Judah?
1Ki 14:30 There was constant warfare between Rehoboam and Jeroboam.

1Ki 14:31 So Rehoboam slept with his ancestors (c. 966 BC) and was buried with them in the City of David. His mother’s name was Naamah the Ammonitess. Abijah his son became king in his place.

1 Kings Chapter 15

1Ki 15:1 In the eighteenth year (c. 966 BC) of King Jeroboam son of Nebat, Abijah began to reign over Judah.
1Ki 15:2 He ruled for three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Maacah. She was the daughter of Abishalom.
1Ki 15:3 He walked in all the sins that his father had committed before his time; his heart was not devoted to Yehowah his Divine One as the heart of David, his ancestor, had been.
1Ki 15:4 Nevertheless, for David's sake, Yehowah his Divine One gave him a lamp in Jerusalem by raising up his son after him in order to strengthen Jerusalem.
1Ki 15:5 Yehowah did this, because David had done what was right in his eyes; for all the days of his life, he had not turned away from anything that he commanded him, except only in the matter of Uriah the Hethite (2 Sam. 12:9).
1Ki 15:6 Now there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of Abijah's life.
1Ki 15:7 As for the other matters of Abijah, all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Judah? There was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.
1Ki 15:8 Abijah slept with his ancestors (c. 964 BC), and they buried him in the City of David. Asa his son became king in his place.
1Ki 15:9 In the twentieth year (c. 964 BC) of Jeroboam king of Israel, Asa began to reign over Judah.
1Ki 15:10 He ruled forty-one years in Jerusalem. His grandmother's name was Maacah, the daughter of Abishalom.
1Ki 15:11 Asa did what was right in the eyes of Yehowah, as David, his ancestor, had done.
1Ki 15:12 He expelled the male cultic prostitutes from the land and removed all the idols that his ancestors had made.
1Ki 15:13 He also removed Maacah, his grandmother, from being queen, because she had made a disgusting figure out of an Asherah pole. Asa cut down the disgusting figure and burned it at the Kidron Valley.
1Ki 15:14 But the high places were not taken away. Nevertheless, Asa's heart was completely devoted to Yehowah all his days.
1Ki 15:15 He brought into the temple of Yehowah the things that were set apart by his father, and his own things that had been set apart that were made of silver and gold, and vessels.
1Ki 15:16 There was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel, all their days.

1Ki 15:17 Baasha king of Israel, acted aggressively against Judah and built up Ramah, so that he might not allow anyone to leave or enter into the land of Asa king of Judah.
1Ki 15:18 Then Asa took all the silver and gold left in the storerooms in the temple of Yehowah and the storerooms of the king's palace. He put it into the hands of his servants and sent it to Ben Hadad son of Tabrimmon son of Hezion, the king of Aram, who lived in Damascus. He said,
1Ki 15:19 "Let there be a covenant between me and you, as there was between my father and your father. Look, I have sent to you a gift of silver and gold. Break your covenant with Baasha king of Israel, so that he may leave me alone."
1Ki 15:20 Ben Hadad listened to King Asa and sent the commanders of his armed forces, and they attacked the cities of Israel. They attacked Ijon, Dan, Abel Beth Maacah, and all Chinnereth, together with all the land of Naphtali.
1Ki 15:21 It came about that when Baasha heard this, he stopped building up Ramah and went back to Tirzah.
1Ki 15:22 Then King Asa made a proclamation to all Judah. No one was exempted. They carried away the stones and timbers of Ramah with which Baasha had been building up the city. Then King Asa used that building material to build up Geba of Benjamin and Mizpah.
1Ki 15:23 As for the other matters of Asa, all his might, all that he did, and the cities he built, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Judah? But during his old age he was diseased in his feet.
1Ki 15:24 Then Asa slept with his ancestors (c. 923 BC) and was buried with them in the City of David his father. Jehoshaphat (Yehoshaphat) his son became king in his place.
1Ki 15:25 Nadab son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year (c. 962 BC) of Asa king of Judah; he reigned over Israel two years.
1Ki 15:26 He did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah and walked in the way of his father, and in his own sin, by which he led Israel to sin.
1Ki 15:27 Baasha son of Ahijah, of the family of Issachar, conspired against Nadab; Baasha killed him down at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines, for Nadab and all Israel were laying siege to Gibbethon.
1Ki 15:28 In the third year (c. 961 BC) of Asa king of Judah, Baasha killed Nadab and became king in his place.
1Ki 15:29 As soon as he was king, Baasha killed all the family of Jeroboam. He left none of Jeroboam's descendants breathing; in this way, he destroyed his royal line, just as Yehowah had spoken by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite,
1Ki 15:30 for the sins of Jeroboam which he committed, and by which he led Israel to sin, because he provoked Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, to anger.

1Ki 15:31 As for the other matters concerning Nadab, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Israel?
1Ki 15:32 There was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.
1Ki 15:33 In the third year (c. 961 BC) of Asa king of Judah, Baasha son of Ahijah began to reign over all Israel in Tirzah and he reigned twenty-four years.
1Ki 15:34 He did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin by which he led Israel to sin.

1 Kings Chapter 16

1Ki 16:1 The Word of Yehowah came to Jehu son of Hanani against Baasha,
1Ki 16:2 “Although I exalted you out of the dust and made you leader over my people Israel, you have walked in the way of Jeroboam and have made my people Israel to sin, so as to provoke me to anger with their sins.
1Ki 16:3 See, I will completely sweep away Baasha and his family, and I will make your family like the family of Jeroboam son of Nebat.
1Ki 16:4 The dogs will eat anyone belonging to Baasha who dies in the city, and the birds of the sky will eat anyone who dies in the fields.”
1Ki 16:5 As for the other matters concerning Baasha, what he did, and his might, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Israel?
1Ki 16:6 Baasha slept with his ancestors (c. 938 BC) and was buried in Tirzah, and Elah his son became king in his place.
1Ki 16:7 So by the prophet Jehu son of Hanani, the Word of Yehowah came against Baasha and his family, both because of all the evil that he did in the sight of Yehowah, so as to provoke him to anger with the work of his hands, like the family of Jeroboam, and also because he had killed all of Jeroboam’s family.
1Ki 16:8 In the twenty-sixth year (c. 938 BC) of Asa king of Judah, Elah son of Baasha began to reign over Israel in Tirzah; he reigned two years.
1Ki 16:9 His servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him. Now Elah was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, who was over the household in Tirzah.
1Ki 16:10 Zimri went in, attacked him and killed him, in the twenty-seventh year (c. 937 BC) of Asa king of Judah, and became king in his place.
1Ki 16:11 When Zimri began to reign and was seated on his throne, he killed all the family of Baasha. He did not leave alive a single male belonging to Baasha’s relatives or friends.
1Ki 16:12 So Zimri destroyed all the family of Baasha, according to the Word of Yehowah, which he spoke against Baasha by Jehu the prophet,
1Ki 16:13 for all the sins of Baasha and the sins of Elah his son that they committed, and by which they had led Israel to sin, so that they provoked Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, to anger with their idols.
1Ki 16:14 As for the other matters concerning Elah, all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Israel?
1Ki 16:15 In the twenty-seventh year (c. 937 BC) of Asa king of Judah, Zimri reigned only for seven days in Tirzah. Now the military force was camped by Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines.
1Ki 16:16 The military force camped there heard it said, “Zimri has plotted and has killed the king.” So that day in the camp, all Israel declared Omri, the

commander of the military force, king over Israel.
1Ki 16:17 Omri went up from Gibbethon and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah.
1Ki 16:18 So when Zimri saw that the city had been taken, he went into the fortress attached to the king's palace and set fire to the building over him; in this way, he died in the flames.
1Ki 16:19 This was for the sins that he had committed in doing what was evil in the sight of Yehowah, by walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in the sin that he had committed, so as to lead Israel to sin.
1Ki 16:20 As for the other matters concerning Zimri, and the treason that he carried out, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Israel?
1Ki 16:21 Then the people of Israel were divided into two parts. Half of the people followed Tibni son of Ginath, to make him king, and half followed Omri.
1Ki 16:22 But the people who followed Omri were stronger than the people who followed Tibni son of Ginath. So Tibni died, and Omri became king.
1Ki 16:23 Omri began to reign over Israel in the thirty-first year (c. 933 BC) of Asa king of Judah, and he reigned twelve years. He reigned from Tirzah for six years.
1Ki 16:24 He bought the hill of Samaria from Shemer for 6,000-weight silver-currency. He built a city on the hill and called the name of the city Samaria (modern Sabasṭiyah), after the name of Shemer, the past owner of the hill.
1Ki 16:25 Omri did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah and acted more wickedly than all who had been before him.
1Ki 16:26 For he walked in all the ways of Jeroboam son of Nebat and in his sins by which he led Israel to sin, to provoke Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, to be angry with their worthless idols.
1Ki 16:27 As for the other matters concerning Omri which he did, and the might that he showed, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Israel?
1Ki 16:28 So Omri slept with his ancestors (c. 927 BC) and was buried in Samaria, and Ahab his son became king in his place.
1Ki 16:29 In the thirty-eighth year (c. 926 BC) of Asa king of Judah, Ahab son of Omri began to reign over Israel. Ahab son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years.
1Ki 16:30 Ahab son of Omri did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah, more than all those who were before him.
1Ki 16:31 It was to Ahab a trivial thing to walk in the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, so he took as his wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; he went and worshiped Baal and bowed down to him.
1Ki 16:32 He built an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in

Samaria.
1Ki 16:33 Ahab made an Asherah pole. Ahab did even more to provoke Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel who had been before him.
1Ki 16:34 During Ahab's rule, Hiel of Bethel rebuilt Jericho. Hiel laid the foundation of the city at the cost of the life of Abiram, his firstborn son; and Segub, his youngest son, lost his life while he was building the gates of the city, in keeping with the Word of Yehowah which he spoke by Joshua son of Nun.

1 Kings Chapter 17

1Ki 17:1 Elijah (Eliyah) the Tishbite, a resident of Gilead, said to Ahab, “As Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there will not be dew or rain these years unless I say so” (c. 918 BC).
1Ki 17:2 The Word of Yehowah came to Elijah,
1Ki 17:3 “Leave from here and go eastward; hide yourself by the brook Cherith, east of the Jordan River.
1Ki 17:4 It will happen that you will drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.”
1Ki 17:5 So Elijah went and did as the Word of Yehowah commanded. He went to live by the brook Cherith, east of the Jordan River.
1Ki 17:6 The ravens brought him bread and meat at dawn and bread and meat at dusk, and he drank from the brook.
1Ki 17:7 But after awhile the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.
1Ki 17:8 The Word of Yehowah came to him,
1Ki 17:9 “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there. Look, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.”
1Ki 17:10 So he arose and went to Zarephath, and when he came to the gate of the city, a widow was there gathering sticks. So he called to her, “Please bring me a little water in a jar, so that I may drink!”
1Ki 17:11 As she was going to get water he called to her, “Please bring me a piece of bread in your hand!”
1Ki 17:12 She replied, “As Yehowah your Divine One lives, I do not have any bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug. See, I am gathering two sticks, so I may go in and cook it for me and my son, that we may eat it and die.”
1Ki 17:13 Elijah commanded her, “Do not fear. Go and do as you have said, but make me a little bread first and bring it out to me. Then afterward make some for you and for your son.
1Ki 17:14 For Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, declares, ‘The jar of meal will not empty, neither will the jug of oil stop flowing, until the day that Yehowah sends rain on the earth.”
1Ki 17:15 So she did as Elijah had told her. She and Elijah, along with her household, ate for many days.
1Ki 17:16 The jar of meal did not empty, neither did the jug of oil stop flowing, just as the Word of Yehowah had said, as he had spoken by Elijah.
1Ki 17:17 After these things the woman’s son, the woman who owned the house, fell sick. His sickness was so severe that there was no more breath left in him.

1Ki 17:18 So his mother asked Elijah, “What do you have against me, man of the Almighty? Have you come to me to remind me of my sin and to kill my son?”
1Ki 17:19 Then Elijah answered her, “Give me your son.” He took the boy from her arms and carried him up into the room where he was staying, and he laid the boy on his own bed.
1Ki 17:20 He cried to Yehowah and asked, “Yehowah my Divine One, have you also brought disaster on the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?”
1Ki 17:21 Then Elijah stretched himself on the child three times; he cried out to Yehowah, “Yehowah my Divine One, I beg you, please let this child’s life return to him!”
1Ki 17:22 Yehowah listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child returned to him, and he revived.
1Ki 17:23 Elijah took the child and brought him out of his room down into the house; he handed the boy to his mother and announced, “See, your son is alive!”
1Ki 17:24 The woman responded to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of the Almighty, and that the Word of Yehowah in your mouth is true.”

1 Kings Chapter 18

1Ki 18:1 So after many days, the Word of Yehowah came to Elijah, in the third year of the drought, “Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the land.”
1Ki 18:2 Elijah went to show himself to Ahab; now the famine was severe in Samaria.
1Ki 18:3 Ahab called Obadiah (Obadyah), who was in charge of the palace. Now Obadiah heartily honored Yehowah,
1Ki 18:4 for when Jezebel was killing the prophets of Yehowah, Obadiah took one hundred prophets and hid them by fifties in a cave and fed them with bread and water.
1Ki 18:5 Ahab ordered Obadiah, “Go through the land to all the water springs and brooks. Perhaps we will find grass and save the horses and mules alive, so that we will not lose all the animals.”
1Ki 18:6 So they divided the land between them to pass through it and look for water. Ahab went one way by himself and Obadiah went another way.
1Ki 18:7 As Obadiah was on the road, Elijah unexpectedly met him. Obadiah recognized him and lay facedown on the ground. He asked, “Is it you, my master Elijah?”
1Ki 18:8 Elijah answered him, “It is I. Go tell your master, ‘Look, Elijah is here.’”
1Ki 18:9 Obadiah replied, “How have I sinned, that you would give your servant into the hand of Ahab, for him to kill me?
1Ki 18:10 As Yehowah your Divine One lives, there is no ethnicity or kingdom where my master has not sent men to find you. Whenever an ethnicity or kingdom says, ‘Elijah is not here,’ Ahab makes them take an oath swearing that they could not find you.
1Ki 18:11 Yet now you say, ‘Go, tell your master that Elijah is here.’
1Ki 18:12 As soon as I am gone from you, the Ruach of Yehowah will carry you some place I do not know. Then when I go and tell Ahab, and when he cannot find you, he will murder me. Yet I, your servant, have worshiped Yehowah from my youth.
1Ki 18:13 Has it not been told to you, my master, what I did when Jezebel murdered the prophets of Yehowah, how I hid one hundred of the prophets of Yehowah by fifties in a cave and fed them with bread and water?
1Ki 18:14 Now you say to me, ‘Go and tell your master that Elijah is here,’ so that he will murder me.”
1Ki 18:15 Then Elijah responded, “As Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself to Ahab today.”

1Ki 18:16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him what Elijah said. Then the king went to meet Elijah.
1Ki 18:17 When Ahab saw Elijah, he accused him, “Is it you? You are the one who brings trouble to Israel!”
1Ki 18:18 Elijah answered, “I have not brought trouble to Israel, but you and your father’s family are the ones who have caused trouble by abandoning the commandments of Yehowah and by following the Baals.
1Ki 18:19 Now then, send word and gather to me all Israel at Mount Carmel, along with the 450 prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah who eat at Jezebel’s table.”
1Ki 18:20 So Ahab sent word to all the people of Israel and gathered the prophets together at Mount Carmel.
1Ki 18:21 Elijah came near to all the people and said, “How long will you keep changing your mind? If Yehowah is the Almighty, follow him. But if Baal, then follow him.” Yet the people did not answer him a word.
1Ki 18:22 Then Elijah said to the people, “I, I alone, am left as a prophet of Yehowah, but Baal’s prophets are 450 men.
1Ki 18:23 So let them give us two bulls. Let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood but put no fire under it. Then I will prepare the other bull, lay it on the wood, and put no fire under it.
1Ki 18:24 Then you will call on the name of your deity, and I will call on the name of Yehowah, and the Mighty One who answers by fire, then let him be the Almighty.” So all the people answered, “This is good!”
1Ki 18:25 So Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose one bull for yourselves and prepare it first, for you are many people. Then call on the name of your deity but put no fire under the bull.”
1Ki 18:26 They took the bull that was given to them and prepared it, and they called on the name of Baal from dawn until noon, shouting, “Baal, hear us!” But there was no voice, nor anyone who answered. They danced around the altar they had made.
1Ki 18:27 At noon Elijah mocked them, “Shout out loudly! He is a deity! Perhaps he is thinking, or is relieving himself, or he is traveling on a journey, or perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened.”
1Ki 18:28 So they shouted more loudly, and they cut themselves, as they usually did, with swords and spears, until their blood flowed out over themselves.
1Ki 18:29 Midday passed, and they were still raving until the time of offering of the evening sacrifice, but there was no voice or anyone to answer; there was no one who paid any attention to their pleadings.
1Ki 18:30 Then Elijah ordered all the people, “Come near to me,” and all the people came near to him. Then he repaired the altar of Yehowah that was lying in ruin.

1Ki 18:31 Elijah took twelve stones, each stone representing one of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, it was to Jacob that the Word of Yehowah had come, “Your name will be Israel.”
1Ki 18:32 With the stones he built an altar in the name of Yehowah, and he dug a trench around the altar large enough to contain 1.54 kiloliters of seeds.
1Ki 18:33 He arranged the wood for a fire, cut the bull in pieces, and laid the pieces of the bull on the wood. He ordered, “Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood.”
1Ki 18:34 Then he ordered, “Do it a second time,” and they did it a second time. Once more he ordered, “Do it a third time,” and they did it a third time.
1Ki 18:35 The water ran around the altar and filled the trench.
1Ki 18:36 It happened at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, “Yehowah, Mighty One of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that you are the Almighty in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word.
1Ki 18:37 Hear me, Yehowah, hear me, that these people may know that you are Yehowah Almighty, and that you have turned their heart back again to yourself.”
1Ki 18:38 Then the fire of Yehowah fell and consumed the burnt offering, as well as the wood, the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.
1Ki 18:39 When all the people saw this, they lay facedown on the ground and shouted, “Yehowah, he is the Almighty! Yehowah, he is the Almighty!”
1Ki 18:40 So Elijah ordered them, “Take the prophets of Baal. Do not let one of them escape.” So they took them, and Elijah brought the prophets of Baal down to the brook Kishon and executed them there (Jezreel Plain).
1Ki 18:41 Elijah ordered Ahab, “Get up, eat and drink, for there is the sound of much rain.”
1Ki 18:42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. Then Elijah went up to the top of Carmel, bowed himself down on the earth and put his face between his knees.
1Ki 18:43 He said to his servant, “Go up now, look toward the sea.” His servant went up and looked, and reported, “There is nothing.” So Elijah ordered, “Go again, seven times.”
1Ki 18:44 At the seventh time, the servant reported, “Look, there is a cloud going up from the sea, as small as a man’s hand.” Elijah replied, “Go up and say to Ahab, ‘Make ready your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.’”
1Ki 18:45 It happened that in a little while the sky grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. Ahab rode and went to Jezreel,
1Ki 18:46 but the hand of Yehowah was on Elijah. He tucked his robe in his belt and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

1 Kings Chapter 19

1Ki 19:1 Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.
1Ki 19:2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the deities do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of those dead prophets by tomorrow about this time.”
1Ki 19:3 When Elijah heard that, he arose and fled for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.
1Ki 19:4 But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. He requested for himself that he might die, “It is enough, now, Yehowah; take away my life, for I am no better than my dead ancestors.”
1Ki 19:5 So he lay down and slept under a broom tree. Suddenly an angel touched him and ordered him, “Get up and eat.”
1Ki 19:6 Elijah looked, and near his head was bread that had been baked on coals and a jug of water. So he ate, drank, and then lay down again.
1Ki 19:7 The angel of Yehowah came again a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, because the journey will be too much for you.”
1Ki 19:8 So he arose, ate, and drank, and he traveled in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mountain of the Almighty.
1Ki 19:9 He went to a cave there and stayed in it. Then the Word of Yehowah came to him and asked him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”
1Ki 19:10 Elijah answered, “I have been extremely zealous for Yehowah, Mighty One of the heavenly armed forces, for the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, destroyed your altars, and murdered your prophets with the sword. Now I, only I, am left, and they are also trying to take my life.”
1Ki 19:11 Yehowah ordered, “Go out and stand on the mountain before Yehowah.” Then Yehowah passed by, and an intensely violent wind struck the mountains and broke rocks into pieces before Yehowah, but Yehowah was not in the wind. Then after the wind, an earthquake came, but Yehowah was not in the earthquake.
1Ki 19:12 Then after the earthquake, a fire came, but Yehowah was not in the fire. Then after the fire, a still small voice came.
1Ki 19:13 When Elijah heard the voice, he wrapped his face in his cloak, went out, and stood at the entrance to the cave. Then a voice came to him that asked, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”
1Ki 19:14 Elijah answered, “I have been extremely zealous for Yehowah, Mighty One of the heavenly armed forces, because the people of Israel have forsaken

your covenant, destroyed your altars, and murdered your prophets with the sword. Now I, only I, am left, and they are also trying to take my life."
1Ki 19:15 Then Yehowah commanded him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus, and when you arrive you will anoint Hazael to be king over Aram,
1Ki 19:16 and you will anoint Jehu son of Nimshi to be king over Israel, and you will anoint Elisha (Eli'Shuah) son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah to be prophet in your place.
1Ki 19:17 It will happen that Jehu will kill whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, and that Elisha will kill whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu.
1Ki 19:18 But I will leave for myself seven thousand people in Israel, whose knees have not bent down to Baal, and whose mouths have not kissed him."
1Ki 19:19 So Elijah left from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he himself was plowing with the twelfth yoke. Elijah walked over to Elisha and draped his cloak on him.
1Ki 19:20 Then Elisha left the oxen and ran after Elijah; he entreated, "Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah replied to him, "Go back, but think about what I have done to you."
1Ki 19:21 So Elisha returned from Elijah and took the yoke of oxen, killed the animals, and cooked the meat with the wood from the ox yoke. Then he gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose, went after Elijah, and served him.

1 Kings Chapter 20

1Ki 20:1 Ben Hadad king of Aram gathered all his military force together. There were thirty-two lesser kings with him, and cavalry and chariots. He went up, besieged Samaria and fought against it.
1Ki 20:2 He sent messengers into the city to Ahab king of Israel and said to him, "Ben Hadad says this:
1Ki 20:3 'Your silver and your gold are mine. Also your wives and children, the best ones, are now mine.'"
1Ki 20:4 The king of Israel answered, "It is as you say, my master, king. I and all that I have are yours."
1Ki 20:5 The messengers came again and said, "Ben Hadad says this, 'I sent word to you saying that you must hand over to me your silver, your gold, your wives, and your children.
1Ki 20:6 But I will send my servants to you tomorrow about this time, and they will search your house and your servants' houses. They will seize with their own hands and take away whatever pleases their eyes.'"
1Ki 20:7 Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land together and said, "Please take note and see how this man seeks trouble. He has sent word to me in order to take my wives, children, and silver and gold, and I have not refused him."
1Ki 20:8 All the elders and all the people said to Ahab, "Do not listen to him or consent to his demands."
1Ki 20:9 So Ahab said to the messengers of Ben Hadad, "Tell my master the king, 'I agree to everything that you sent your servant to do the first time, but I cannot accept this second demand.'" So the messengers left and took this response to Ben Hadad.
1Ki 20:10 Then Ben Hadad sent his reply to Ahab, "May the deities do so to me, and more also, if even the ashes of Samaria will be enough for all the people who follow me to have a handful each."
1Ki 20:11 The king of Israel answered, "Tell Ben Hadad, 'No one who is just putting on his armor, should boast as if he were taking it off.'"
1Ki 20:12 Ben Hadad heard this message as he was drinking, he and the kings under him who were in their tents. Ben Hadad commanded his men, "Line yourselves up in position for battle." So they prepared themselves in position of battle to attack the city.
1Ki 20:13 Then behold, a prophet came to Ahab king of Israel and said, "Yehowah declares, 'Have you seen this great military force? Look, I will place it into your hand today, and you will know that I am Yehowah.'"

1Ki 20:14 Ahab asked, “By whom?” Yehowah answered, “By the young officers who serve the governors of the districts.” Then Ahab asked, “Who will begin the battle?” Yehowah answered, “You.”
1Ki 20:15 Then Ahab mustered the young officers who served the governors of the districts. They numbered 232. After them, he mustered all the soldiers, all the military force of Israel; seven thousand in number.
1Ki 20:16 They went out at noon. Ben Hadad had been drinking himself drunk in his tent, he and the thirty-two lesser kings who were supporting him.
1Ki 20:17 The young officers who served the governors of the districts went forward first. Then Ben Hadad was informed by scouts that he had sent out, “Men are coming out from Samaria.”
1Ki 20:18 Ben Hadad ordered, “Whether they have come out for peace or war, take them alive.”
1Ki 20:19 So the young officers who served the governors of the districts went out of the city, and the military force followed them.
1Ki 20:20 They each killed his enemy, and the Arameans fled. Israel pursued them. Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, escaped on a horse along with some cavalry.
1Ki 20:21 Then the king of Israel went out and attacked the cavalry and chariots, and killed the Arameans in a great slaughter.
1Ki 20:22 So the prophet came to the king of Israel and prophesied to him, “Go, strengthen yourself, and understand and plan what you are doing, because at the beginning of the new year, the king of Aram will come up against you again.”
1Ki 20:23 The servants of the king of Aram said to him, “Their Deity is a Deity of the hills. That is why they were stronger than we were. But now let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we will be stronger than they are.
1Ki 20:24 So you must do this: Remove all the kings from their positions of authority and replace them with military commanders.
1Ki 20:25 Raise up a military force like the military force you lost, horse for horse and chariot for chariot, so we can fight them in the plain. Then surely we will be stronger than they are.” So Ben Hadad listened to their advice and did what they advised.
1Ki 20:26 After the beginning of the new year, Ben Hadad mustered the Arameans and went up to Aphek to fight against Israel.
1Ki 20:27 The people of Israel were mustered and supplied to fight against them. The people of Israel camped before them like two little flocks of goats, but the Arameans filled the countryside.
1Ki 20:28 Then a man of the Almighty came near and prophesied to the king of Israel, “Yehowah declares: ‘Because the Arameans have said that Yehowah is a

Deity of the hills, but he is not a Deity of the valleys, I will place this great military force into your hand, and you will know that I am Yehowah.’”
1Ki 20:29 So the armed forces camped opposite each other for seven days. Then on the seventh day the battle started. The people of Israel killed 100,000 Aramean soldiers in one day.
1Ki 20:30 The rest fled to Aphek, into the city, and the wall fell on twenty-seven thousand men who were left. Ben Hadad fled and went into the city, into an inner room.
1Ki 20:31 Ben Hadad’s servants advised him, “Look now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings. Please let us put sackcloth around our waists and ropes around our heads, and go out to the king of Israel. Perhaps he will spare your life.”
1Ki 20:32 So they put sackcloth on their waists and ropes around their heads, and then went to the king of Israel and said, “Your servant Ben Hadad begged, ‘Please let me live!’” Ahab replied, “Is he still alive? He is my brother.”
1Ki 20:33 Now the men were listening for any sign from Ahab, so they quickly answered him, “Yes, your brother Ben Hadad is alive.” Then Ahab ordered, “Go and bring him.” Then Ben Hadad came to him, and Ahab had him come up into his chariot.
1Ki 20:34 Ben Hadad said to Ahab, “I will restore to you the cities that my father took from your father, and you may make markets for yourself in Damascus, as my father did in Samaria.” Ahab replied, “I will let you go with this covenant.” So Ahab made a covenant with him and then let him go.
1Ki 20:35 A certain man, one of the sons of the prophets, said to one of his fellow prophets by the Word of Yehowah, “Please hit me.” But the man refused to hit him.
1Ki 20:36 Then the prophet said to his fellow prophet, “Because you have not obeyed the voice of Yehowah, as soon as you leave me, a lion will kill you.” As soon as that man had left him, a lion came upon him and killed him.
1Ki 20:37 Then the prophet found another man and requested, “Please hit me.” So the man hit him and wounded him.
1Ki 20:38 Then the prophet left and waited for the king by the road; he had disguised himself with a bandage over his eyes.
1Ki 20:39 As the king passed by, the prophet cried out to the king, “Your servant went out into the heat of the battle, and a soldier stopped and brought an enemy to me and ordered, ‘Watch this man! If by any means he goes missing, then you will be executed, or else you will pay 3,000-weight silver-currency!’
1Ki 20:40 But because your servant was busy going here and there, the enemy soldier escaped.” Then the king of Israel said to him, “This is what your punishment will be, you yourself have decided it.”

1Ki 20:41 Then the prophet quickly removed the bandage from his eyes, and the king of Israel recognized that he was one of the prophets.
1Ki 20:42 The prophet said to the king, “Yehowah declares, ‘Because you have let go from your hand the man whom I had sentenced to death, your life will take the place of his life and your people for his people.’”
1Ki 20:43 So the king of Israel went to his house resentful and angry, and arrived in Samaria.

1 Kings Chapter 21

1Ki 21:1 Now some time later, Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel, near the palace of Ahab, king of Samaria.
1Ki 21:2 Ahab spoke to Naboth, “Give me your vineyard, so I can have it as a vegetable garden, because it is near my house. In exchange, I will give you a better vineyard, or if you prefer, I will pay you its value in money.”
1Ki 21:3 Naboth replied to Ahab, “May Yehowah forbid that I should give the inheritance of my ancestors to you.”
1Ki 21:4 So Ahab went into his palace resentful and angry, because of the answer Naboth the Jezreelite gave him, when he said, “I will not give you the inheritance of my ancestors.” He lay down on his bed, turned away his face, and refused to eat any food.
1Ki 21:5 Jezebel his wife came to him and asked him, “Why is your heart so sad, so that you eat no food?”
1Ki 21:6 He answered her, “I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, ‘Give me your vineyard for money, or if it pleases you, I will give you another vineyard to be yours.’ Then he answered me, ‘I will not give you my vineyard.’”
1Ki 21:7 So Jezebel his wife replied to him, “Do you not still rule the kingdom of Israel? Get up and eat; let your heart be happy. I will obtain for you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.”
1Ki 21:8 So Jezebel wrote letters in Ahab’s name, sealed them with his seal, and sent them to the elders and to the wealthy who sat with him in meetings, and who lived near Naboth.
1Ki 21:9 She wrote in the letters, “Proclaim a fast and seat Naboth above the people.
1Ki 21:10 Also place two dishonest men with him and let them testify against him, ‘You cursed the Almighty and the king.’ Then take him out and execute him by stoning.”
1Ki 21:11 So the men of his city, the elders and the wealthy who lived in Naboth’s city, did as Jezebel had described to them, as was written in the letters that she had sent to them.
1Ki 21:12 They proclaimed a fast and seated Naboth above the people.
1Ki 21:13 The two dishonest men came in and sat before Naboth; they testified against Naboth in the presence of the people, “Naboth cursed both the Almighty and the king.” Then they carried him out of the city and stoned him to death.
1Ki 21:14 Then the elders sent word to Jezebel, “Naboth has been executed by stoning.”
1Ki 21:15 So when Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, she said to Ahab, “Get up and take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the

Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money, because Naboth is not alive but dead."
1Ki 21:16 When Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, he rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite and take possession of it.
1Ki 21:17 Then the Word of Yehowah came to Elijah the Tishbite,
1Ki 21:18 "Get up and go meet Ahab king of Israel, who lives in Samaria. He is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone to take possession of it.
1Ki 21:19 You must speak to him and say that Yehowah asks, 'Have you murdered and also taken possession?' Then you will tell him that Yehowah declares, 'In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, the dogs will lick your blood, yes, your blood.'"
1Ki 21:20 Ahab asked Elijah, "Have you found me, my enemy?" Elijah answered, "I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do what is evil in the sight of Yehowah.
1Ki 21:21 Yehowah declares this to you: 'See, I will bring disaster on you and will completely consume and cut off from you every male child, slave, and free man in Israel.
1Ki 21:22 I will make your family like the family of Jeroboam son of Nebat, and like the family of Baasha son of Ahijah, because you have provoked me to anger and have led Israel to sin.'
1Ki 21:23 Yehowah has also spoken concerning Jezebel, 'The dogs will eat Jezebel beside the wall of Jezreel.'
1Ki 21:24 Anyone who belongs to Ahab and dies in the city, the dogs will eat; and the birds of the sky will eat anyone who dies in the field."
1Ki 21:25 There was no one like Ahab, who sold himself to do what was evil in the sight of Yehowah, whom Jezebel his wife incited to sin.
1Ki 21:26 Ahab did disgusting deeds for the idols he followed, just as all that the Amorites had done, those whom Yehowah had removed before the people of Israel.
1Ki 21:27 When Ahab heard these words, he tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his body, fasted, lay in sackcloth, and walked lightly.
1Ki 21:28 Then the Word of Yehowah came to Elijah the Tishbite,
1Ki 21:29 "Do you see how Ahab humbles himself before me? Because he humbles himself before me, I will not bring the coming disaster in his days; it is in his son's day that I will bring disaster on his family."

1 Kings Chapter 22

1Ki 22:1 Three years passed without war between Aram and Israel.
1Ki 22:2 Then it came about that in the third year, Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went down to the king of Israel.
1Ki 22:3 Now the king of Israel had asked his servants, “Do you know that Ramoth Gilead is ours, but that we are doing nothing to take it from the hand of the king of Aram?”
1Ki 22:4 So he asked Jehoshaphat, “Will you go with me to war at Ramoth Gilead?” Jehoshaphat replied to the king of Israel, “I am like you, my people are like your people, and my horses are like your horses.”
1Ki 22:5 Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, “Please seek direction from the Word of Yehowah for what you should do first.”
1Ki 22:6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, four hundred men and asked them, “Should I go to Ramoth Gilead to battle, or should I not?” They answered, “Attack, for the Lord will give it into the hand of the king.”
1Ki 22:7 But Jehoshaphat asked, “Is there not here yet another prophet of Yehowah from whom we might seek advice?”
1Ki 22:8 The king of Israel answered Jehoshaphat, “There is still one man by whom we may seek advice from Yehowah to help, Micaiah (Mikayah) son of Imlah, but I hate him, because he does not prophesy anything good about me, but only hardships.” But Jehoshaphat replied, “May the king not say that.”
1Ki 22:9 Then the king of Israel called an officer and ordered, “Bring Micaiah son of Imlah right away.”
1Ki 22:10 Now Ahab the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah were sitting each on a throne, clothed in their robes, in an open place at the entrance of the gate of Samaria, and all the prophets were prophesying before them.
1Ki 22:11 Zedekiah (Tsidqiyah) son of Kenaanah made himself horns of iron and prophesied, “Yehowah says this: ‘With these you will push the Arameans, until they are consumed.’”
1Ki 22:12 Then all the prophets prophesied the same, “Attack Ramoth Gilead and win, for Yehowah has given it into the hand of the king.”
1Ki 22:13 The messenger who went to call Micaiah spoke to him, “Now look, the words of the prophets declare good things to the king with one mouth. Please let your word be like one of them and say good things.”
1Ki 22:14 Micaiah replied, “As Yehowah lives, it is what Yehowah says to me that I will speak.”
1Ki 22:15 When he came to the king, the king asked him, “Micaiah, should we go to Ramoth Gilead for battle, or not?” Micaiah answered him, “Attack and win. Yehowah will give it into the hand of the king.”

1Ki 22:16 Then the king demanded of him, “How many times must I require you to swear to tell me nothing but the truth in the name of Yehowah?”
1Ki 22:17 So Micaiah prophesied, “I saw all Israel scattered to the mountains, like sheep who have no shepherd, and Yehowah ordered, ‘These have no master. Let every man return to his house in peace.’”
1Ki 22:18 So the king of Israel complained to Jehoshaphat, “Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but only disaster?”
1Ki 22:19 Then Micaiah said, “Therefore, hear the Word of Yehowah: I saw Yehowah sitting on his throne, and all the armed forces of Heaven were standing by him on his right hand and on his left.
1Ki 22:20 Yehowah asked, ‘Who will entice Ahab, so that he may go up and fall at Ramoth Gilead?’ One of them said this, and another one said that.
1Ki 22:21 Then a spirit came forward, stood before Yehowah and answered, ‘I will entice him.’ Yehowah asked him, ‘How?’
1Ki 22:22 The spirit answered, ‘I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.’ Yehowah replied, ‘You will entice him, and you will also be successful. Go now and do so.’
1Ki 22:23 Now see, Yehowah has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of yours, and Yehowah has decreed disaster for you.”
1Ki 22:24 Then Zedekiah son of Kenaanah came up, slapped Micaiah on the cheek, and asked, “Which way did the Ruach of Yehowah take to go from me to speak to you?”
1Ki 22:25 Micaiah answered, “Look, you will know that on that day, when you run into some inner room to hide.”
1Ki 22:26 The king of Israel ordered his servant, “Seize Micaiah and take him to Amon, the commander of the fortress, and to Joash, my son.
1Ki 22:27 Speak to him, ‘The king commands, “Put this man in prison and feed him with only a little bread and only a little water, until I come safely.”’”
1Ki 22:28 Then Micaiah said, “If you return safely, then Yehowah has not spoken by me.” Then he added, “Listen to this all you people!”
1Ki 22:29 So Ahab, the king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, went up to Ramoth Gilead.
1Ki 22:30 The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “I will disguise myself and go into the battle, but you put on your royal robes.” So the king of Israel disguised himself and went into the battle.
1Ki 22:31 Now the king of Aram had commanded the thirty-two captains of his chariots, “Do not attack low-ranking or high-ranking soldiers. Instead, attack only the king of Israel.”
1Ki 22:32 It came about that when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, they exclaimed, “Surely that is the king of Israel!” They turned to attack him, so Jehoshaphat cried out!

1Ki 22:33 It came about that when the commanders of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back from pursuing him.
1Ki 22:34 But an archer drew his bow at random and shot the king of Israel between the joints of his armor. Then Ahab ordered the driver of his chariot, “Turn around and carry me out of the battle, for I am badly wounded.”
1Ki 22:35 The battle grew worse that day, and the king was held up in his chariot facing the Arameans. He died at dusk (Battle of Qarqar, c. 905 BC). The blood ran out from his wound into the bottom of the chariot.
1Ki 22:36 Then about the time the sun was going down, a cry went up throughout the military force, shouting, “Every man should go back to his city; and every man should go back to his region!”
1Ki 22:37 So King Ahab died (c. 905 BC) and was brought to Samaria, and they buried him in Samaria.
1Ki 22:38 They washed the chariot by the pool of Samaria, and the dogs licked up his blood, this was where the prostitutes bathed, just as the Word of Yehowah had declared.
1Ki 22:39 As for the other matters concerning Ahab, all that he did, the ivory house that he built, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Israel?
1Ki 22:40 So Ahab slept with his ancestors, and Ahaziah (Achazyah) his son became king in his place.
1Ki 22:41 Then Jehoshaphat son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year (c. 923 BC) of Ahab king of Israel.
1Ki 22:42 Jehoshaphat was thirty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-five years. His mother’s name was Azubah, the daughter of Shilhi.
1Ki 22:43 He walked in the ways of Asa, his father; he did not turn away from them; he did what was right in the eyes of Yehowah. Yet the high places were not taken away. The people were still sacrificing and burning incense on the high places.
1Ki 22:44 Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.
1Ki 22:45 As for the other matters concerning Jehoshaphat, and the might that he showed, and how he waged war, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Judah?
1Ki 22:46 He removed from the land the rest of the cultic prostitutes who had remained in the days of his father Asa.
1Ki 22:47 There was no king in Edom, but a deputy ruled there.
1Ki 22:48 Jehoshaphat built oceangoing ships; they were to go to Ophir for gold, but they did not go, because the ships were wrecked at Ezion Geber (1 Kings 9:26–28).

1Ki 22:49 Then Ahaziah son of Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, “Let my servants sail with your servants in the ships.” But Jehoshaphat would not allow it.
1Ki 22:50 Jehoshaphat slept with his ancestors (c. 898 BC) and was buried with them in the City of David, his ancestor; Jehoram (Yehoram) his son became king in his place.
1Ki 22:51 Ahaziah son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year (c. 906 BC) of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and he reigned two years over Israel.
1Ki 22:52 He did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah and walked in the way of his father, in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam son of Nebat, by which he led Israel to sin.
1Ki 22:53 He served Baal and worshiped him, and so he provoked Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, to anger, just as his father had done.

Book of 2nd Kings

2 Kings Chapter 1

2Ki 1:1 Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.
2Ki 1:2 Then Ahaziah fell down through the lattice in his upper chamber in Samaria and was injured. So he sent for messengers and ordered them, “Go, ask Baal Zebub, the deity of Ekron, whether I will recover from this injury.”
2Ki 1:3 But the angel of Yehowah said to Elijah the Tishbite, “Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and ask them, ‘Is it because there is no Almighty in Israel that you are going to consult with Baal Zebub, the deity of Ekron?
2Ki 1:4 Therefore, Yehowah declares, “You will not come down from the bed to where you have gone up; instead, you will certainly die.”’” Then Elijah left.
2Ki 1:5 When the messengers returned to Ahaziah, he asked them, “Why have you returned?”
2Ki 1:6 They answered him, “A man came to meet us who said to us, ‘Go back to the king who sent you and say to him, “Yehowah declares this: ‘Is it because there is no Almighty in Israel that you sent men to consult with Baal Zebub, the deity of Ekron? Therefore, you will not come down from the bed to which you have gone up; instead, you will certainly die.’”’”’
2Ki 1:7 Ahaziah asked his messengers, “What sort of man was he, the one who came up to meet you and said these words to you?”
2Ki 1:8 They answered him, “He wore a garment made of hair and had a leather belt wrapped around his waist.” So the king replied, “That is Elijah the Tishbite.”
2Ki 1:9 Then the king sent a captain with fifty soldiers to Elijah. The captain went up to Elijah where he was sitting on the top of a hill. The captain spoke to him, “You, man of the Almighty, the king has ordered, ‘Come down.’”
2Ki 1:10 Elijah answered the captain, “Since I am a man of the Almighty, let fire come down from Heaven and consume you and your fifty men.” Then fire came down from Heaven and consumed him and his fifty men.
2Ki 1:11 Again King Ahaziah sent to Elijah another captain with fifty soldiers. This captain also said to Elijah, “You, man of the Almighty, the king commands, ‘Come down quickly.’”
2Ki 1:12 Elijah answered them, “Since I am a man of the Almighty, let fire come down from Heaven and consume you and your fifty men.” Again, the fire of the Almighty came down from Heaven and consumed him and his fifty men.

2Ki 1:13 Yet again, the king sent a third group of fifty warriors. This captain went up, fell on his knees before Elijah, and entreated him, “You, man of the Almighty, I ask you, let my life and the life of these fifty servants of yours be precious in your sight.
2Ki 1:14 Indeed, fire came down from Heaven and consumed the first two captains with their men, but now let my life be precious in your sight.”
2Ki 1:15 The angel of Yehowah ordered Elijah, “Go down with him. Do not be afraid of him.” So Elijah arose and went down with him to the king.
2Ki 1:16 Later Elijah said to Ahaziah, “This is what Yehowah declares, ‘You have sent messengers to consult with Baal Zebub, the deity of Ekron. Is it because there is no Almighty in Israel from whom you can ask for information? So now, you will not come down from the bed where you have gone up; you will certainly die.’”
2Ki 1:17 So King Ahaziah died according to the Word of Yehowah that Elijah had spoken. Joram began to reign in his place, in the second year (c. 899 BC) of Jehoram son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, because Ahaziah had no son.
2Ki 1:18 As for the other matters concerning Ahaziah, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Israel?

2 Kings Chapter 2

2Ki 2:1 So it came about, when Yehowah was going to take up Elijah by a whirlwind into Heaven, that Elijah left with Elisha from Gilgal.
2Ki 2:2 Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, please, because Yehowah has sent me to Bethel.” Elisha replied, “As Yehowah lives, and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.
2Ki 2:3 The sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came to Elisha and asked him, “Do you know that Yehowah will take away your master from you today?” Elisha replied, “Yes, I know it, but do not talk about it.”
2Ki 2:4 Elijah said to him, “Elisha, wait here, please, for Yehowah has sent me to Jericho.” Then Elisha replied, “As Yehowah lives, and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho.
2Ki 2:5 Then the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho came to Elisha and asked him, “Do you know that Yehowah will take away your master from you today?” Elisha answered, “Yes, I know it, but do not talk about it.”
2Ki 2:6 Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, please, for Yehowah has sent me to the Jordan River.” Elisha replied, “As Yehowah lives, and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two went on.
2Ki 2:7 Later, fifty of the sons of the prophets stood opposite them at a distance, while the two stood by the Jordan River.
2Ki 2:8 Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up, and struck the water with it. The river divided on both sides, so that the two of them walked over on dry ground.
2Ki 2:9 It came about, after they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask me what I should do for you before I am taken from you.” Elisha entreated, “Please let a double portion of your spirit come on me.”
2Ki 2:10 Elijah answered, “You have asked for a difficult thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, this will happen for you, but if not, it will not happen.”
2Ki 2:11 As they still went on and talked, behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared, which separated the two men from each other, and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into Heaven.
2Ki 2:12 Elisha saw it and cried out, “My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and their cavalry!” He saw Elijah no more, and he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces.
2Ki 2:13 He picked up Elijah’s cloak that had fallen off him and went back to stand by the bank of the Jordan River.
2Ki 2:14 He struck the water with Elijah’s cloak that had fallen and asked, “Where is Yehowah, Mighty One of Elijah?” When he had struck the waters, they divided on both sides and Elisha crossed over.

2Ki 2:15 When the sons of the prophets who were from Jericho saw him across from them, they said, “The spirit of Elijah does rest on Elisha!” So they came to meet him and bowed themselves to the ground before him.
2Ki 2:16 They said to him, “See now, among your servants there are fifty strong men. Let them go, we ask, and look for your master, in case the Ruach of Yehowah has taken him up and thrown him onto some mountain or into some valley.” Elisha answered, “No, do not send them.”
2Ki 2:17 But when they urged Elisha until he was ashamed, he ordered, “Send them.” Then they sent fifty men, and they looked for three days but did not find him.
2Ki 2:18 They came back to Elisha, while he stayed at Jericho, and he asked them, “Did I not say to you, ‘Do not go?’”
2Ki 2:19 The men of the city said to Elisha, “See, we beg of you, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my master can see, but the water is bad, and the land is not fruitful.”
2Ki 2:20 Elisha replied, “Bring me a new bowl and put salt in it,” so they brought it to him.
2Ki 2:21 Elisha went out to the spring of water and threw salt in it; then he said, “Yehowah declares this, ‘I have healed these waters. From this time on, there will be no more death or unfruitful land.’”
2Ki 2:22 So the waters were healed to this day, by the word which Elisha spoke.
2Ki 2:23 Then Elisha went up from there to Bethel. As he was going up the road, a gang of young boys came out of the city and ridiculed him by shouting, “Go up, you baldhead! Go up, you baldhead!”
2Ki 2:24 Elisha looked behind him and saw them; he execrated them in the name of Yehowah. Then two female bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the boys.
2Ki 2:25 Then Elisha went from there to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

2 Kings Chapter 3

2Ki 3:1 Now in the eighteenth year (c. 905 BC) of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Joram son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria; he reigned twelve years.
2Ki 3:2 He did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah, but not like his father and his mother; for he removed the memorial stone pillar of Baal, that his father had made.
2Ki 3:3 Nevertheless, he held on to the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin; he did not turn away from them.
2Ki 3:4 Now Mesha king of Moab bred sheep. He had to give to the king of Israel 100,000 lambs and the wool of 100,000 rams.
2Ki 3:5 But after Ahab died (c. 905 BC), the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.
2Ki 3:6 So King Joram left Samaria at that time to mobilize all Israel for war.
2Ki 3:7 He sent a message to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, "The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me against Moab to battle?" Jehoshaphat replied, "I will go. I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses."
2Ki 3:8 Then he asked, "By which way should we attack?" Jehoshaphat answered, "By way of the wilderness of Edom."
2Ki 3:9 So the kings of Israel, Judah, and Edom marched in a semicircle for seven days. There was no water found for their military force, nor for their horses or other animals.
2Ki 3:10 So the king of Israel asked, "What is this? Has Yehowah called three kings to give them into the hand of Moab?"
2Ki 3:11 But Jehoshaphat asked, "Is there not here a prophet of Yehowah, that we may consult Yehowah by him?" One of the king of Israel's servants answered, "Elisha son of Shaphat is here, who poured water on the hands of Elijah."
2Ki 3:12 Jehoshaphat said, "The Word of Yehowah is with him." So the king of Israel, Jehoshaphat, and the king of Edom went down to him.
2Ki 3:13 Elisha said to the king of Israel, "What have I to do with you? Go to the prophets of your father and mother." So the king of Israel replied to him, "No, because Yehowah has called these three kings together to give them into the hand of Moab."
2Ki 3:14 Elisha responded, "As Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces lives, before whom I stand, surely were it not for the fact that I honor the presence of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, I would not pay any attention to you or even look at you.

2Ki 3:15 But now bring me a musician." Then it came to pass when the harpist played, the hand of Yehowah came upon Elisha.
2Ki 3:16 He said, "Yehowah commands this, 'Make this dry river valley full of trenches.'
2Ki 3:17 For Yehowah declares this, 'You will not see wind, neither will you see rain, but this river valley will be filled with water, and you will drink, you and your livestock and all your animals.'
2Ki 3:18 This is an easy thing in the sight of Yehowah. He will also give you victory over the Moabites.
2Ki 3:19 You will attack every fortified city and every good city, cut down every good tree, stop up all springs of water, and ruin every good piece of land with rocks."
2Ki 3:20 So at dawn, about the time of offering the sacrifice, there came water from the direction of Edom; the country was filled with water.
2Ki 3:21 Now when all the Moabites heard that the kings had come to fight against them, they gathered themselves together, all who were able to put on armor, and they stood at the border.
2Ki 3:22 They awakened at the crack of dawn, and the sun reflected on the water. When the Moabites saw the water opposite them, it looked as red as blood.
2Ki 3:23 They exclaimed, "This is blood! The kings have certainly been destroyed, and they have killed each other! So now, Moab, let us go plunder them!"
2Ki 3:24 When they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelis surprised them and attacked the Moabites, who fled before them. The military force of Israel drove the Moabites across the land, killing them.
2Ki 3:25 They destroyed the cities, and on every good piece of land every man threw a rock, until it was covered up. They stopped up every spring of water and chopped down all the good trees. Only Kir Hareseth was left with its rocks in place. But the soldiers armed with slings surrounded and attacked it.
2Ki 3:26 When King Mesha of Moab saw that the battle was lost, he took with him seven hundred swordsmen to break through to the king of Edom, but they failed.
2Ki 3:27 Then he took his oldest son, who should have reigned after him, and offered him as a burnt offering upon the wall. So there was great anger against Israel, and the Israeli military force left King Mesha and returned to their own land.

2 Kings Chapter 4

2Ki 4:1 Now the wife of one of the sons of the prophets came crying to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared Yehowah. Now the creditor has come to take my two children to be his slaves.”
2Ki 4:2 So Elisha asked her, “What can I do for you? Tell me what do you have in the house?” She answered, “Your servant has nothing in the house, except a pot of oil.”
2Ki 4:3 Then Elisha ordered, “Go out to ask for jars from your neighbors, empty jars. Ask for as many as possible.
2Ki 4:4 Then you must go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons, and pour oil into all those jars; set aside the jars that are full.”
2Ki 4:5 So she left Elisha and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her, and she filled them with oil.
2Ki 4:6 When the vessels were full, she ordered her son, “Bring me another jar.” But he replied to her, “There are no more jars.” Then the oil stopped flowing.
2Ki 4:7 Then she came and told the man of the Almighty. He ordered, “Go, sell the oil; pay your debt, and live with your sons on the rest.”
2Ki 4:8 One day, Elisha walked to Shunem where an important woman lived; she urged him to eat food with her. So as often as Elisha passed by, he would stop there to eat.
2Ki 4:9 The woman said to her husband, “See, now I realize that this is a set-apart man of the Almighty who is always passing by.
2Ki 4:10 Let us make a little room on the roof for Elisha, and let us put in it a bed, a table, a chair, and a menorah. Then when he comes to us, he will stay there.”
2Ki 4:11 So when the day came again that Elisha stopped there, he stayed in the room and rested there.
2Ki 4:12 Elisha said to Gehazi his servant, “Call this Shunammite.” When he had called her, she stood before him.
2Ki 4:13 Elisha said to him, “Inquire of her, ‘You have gone to all this trouble to care for us. What can be done for you? Can we speak for you to the king or to the military commander?’” She answered, “I live among my own people.”
2Ki 4:14 So Elisha asked, “What can we do for her, then?” Gehazi answered, “Indeed, she has no son, and her husband is old.”
2Ki 4:15 So Elisha answered, “Call her.” When he had called her, she stood in the door.
2Ki 4:16 Elisha said, “At this season of the year, in one year’s time, you will be holding a son.” She replied, “No, my master and man of the Almighty, do not lie to your servant.”

2Ki 4:17 But the woman conceived and gave birth to a son at the appointed time in the following year, as Elisha had said to her.
2Ki 4:18 When the child had grown, he went out one day to his father, who was with harvesters.
2Ki 4:19 He cried to his father, “My head, my head!” His father ordered his servant, “Carry him to his mother.”
2Ki 4:20 When the servant had picked him up and brought the boy to his mother, the child sat on her knees until noon and then died.
2Ki 4:21 So the woman rose up and laid the boy on the bed of the man of the Almighty, shut the door, and went out.
2Ki 4:22 She called to her husband, “Please send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, so that I may hurry to the man of the Almighty and then come back.”
2Ki 4:23 Her husband questioned, “Why do you want to go to him today? It is not the beginning of the month nor a Sabbath.” She replied, “It will be all right.”
2Ki 4:24 Then she saddled a donkey and ordered her servant, “Drive on quickly; do not slow down for me, unless I say so.”
2Ki 4:25 So she went and came to the man of the Almighty at Mount Carmel. So when the man of the Almighty saw her in the distance, he said to Gehazi his servant, “Look, here comes the Shunammite woman.
2Ki 4:26 Please run to meet her and ask her, ‘Is everything alright with you and with your husband and child?’” She answered, “It is alright.”
2Ki 4:27 When she came to the man of the Almighty at the mountain, she caught hold of his feet. Gehazi came near to thrust her away, but the man of the Almighty said, “Leave her alone, for she is upset, and Yehowah has hidden the problem from me, and has told me nothing.”
2Ki 4:28 Then she asked, “Did I ask you for a son, my master? Did I not say, ‘Do not deceive me?’”
2Ki 4:29 Then Elisha ordered Gehazi, “Dress for travel and take my trekking pole in your hand. Go to her home. If you meet any man, do not greet him, and if anyone greets you, do not answer him. Lay my trekking pole on the child’s face.”
2Ki 4:30 But the mother of the child said, “As Yehowah lives, and as you live, I will not leave you.” So Elisha arose and followed her.
2Ki 4:31 Gehazi hurried on ahead of them and laid the trekking pole on the child’s face, but the child did not speak or hear. So then Gehazi returned to meet Elisha and told him, “The child has not awakened.”
2Ki 4:32 When Elisha arrived at the house, the child was dead and was still on the bed.
2Ki 4:33 So Elisha went in and shut the door on the child and himself and prayed to Yehowah.

2Ki 4:34 He went up and lay on the child; he put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands. He stretched himself out on the boy, and the boy's body grew warm.
2Ki 4:35 Then Elisha rose up and walked around the room and again went up and stretched himself out on the boy. The child sneezed seven times and then opened his eyes!
2Ki 4:36 So Elisha called Gehazi, "Call the Shunammite!" So he called her, and when she came into the room, Elisha said, "Pick up your son."
2Ki 4:37 Then she lay facedown at his feet and bowed to the ground, and then picked up her son and went out.
2Ki 4:38 Then Elisha came again to Gilgal. There was famine in the land, and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him. He said to his servant, "Put the large pot on the fire and cook stew for the sons of the prophets."
2Ki 4:39 One of them went out into a field to gather garden rocket. He found a wild vine and gathered enough wild gourds to fill the fold of his robe. They cut them up and put them into the stew, but did not know what kind they were.
2Ki 4:40 So they poured out the stew for the men to eat. Later, as they were eating, they cried out, "Man of the Almighty, there is death in the pot!" So they could not eat it anymore.
2Ki 4:41 But Elisha ordered, "Bring some flour." He threw it into the pot and said, "Pour it out for the people, so that they may eat." Then there was no longer anything hurtful in the pot.
2Ki 4:42 A man came from Baal Shalishah to the man of the Almighty and brought twenty loaves of barley bread in his sack from the new harvest, and fresh ears of grain. He said, "Give this to the people so they can eat."
2Ki 4:43 His servant asked, "What, should I set this before a hundred men?" But Elisha said, "Give this to the people, so they can eat, because Yehowah says, 'They will eat and will have some left.'"
2Ki 4:44 So his servant set it before them; they ate and left some remaining, just as the Word of Yehowah promised.

2 Kings Chapter 5

2Ki 5:1 Now Naaman, commander of the military force of the king of Aram, was a great and honorable man in his master's view, because by him Yehowah had given victory to Aram. He was also a strong, courageous man, but he was a leper.
2Ki 5:2 The Arameans had gone out raiding in bands and had taken a little girl from the land of Israel. She served Naaman's wife.
2Ki 5:3 The girl said to her mistress, "I wish that my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! Then he would heal my master of his leprosy."
2Ki 5:4 So Naaman went in and told his master what the little girl from the land of Israel had said.
2Ki 5:5 So the king of Aram ordered, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." Naaman left and took with him 30,000-weight silver-currency, 66 kilograms of gold, and ten changes of clothes.
2Ki 5:6 He also took the letter to the king of Israel that said, "Now when this letter is brought to you, you will see that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, so that you may cure him of his leprosy."
2Ki 5:7 When the king of Israel had read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I the Almighty, to kill and to make alive, that this man wants me to cure a man of his leprosy? It seems he is seeking to start an argument with me."
2Ki 5:8 So when Elisha the man of the Almighty heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent word to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel."
2Ki 5:9 So Naaman came with his cavalry and with his chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house.
2Ki 5:10 Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and dip yourself into the Jordan River seven times, and your flesh will be restored; you will be clean."
2Ki 5:11 But Naaman was angry, went away, and said, "Look, I thought he would surely come out to me, stand, and call on the name of Yehowah his Divine One, and wave his hand over the place and heal my leprosy.
2Ki 5:12 Are not Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Can I not bathe in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage.
2Ki 5:13 Then Naaman's servants came near and spoke to him, "My father, if the prophet had commanded you do some difficult thing, would you not have done it? How much rather then when he says to you to simply, 'Dip yourself and be clean?'"

2Ki 5:14 Then he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan River (see LXX; Acts 2:38), obeying the instructions of the man of the Almighty. His flesh was restored again like the flesh of a little child, and he was healed.
2Ki 5:15 Naaman returned to the man of the Almighty, he and all his company, and came and stood before him. He said, “Look, now I know that there is no Almighty in all the earth except in Israel. So therefore, please accept a gift from your servant.”
2Ki 5:16 But Elisha replied, “As Yehowah lives, before whom I stand, I will receive nothing.” Naaman urged Elisha to take a gift, but he refused.
2Ki 5:17 So Naaman said, “If not, then I ask you to let there be given to your servant two mule loads of earth, for from now on, your servant will offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice to any deity but Yehowah.
2Ki 5:18 In this one thing may Yehowah pardon your servant, that is, when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leans on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when he bows himself in the house of Rimmon, may Yehowah pardon your servant in this matter.”
2Ki 5:19 Elisha said to him, “Go in peace.” So Naaman left.
2Ki 5:20 He had traveled only a short distance, when Gehazi the servant of Elisha the man of the Almighty said to himself, “Look, my master has spared this Naaman the Aramean by not receiving from his hands gifts that he brought. As Yehowah lives, I will run after him and receive something from him.”
2Ki 5:21 So Gehazi followed after Naaman. When Naaman saw someone running after him, he jumped down from his chariot to meet him, and asked, “Is everything alright?”
2Ki 5:22 Gehazi answered, “Everything is alright. My master has sent me, saying, ‘See, now there have come to me from the hill country of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets. Please give them 3,000-weight silver-currency and two changes of clothes.’”
2Ki 5:23 Naaman replied, “I am pleased to give you 6,000-weight.” Naaman urged Gehazi and tied 6,000-weight silver-currency in two bags, with two changes of clothes, and laid them on two of his servants, who carried the bags of silver-currency before Gehazi.
2Ki 5:24 When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the bags of silver-currency from their hands and hid them in the house; he sent the men away, and they left.
2Ki 5:25 When Gehazi went in and stood before his master, Elisha asked him, “Where have you come from, Gehazi?” He answered, “Your servant went nowhere.”
2Ki 5:26 Elisha rebuked Gehazi, “Was not my spirit with you when the man turned his chariot to meet you? Is this a time to accept money and clothes, olive orchards and vineyards, sheep and oxen, and male servants and female servants?

2Ki 5:27 So the leprosy of Naaman will be on you and your descendants forever.” So Gehazi went out from his presence, a leper as white as snow.

2 Kings Chapter 6

2Ki 6:1 The sons of the prophets said to Elisha, “The place where we live with you is too small for us all.
2Ki 6:2 Please let us go to the Jordan River, and let every man cut down a tree there, and let us build us a place there where we may live.” Elisha answered, “You may go ahead.”
2Ki 6:3 One of them requested, “Please go with your servants.” Elisha replied, “I will go.”
2Ki 6:4 So he went with them, and when they came to the Jordan River, they began to cut down trees.
2Ki 6:5 But as one was chopping, the ax head fell into the water; he cried out, “Oh no, my master, it was borrowed!”
2Ki 6:6 So the man of the Almighty asked, “Where did it fall?” The man showed Elisha the place. He then cut off a stick, threw it in the water, and made the iron float.
2Ki 6:7 Elisha ordered, “Pick it up.” So the man reached out his hand and grabbed it.
2Ki 6:8 Now the king of Aram was waging war against Israel. He consulted with his servants, “My camp will be in such and such a place.”
2Ki 6:9 So the man of the Almighty sent to the king of Israel, saying, “Be careful not to pass that place, for the Arameans are coming down there.”
2Ki 6:10 The king of Israel sent a message to the place about which the man of the Almighty had spoken and warned him. More than once or twice, when the king went there, he was on his guard.
2Ki 6:11 The king of Aram was enraged about these warnings, and he called his servants and asked them, “Will you not tell me who among us is for the king of Israel?”
2Ki 6:12 So one of his servants answered, “No, my master, king, for Elisha the prophet in Israel tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your own bedroom!”
2Ki 6:13 The king replied, “Go and see where Elisha is, so I may send men and capture him.” It was told him, “See, he is in Dothan.”
2Ki 6:14 So the king sent to Dothan cavalry, chariots, and a large military force. They came by night and surrounded the city.
2Ki 6:15 When the servant of the man of the Almighty had risen early and gone outside, behold, a large military force with cavalry and chariots surrounded the city. His servant asked him, “Oh, my master! What will we do?”
2Ki 6:16 Elisha answered, “Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

2Ki 6:17 Elisha prayed, “Yehowah, I beg that you will open his eyes that he may see.” Then Yehowah opened the servant’s eyes, and he saw. Behold, the mountain was full of cavalry and chariots of fire around Elisha!
2Ki 6:18 When the Arameans came down to him, Elisha prayed to Yehowah, “Strike these people blind, I ask you.” So Yehowah made them blind, just as Elisha had asked.
2Ki 6:19 Then Elisha told the Arameans, “This is not the way, neither is this the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you are looking for.” Then he led them to Samaria.
2Ki 6:20 It came about that when they had come into Samaria, Elisha prayed, “Yehowah, open the eyes of these men that they may see.” Yehowah opened their eyes and they saw, and behold, they were in the middle of the city of Samaria.
2Ki 6:21 When he saw them, the king of Israel asked Elisha, “My father, should I kill them? Should I kill them?”
2Ki 6:22 Elisha answered, “You must not kill them. Would you kill those whom you had taken captive with your sword and bow? Put bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.”
2Ki 6:23 So the king prepared much food for them, and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went back to their master. Those bands of Aramean soldiers did not return for a long time into the land of Israel.
2Ki 6:24 Later, after this, Ben Hadad, king of Aram, gathered all his military force and attacked Samaria and besieged it.
2Ki 6:25 So there was a great famine in Samaria. Behold, they besieged it, until a donkey’s head was sold for 80-weight silver-currency, and the fourth part of a kab of dove’s dung for 5-weight silver-currency.
2Ki 6:26 As the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, a woman cried to him, “Help, my master, king!”
2Ki 6:27 He asked, “If Yehowah does not help you, how can I help you? Is there anything coming from the threshing floor or winepress?”
2Ki 6:28 The king continued, “What is troubling you?” She answered, “This woman said to me, ‘Give your son so that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.’”
2Ki 6:29 So we boiled my son and ate him, and I said to her on the next day, “Give your son that we may eat him, but she has hidden her son.”
2Ki 6:30 So when the king heard the words of the woman, he tore his clothes; now he was passing by on the wall, and the people looked and saw that he had sackcloth underneath, against his skin.
2Ki 6:31 Then he said, “May the Almighty do so to me, and more also, if the head of Elisha son of Shaphat remains on him today.”

2Ki 6:32 But Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him. The king sent a man from before him, but when the messenger came to Elisha, he asked the elders, “See how this son of a murderer has sent to take away my head? Look, when the messenger comes, shut the door, and hold the door shut against him. Is not the sound of his master’s feet behind him?”
2Ki 6:33 While he was still talking with them, behold, the messenger came down to him. The king had said, “Behold, this trouble comes from Yehowah. Why should I wait for Yehowah any longer?”

2 Kings Chapter 7

2Ki 7:1 Elisha said, “Hear the Word of Yehowah. This is what Yehowah declares: ‘Tomorrow about this time 7 liters of fine flour will be sold for one-weight, and 14 liters of barley for one-weight, in the gate of Samaria.’”
2Ki 7:2 Then the captain on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of the Almighty, “See, even if Yehowah should make windows in Heaven, can this thing happen?” Elisha answered, “See, you will watch it happen with your own eyes, but you will not eat any of it.”
2Ki 7:3 Now there were four men with leprosy right outside the city gate. They asked one another, “Why should we sit here until we die?
2Ki 7:4 If we say that we should go into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we will die there. But if we still sit here, we will still die. Now then come, let us go to the military force of the Arameans. If they keep us alive, we will live, and if they kill us, we will only die.”
2Ki 7:5 So they rose up at dusk to go into the Aramean camp; when they arrived at the outermost part of the camp, there was no one there.
2Ki 7:6 For the Lord had made the Aramean military force hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of cavalry, the noise of another large military force, and they said to each other, “The king of Israel has hired the kings of the Neo-Hittites and Egyptians to come against us!”
2Ki 7:7 So the soldiers arose and fled at dusk; they left their tents, their horses, their donkeys, and the camp as it was, and fled for their lives.
2Ki 7:8 When the men with leprosy came to the outermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, ate and drank, and carried away silver, gold, and clothes, and went and hid them. They came back and entered into another tent and carried plunder away from there also, and went and hid it.
2Ki 7:9 Then they said to each other, “We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, but we are keeping quiet about it. If we wait until daybreak, punishment will overtake us. Now then come, let us go and tell the king’s household.”
2Ki 7:10 So they went and called the gatekeepers of the city. They told them, “We went to the camp of the Arameans, but there was no one there, not the sound of anyone, but there were the horses tied, and the donkeys tied, and the tents as they were.”
2Ki 7:11 Then the gatekeepers shouted out the news, and then it was told inside the king’s household.
2Ki 7:12 Then the king arose at night and said to his servants, “I will tell you now what the Arameans have done to us. They know that we are hungry, so they

have gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the fields. They are saying, 'When they come out of the city, we will take them alive, and get into the city.'"
2Ki 7:13 One of the king's servants answered, "I beg you, let some men take five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city. They are like all the rest of the population of Israel who are left, most are now dead; let us send them and see."
2Ki 7:14 So they took two chariots with horses, and the king sent them after the military force of the Arameans, ordering, "Go and see."
2Ki 7:15 They went after them to the Jordan River, and all the road was full of clothes and equipment that the Arameans had cast away in their hurry. So the messengers returned and told the king.
2Ki 7:16 The people went out and plundered the camp of the Arameans. So 7 liters of fine flour was sold for one-weight, and 14 liters of barley for one-weight, just as the Word of Yehowah had said.
2Ki 7:17 The king had ordered the captain on whose hand he had leaned to be in charge of the gate, and the people trampled him down in the gateway. He died as the man of the Almighty had said, who spoke when the king had come down to him.
2Ki 7:18 So it happened as the man of the Almighty had prophesied to the king, "About this time in the gate of Samaria, 14 liters of barley will be available for one-weight, and 7 liters of fine flour for one-weight."
2Ki 7:19 That captain had asked the man of the Almighty, "See, even if Yehowah should make windows in Heaven, can this thing happen?" Elisha had answered, "See, you will watch it happen with your own eyes, but you will not eat any of it."
2Ki 7:20 That is exactly what happened to him, for the people trampled him in the gate, and he died.

2 Kings Chapter 8

2Ki 8:1 Now Elisha had spoken to the woman whose son he had restored to life. He ordered her, “Arise, and go with your household, and stay wherever you can in another land, because Yehowah has called for a famine, which will come on this land for seven years.”
2Ki 8:2 So the woman arose, and she obeyed the word of the man of the Almighty. She went with her household and lived in the land of the Philistines seven years.
2Ki 8:3 It came about at the end of seven years that the woman returned from the land of the Philistines, and she went to the king to beg him for her house and for her land.
2Ki 8:4 Now the king was talking with Gehazi the servant of the man of the Almighty, “Please tell me all the great things that Elisha has done.”
2Ki 8:5 Then as he was telling the king how Elisha had restored to life the child who was dead, see, the woman whose son he had restored to life came to beg the king for her house and land. Gehazi exclaimed, “My master, king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life!”
2Ki 8:6 When the king asked the woman about her son, she explained it to him. So the king ordered a certain eunuch for her, “Give back to her all that was hers and all the harvests of her fields, since the day that she left the land until now.”
2Ki 8:7 Elisha came to Damascus where Ben Hadad the king of Aram was sick. The king was told, “The man of the Almighty has come here.”
2Ki 8:8 The king ordered Hazael, “Take a gift in your hand and go meet the man of the Almighty, and consult with Yehowah through him, asking, ‘Will I recover from this sickness?’”
2Ki 8:9 So Hazael went to meet him and took a gift with him of every kind of good thing of Damascus, carried by forty camels. So Hazael came and stood before Elisha, and said, “Your son Ben Hadad king of Aram has sent me to you, asking, ‘Will I recover from this sickness?’”
2Ki 8:10 Elisha answered him, “Go, say to Ben Hadad, ‘You will surely recover,’ but Yehowah has shown me that he will surely die.”
2Ki 8:11 Then Elisha stared at Hazael, until he was ashamed, and the man of the Almighty wept.
2Ki 8:12 Hazael asked, “Why do you weep, my master?” He answered, “Because I know the evil that you will do to the people of Israel. You will set their strongholds on fire, and you will kill their young men with the sword, dash in pieces their little ones, and rip open their pregnant women.”

2Ki 8:13 Hazael replied, “Who is your servant, that he should do this great thing? He is only a dog.” Elisha answered, “Yehowah has shown me that you will be king over Aram.”
2Ki 8:14 Then Hazael left Elisha and came to his master, who asked him, “What did Elisha say to you?” He answered, “He told me that you would certainly recover.”
2Ki 8:15 Then the next day, Hazael took the blanket and dipped it in water, and spread it on Ben Hadad’s face, so that he died. Then Hazael became king in his place.
2Ki 8:16 In the fifth year of Joram son of Ahab, king of Israel, Jehoram began to reign. He was the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah. He began to reign when Jehoshaphat was king of Judah (c. 900 BC).
2Ki 8:17 Jehoram was thirty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for eight years in Jerusalem.
2Ki 8:18 Jehoram walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, as the house of Ahab was doing; for he had Ahab’s daughter as his wife, and he did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah.
2Ki 8:19 However, because of his servant David, Yehowah did not want to destroy Judah, since he had told him that he would always give a lamp to him and his descendants.
2Ki 8:20 In Jehoram’s days, Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and they set a king over themselves.
2Ki 8:21 Then Jehoram crossed over with his commanders and all his chariots. It happened that he rose up at night, attacked, and overwhelmed the Edomites, who had surrounded him and the commanders of the chariots. Then Jehoram’s military force escaped to their homes.
2Ki 8:22 So Edom has been in rebellion against the rule of Judah to this present day. Libnah also revolted at the same time.
2Ki 8:23 As for the other matters concerning Jehoram, all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Judah?
2Ki 8:24 Jehoram died (c. 893 BC) and rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David. Then Ahaziah his son became king in his place.
2Ki 8:25 In the twelfth year of Joram son of Ahab, king of Israel, Ahaziah son of Jehoram, king of Judah, began to reign.
2Ki 8:26 Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he began to reign; he reigned for one year in Jerusalem. His mother’s name was Athaliah; she was the daughter of Omri, king of Israel.
2Ki 8:27 Ahaziah walked in the ways of the house of Ahab; he did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah, as the house of Ahab was doing, for Ahaziah was a son-in-law to the house of Ahab.

2Ki 8:28 Ahaziah went with Joram son of Ahab, to fight against Hazael, king of Aram, at Ramoth Gilead. The Arameans wounded Joram.
2Ki 8:29 King Joram returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds that the Arameans had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Aram. So Ahaziah son of Jehoram, king of Judah, went down to Jezreel to see Joram son of Ahab, because Joram had been wounded.

2 Kings Chapter 9

2Ki 9:1 Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets and ordered him, “Dress for travel, then take this little bottle of oil in your hand and go to Ramoth Gilead.
2Ki 9:2 When you arrive, look for Jehu son of Jehoshaphat son of Nimshi, and go in and make him arise up from among his companions, and conduct him to an inner chamber.
2Ki 9:3 Then take the bottle of oil and pour it on his head, and say, ‘Yehowah declares this: “I have anointed you king over Israel.”’ Then open the door and run off; do not delay.”
2Ki 9:4 So the young man, the young prophet, went to Ramoth Gilead.
2Ki 9:5 When he arrived, behold, the captains of the military force were sitting. So the young prophet said, “I have come on an errand to you, captain.” Jehu replied, “To which of us?” The young prophet answered, “To you, captain.”
2Ki 9:6 So Jehu arose and went into the house, and the prophet poured the oil on his head and said to Jehu, “Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, declares this: ‘I have anointed you king over the people of Yehowah, over Israel.
2Ki 9:7 You must kill the family of Ahab your master, so that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of Yehowah, who were murdered by the hand of Jezebel.
2Ki 9:8 For the whole family of Ahab will perish, and I will cut off from Ahab every male child, whether he is a slave or a free person.
2Ki 9:9 I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam son of Nebat and like the house of Baasha son of Ahijah.
2Ki 9:10 The dogs will eat Jezebel in Jezreel, and there will be no one to bury her.’” Then the prophet opened the door and ran off.
2Ki 9:11 Then Jehu came out to the servants of his master, and one asked him, “Is everything alright? Why did this mad fellow come to you?” Jehu answered them, “You know the man and the kinds of things he says.”
2Ki 9:12 They replied, “That is a lie. Tell us.” Jehu answered, “He said this and that to me, and he also said, ‘This is what Yehowah declares: I have anointed you as king over Israel.’”
2Ki 9:13 Then each of them quickly took off his coat and put it under Jehu at the top of the steps. They blew the trumpet and shouted, “Jehu is king!”
2Ki 9:14 In this way, Jehu son of Jehoshaphat son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. Now Joram had been defending Ramoth Gilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Aram,
2Ki 9:15 but King Joram had gone back to Jezreel to be healed of the wounds that the Arameans had given him, when he had fought against Hazael king of

Aram. Jehu said to the servants of Joram, “If this is your opinion, then let no one escape and go out of the city, in order to go tell this news in Jezreel.”
2Ki 9:16 So Jehu rode in a chariot to Jezreel; for Joram was resting there. Now Ahaziah king of Judah had come down to see Joram.
2Ki 9:17 The watchman was standing on the tower in Jezreel, and he saw the company of Jehu as he came at a distance; he said, “I see a group of men coming.” Joram ordered, “Take a horseman and send him out to meet them; tell him to ask, ‘Are you coming in peace?’”
2Ki 9:18 So a man was sent on horseback to meet him; he said, “The king asks this: ‘Are you coming in peace?’” So Jehu responded, “What have you to do with peace? Turn and ride behind me.” Then the watchman told the king, “The messenger has met them, but he is not coming back.”
2Ki 9:19 Then he sent out a second man on horseback, who came to them and said, “The king asks this: ‘Are you coming in peace?’” Jehu answered, “What have you to do with peace? Turn and ride behind me.”
2Ki 9:20 Again the watchman reported, “He has met them, but he is not coming back. For the way that the chariot is being driven is the way that Jehu son of Nimshi drives; he is driving wildly.”
2Ki 9:21 So Joram ordered, “Get my chariot ready!” They prepared his chariot, and Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah rode out, each in his chariot, to meet Jehu. They found him at the property of Naboth the Jezreelite.
2Ki 9:22 When Joram saw Jehu, he asked, “Are you coming in peace, Jehu?” He answered, “What peace is there, when the idolatrous acts of prostitution and witchcraft of your mother Jezebel are so many?”
2Ki 9:23 So Joram turned his chariot, fled, and shouted to Ahaziah, “There is treachery, Ahaziah!”
2Ki 9:24 Then Jehu drew his bow with his full strength and shot Joram between his shoulders; the arrow went through his heart, and he sank down in his chariot (c. 893 BC).
2Ki 9:25 Then Jehu ordered Bidkar his captain, “Pick him up and throw him in the field of Naboth the Jezreelite. Think about how when you and I rode together after Ahab his father, Yehowah placed this prophecy against him:
2Ki 9:26 ‘Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons,’ declares Yehowah, ‘and I will repay you in this field,’ declares Yehowah. Now then take him and throw him into that place, that field, to bring to pass what we were told would happen by the Word of Yehowah.”
2Ki 9:27 When Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled up the road to Beth Haggan. But Jehu followed him and ordered, “Kill him also in the chariot,” and they shot him at the ascent of Gur, which is by Ibleam. Ahaziah fled to Megiddo and died there (c. 893 BC).

2Ki 9:28 His servants carried his body in a chariot to Jerusalem and buried him in his tomb with his fathers in the City of David.
2Ki 9:29 Now it was in the eleventh year of Joram son of Ahab that Ahaziah had begun to reign over Judah.
2Ki 9:30 When Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it, and she painted her eyes, arranged her hair, and looked out the window.
2Ki 9:31 As Jehu was entering the gate, she asked him, “Are you coming in peace, you Zimri, your master’s murderer?”
2Ki 9:32 Jehu looked up at the window and asked, “Who is on my side? Who?” Then two or three eunuchs looked out.
2Ki 9:33 So Jehu shouted, “Throw her down!” So they threw Jezebel down, and some of her blood spattered on the wall and the horses, and Jehu trampled her under foot.
2Ki 9:34 When Jehu entered the palace, he ate and drank. Then he ordered, “See now to this cursed woman and bury her, for she is a king’s daughter.”
2Ki 9:35 They went to bury her, but they found no more of her than the skull, the feet, and the palms of her hands.
2Ki 9:36 So they came back and told Jehu. He said, “This is the Word of Yehowah which he spoke by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, ‘In the land at Jezreel the dogs will eat the flesh of Jezebel,
2Ki 9:37 and the body of Jezebel will be like dung on the surface of the fields in the land at Jezreel, so that no one will be able to say, “This is Jezebel.”’”

2 Kings Chapter 10

2Ki 10:1 Now Ahab had seventy descendants in Samaria. Jehu wrote letters and sent them to Samaria, to the rulers of Jezreel, including the elders and the guardians of Ahab's descendants, stating,
2Ki 10:2 "Your master's descendants are with you, and you also have chariots, cavalry, a fortified city, and armor. So then as soon as this letter comes to you,
2Ki 10:3 select the best and most deserving of your master's descendants and set him on his father's throne, and fight for your master's royal line."
2Ki 10:4 But they were terrified and said among themselves, "See, the two kings could not stand before Jehu. So how can we stand?"
2Ki 10:5 Then the man who was in charge of the palace, and the man who was over the city, and the elders also, and they who raised the children, sent word back to Jehu, "We are your servants. We will do everything that you command us. We will not make any man king. Do what is good in your eyes."
2Ki 10:6 Then Jehu wrote a letter the second time to them, stating, "If you are on my side, and if you will listen to my voice, you must behead the men of your master's descendants, and come to me to Jezreel by tomorrow this time." Now the king's descendants, seventy in number, were with the important men of the city, who were bringing them up.
2Ki 10:7 So when the letter came to them, they took the king's sons and beheaded seventy souls, dropped their heads in baskets, and sent them to Jehu in Jezreel.
2Ki 10:8 A messenger came to Jehu, announcing, "They have brought the heads of the king's sons." So he ordered, "Put them in two heaps at the entrance of the gate until dawn."
2Ki 10:9 At dawn, Jehu went out, stood, and said to all the people, "You are innocent. See, I plotted against my master and murdered him, but who killed all these?
2Ki 10:10 Now you should certainly realize that no part of the Word of Yehowah, the word that Yehowah spoke concerning the family of Ahab, will fall to the ground, for Yehowah has done what he spoke about through his servant Elijah."
2Ki 10:11 So Jehu executed all who remained in the family of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his important men, his close friends, and his priests, until none of them remained.
2Ki 10:12 Then Jehu arose and left; he went to Samaria. As he was arriving at the sheep-shearing house by the road,
2Ki 10:13 he met brothers of Ahaziah king of Judah. Jehu asked them, "Who are you?" They answered, "We are brothers of Ahaziah, and we are going down to greet the children of the king and the children of Queen Jezebel."

2Ki 10:14 Jehu ordered his own men, “Take them alive.” So they took them alive and killed 42 men at the well of the sheep-shearing house. He did not leave any of them alive.
2Ki 10:15 When Jehu had left there, he met Jonadab (Yehonadab) son of Rechab coming to meet him. Jehu greeted him and asked him, “Is your heart with me, as my heart is with yours?” Jonadab answered, “It is.” Jehu said, “If it is, give me your hand.” So Jonadab gave him his hand, and Jehu took Jonadab up into the chariot with him.
2Ki 10:16 Jehu said, “Come with me and see my zeal for Yehowah.” So he had Jonadab ride along with him in his chariot.
2Ki 10:17 When he came to Samaria, Jehu executed all who remained from Ahab’s descendants in Samaria, until he had destroyed Ahab’s royal line, just as was told them before by the Word of Yehowah, which he had spoken to Elijah.
2Ki 10:18 Then Jehu gathered all the people together and said to them, “Ahab served Baal a little, but Jehu will serve him much.
2Ki 10:19 Now therefore, call to me all the prophets of Baal, all his worshipers, and all his priests. Let no one be left out, for I have a great sacrifice to offer to Baal. Whoever does not come will be executed.” But Jehu did this deceitfully, with the intent to kill the worshipers of Baal.
2Ki 10:20 Jehu ordered, “Set a time to have an assembly for Baal.” So they announced it.
2Ki 10:21 Then Jehu sent throughout all Israel and all the worshipers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left who did not come. They came into the temple of Baal, and it was filled from one end to the other.
2Ki 10:22 Jehu said to the man who kept the priest’s wardrobe, “Bring out robes for all the worshipers of Baal.” So the man brought out robes to them.
2Ki 10:23 So Jehu went with Jonadab son of Rechab into the house of Baal, and he ordered the worshipers of Baal, “Search and make sure that there is no one here with you from the servants of Yehowah but the worshipers of Baal alone.”
2Ki 10:24 Then they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now Jehu had chosen eighty men who were standing outside, and he told them, “If any of the men whom I bring into your hands escapes, whoever lets that man escape will be executed.”
2Ki 10:25 So then as soon as Jehu finished offering the burnt offering, he ordered the guard and the captains, “Go in and kill them. Let no one come out.” So they killed them with the edge of the sword, and the guard and the captains threw them out and went into the inner room of the house of Baal.
2Ki 10:26 They dragged out the stone pillars that were in the house of Baal, and they burned them.
2Ki 10:27 Then they broke down the pillar of Baal, destroyed the house of Baal, and made it a toilet, which it is to this day.

2Ki 10:28 That is how Jehu destroyed Baal worship from Israel.
2Ki 10:29 But Jehu did not leave the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, by which he made Israel sin, that is, the worship of the golden calves in Bethel and Dan.
2Ki 10:30 So Yehowah said to Jehu, “Because you have done well in executing what was right in my eyes, and have done to the house of Ahab according to all that was in my heart, your descendants will sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation.”
2Ki 10:31 But Jehu took no care to walk in the Law of Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, with all his heart. He did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam, by which he made Israel sin.
2Ki 10:32 In those days, Yehowah began to cut off regions from Israel, and Hazael defeated the Israelis at the borders of Israel,
2Ki 10:33 from the Jordan River eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the Valley of the Arnon (Zarqa), through Gilead to Bashan.
2Ki 10:34 As for the other matters concerning Jehu, and all that he did, and all his power, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Israel?
2Ki 10:35 Jehu slept with his ancestors (c. 866 BC), and they buried him in Samaria. Then Jehoahaz his son became king in his place.
2Ki 10:36 The time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty-eight years.

2 Kings Chapter 11

2Ki 11:1 Now when Athaliah, the mother of Ahaziah, saw that her son was dead, she arose and murdered all the royal children.
2Ki 11:2 But Jehosheba, a daughter of King Jehoram and sister of Ahaziah, took Joash son of Ahaziah, and hid him away from among the king's sons who were killed, along with his nurse; she put them into a bedroom. They hid him from Athaliah, so that he was not killed.
2Ki 11:3 He was with Jehosheba, hidden in the temple of Yehowah, for six years, while Athaliah reigned over the land.
2Ki 11:4 In the seventh year (c. 887 BC), Jehoiada sent messages and brought the commanders of hundreds of the Carites and of the guard, and brought them to himself, into the temple of Yehowah. He made a covenant with them, and he made them swear an oath in the temple of Yehowah. Then he showed them the king's son.
2Ki 11:5 He commanded them, "This is what you must do. A third of you who come on the Sabbath will keep watch over the king's house,
2Ki 11:6 and a third will be at the Sur Gate, and a third at the gate behind the guardhouse, so you will keep watch at the temple, as a military barrier."
2Ki 11:7 The two other groups who are not serving on the Sabbath, you must keep the watch over the temple of Yehowah for the king.
2Ki 11:8 You must surround the king, every man with his weapons in his hand. Whoever enters within your ranks, let him be killed. You must stay with the king when he goes out, and when he comes in.
2Ki 11:9 So the commanders of hundreds obeyed everything Jehoiada the priest commanded. Each one took his men, those who were to come in to serve on the Sabbath, and those who were to stop serving on that Sabbath; and they came to Jehoiada the priest.
2Ki 11:10 Then Jehoiada the priest gave the commanders of hundreds the spears and shields that belonged to King David and that were in the temple of Yehowah.
2Ki 11:11 So the guards stood, each man with his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side, near the altar and the temple, surrounding the king.
2Ki 11:12 Then Jehoiada brought out the king's son Joash, put the crown on him, and gave him the covenant decrees. Then they made him king and anointed him. They clapped their hands and shouted, "Long live the king!"
2Ki 11:13 When Athaliah heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she came to the people in the temple of Yehowah.
2Ki 11:14 She looked, and behold, the king was standing by the pillar, as the custom was, and the captains and the trumpeters were by the king. All the

people of the land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets. Then Athaliah tore her clothes and shouted, “Treason! Treason!”
2Ki 11:15 Then Jehoiada the priest ordered the commanders of hundreds who were over the military force, “Bring her out between the ranks. Anyone who follows her, kill him with the sword.” For the priest had said, “Do not let her be killed in the temple of Yehowah.”
2Ki 11:16 So they seized her as she reached the place where the cavalry enter the palace grounds, and there she was executed (c. 887 BC).
2Ki 11:17 Then Jehoiada made a covenant between Yehowah, the king, and the people, that they should be the people of Yehowah, and also between the king and the people.
2Ki 11:18 So all the people of the land went to the house of Baal and tore it down. They smashed Baal’s altars and his idol figures to pieces, and they killed Mattan, the priest of Baal, in front of those altars. Then Jehoida the priest appointed guards over the temple of Yehowah.
2Ki 11:19 Jehoida took with him the commanders of hundreds, the Carites, the guard, and all the people of the land, and together they brought down the king from the temple of Yehowah, and they went into the king’s house, entering by way of the gate of the guards. Joash took his place on the royal throne.
2Ki 11:20 So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet, after Athaliah had been killed with the sword at the king’s house.
2Ki 11:21 Joash (Yehoash) was seven years old when he began to reign.

2 Kings Chapter 12

2Ki 12:1 In the seventh year of Jehu (c. 887 BC), the reign of Joash began; he reigned for forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zibiah, of Beersheba.
2Ki 12:2 Joash did what was right in the eyes of Yehowah all the time, because Jehoiada the priest was instructing him.
2Ki 12:3 But the high places were not taken away. The people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.
2Ki 12:4 Joash said to the priests, "All the money that is brought in as set-apart offerings into the temple of Yehowah, that money for which each person is assessed, whether it is the money collected in the census (Exo. 30:13; Mat. 17:24), or the money received from personal vows, or the money brought in by people motivated by Yehowah in their hearts to give,
2Ki 12:5 the priests should receive the money from one of their treasurers and repair whatever damage is found in the temple."
2Ki 12:6 But by the twenty-third year of King Joash (c. 865 BC), the priests had not repaired anything in the temple.
2Ki 12:7 Then King Joash called for Jehoiada the priest and for the other priests; he ordered them, "Why have you not repaired anything in the temple? Now take no more money from your benefactors, but take what has been collected for repairs of the temple and give it to those who can make the repairs."
2Ki 12:8 So the priests consented to take no more money from the people and not repair the temple themselves.
2Ki 12:9 Instead, Jehoiada the priest took a chest, bored a hole in its lid, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one comes into the temple of Yehowah. The priests who were guarding the temple entrance put into it all the money that was brought to the temple of Yehowah.
2Ki 12:10 Whenever they saw that there was much money in the chest, the king's scribe and the high priest would come, put the money in bags, and then count it, the money found in the temple of Yehowah.
2Ki 12:11 They gave the money that was weighed out into the hands of men who took care of the temple of Yehowah. They paid it out to the carpenters and the builders who worked on the temple of Yehowah,
2Ki 12:12 and to the masons and the stonecutters, for buying timber and cutting stone to repair the temple of Yehowah, and for all that was needed to be paid to repair it.
2Ki 12:13 But the money that was brought into the temple of Yehowah did not pay to make for it any silver cups, lamp trimmers, basins, trumpets, or any gold or silver furnishing.

2Ki 12:14 They gave this money to those who did the work of repairing the temple of Yehowah.
2Ki 12:15 In addition, they did not require the money paid for repairs to be accounted for by the men who received it and paid it to the workmen, because these men were honest.
2Ki 12:16 But the money for the guilt offerings and the money for the sin offerings was not brought into the temple of Yehowah, because it belonged to the priests.
2Ki 12:17 Then Hazael king of Aram attacked and fought against Gath (modern Tell es-Safi), and took it (c. 865 BC). Hazael then turned to attack Jerusalem.
2Ki 12:18 Joash king of Judah took all the things that Jehoshaphat, Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had set apart, and what he had set apart, and all the gold that was found in the storerooms of the houses of Yehowah and of the king, and he sent them to Hazael king of Aram. Then Hazael went away from Jerusalem.
2Ki 12:19 As for the other matters concerning Joash, all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Judah?
2Ki 12:20 His servants arose and plotted together; they attacked Joash in Beth Millo, on the way that goes down to Sela (Petra).
2Ki 12:21 Jozacar son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad son of Shomer, his servants, attacked him, and he died (c. 848 BC). They buried Joash with his ancestors in the City of David, and Amaziah (Amatsyah), his son, became king in his place.

2 Kings Chapter 13

2Ki 13:1 In the twenty-third year (c. 865 BC) of Joash son of Ahaziah king of Judah, Jehoahaz son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria; he reigned seventeen years.
2Ki 13:2 He did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah and followed the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin; and Jehoahaz did not turn away from them.
2Ki 13:3 The anger of Yehowah burned against Israel, and he gave them continually into the hand of Hazael king of Aram and into the hand of Ben Hadad son of Hazael.
2Ki 13:4 So Jehoahaz entreated Yehowah, and Yehowah listened to him, because he saw the oppression of Israel, how the king of Aram was oppressing them.
2Ki 13:5 So Yehowah gave Israel a rescuer, and they escaped from the hand of the Arameans, and the people of Israel began to live in their homes as they had before.
2Ki 13:6 Nevertheless, they did not depart from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who caused Israel to sin, and they continued in them; and the Asherah pole remained in Samaria.
2Ki 13:7 The Arameans left Jehoahaz with only fifty cavalry, ten chariots, and ten thousand infantrymen, for the king of Aram had destroyed them and made them like the chaff at threshing time.
2Ki 13:8 As for the other matters concerning Jehoahaz, and all that he did and his power, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Israel?
2Ki 13:9 So Jehoahaz slept with his ancestors (c. 850 BC), and they buried him in Samaria. Joash his son became king in his place.
2Ki 13:10 In the thirty-seventh year (c. 851 BC) of Joash king of Judah, the reign of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz began over Israel in Samaria; he reigned sixteen years.
2Ki 13:11 He did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah. He did not leave behind any of the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, by which he had made Israel to sin, but he walked in them.
2Ki 13:12 As for the other matters concerning Jehoash, and all that he did, and his might by which he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Israel?
2Ki 13:13 Jehoash slept with his ancestors (c. 834 BC), and Jeroboam II sat on his throne. Jehoash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

2Ki 13:14 Now Elisha became sick with an illness by which he later died, so Joash the king of Israel came down to him and wept over him. He cried, “My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and the cavalry are taking you away!”
2Ki 13:15 Elisha said to him, “Pick up a bow and some arrows,” so Joash picked up a bow and some arrows.
2Ki 13:16 Elisha said to the king of Israel, “Put your hand on the bow,” so he put his hand on it. Then Elisha laid his hands on the king’s hands.
2Ki 13:17 Elisha said, “Open the window eastward,” so he opened it. Then Elisha ordered, “Shoot!” And he shot. Elisha said, “This is the victorious arrow of Yehowah, the arrow of victory over Aram, for you will attack the Arameans in Aphek, until you have consumed them.”
2Ki 13:18 Then Elisha said, “Take the arrows,” so Joash took them. He ordered the king of Israel, “Strike the ground with them,” and he struck the ground three times, then stopped.
2Ki 13:19 But the man of the Almighty was angry with him and said, “You should have hit the ground five or six times. Then you would have attacked Aram, until you had annihilated it, but now you will attack Aram only three times.”
2Ki 13:20 Then Elisha died (c. 850 BC), and they buried him. Now groups of Moabites invaded the land at the beginning of the year.
2Ki 13:21 As they were burying a certain man, they saw a group of Moabites, so they threw the body into Elisha’s grave. As soon as the man touched Elisha’s bones, he revived and stood up on his feet.
2Ki 13:22 Hazael king of Aram oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.
2Ki 13:23 But Yehowah was gracious to Israel, and had compassion on them and concern for them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. So Yehowah did not destroy them, and he still has not driven them away from his presence.
2Ki 13:24 Hazael king of Aram died, and Ben Hadad his son became king in his place.
2Ki 13:25 Jehoash son of Jehoahaz took back from Ben Hadad son of Hazael the cities that had been taken from Jehoahaz his father by war. Jehoash attacked him three times, and he recovered those cities of Israel.

2 Kings Chapter 14

2Ki 14:1 In the second year (c. 848 BC) of Joash son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel, Amaziah son of Joash, king of Judah, began to reign.
2Ki 14:2 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jehoaddan, of Jerusalem.
2Ki 14:3 He did what was right in the eyes of Yehowah, yet not like David his father. He did everything that Joash, his father, had done.
2Ki 14:4 But the high places were not taken away. The people still sacrificed and burned incense at the high places.
2Ki 14:5 It came about that as soon as his rule was well established, he executed the servants who had murdered his father, the king.
2Ki 14:6 Yet he did not execute the sons of the murderers; instead, he acted according to what was written in the law, in the Book of Moses, as Yehowah had commanded, "The fathers must not be executed for their children, neither must the children be executed for their parents. Instead, every person must be executed for his own sin."
2Ki 14:7 He killed ten thousand soldiers of Edom in the Valley of Salt; he also took Sela (Petra) in war and called it Joktheel, which is what it is called to this day.
2Ki 14:8 Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu king of Israel, saying, "Come, let us meet each other face to face in battle."
2Ki 14:9 But Jehoash the king of Israel sent messengers back to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "A thistle that was in Lebanon sent a message to a cedar in Lebanon, 'Give your daughter to my son for a wife,' but a wild beast in Lebanon walked by and trampled down the thistle.
2Ki 14:10 You have indeed attacked Edom, and your heart has lifted you up. Take pride in your victory, but stay at home, for why should you cause yourself trouble and fall, both you and Judah with you?"
2Ki 14:11 But Amaziah would not listen. So Jehoash king of Israel attacked, and he and Amaziah king of Judah met each other face to face at Beth Shemesh, which belongs to Judah.
2Ki 14:12 Judah was defeated by Israel, and every man fled home.
2Ki 14:13 Jehoash king of Israel, captured Amaziah, king of Judah son of Jehoash son of Ahaziah, at Beth Shemesh. He came to Jerusalem and tore down the wall of Jerusalem from the Ephraim Gate to the Corner Gate, two hundred meters in distance.

2Ki 14:14 He took all the gold and silver, all the objects that were found in the temple of Yehowah, and the valuable things in the king's palace, with hostages also, and returned to Samaria.
2Ki 14:15 As for the other matters concerning Jehoash, all that he did, his power, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Israel?
2Ki 14:16 Then Joash slept with his ancestors (c. 834 BC) and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel, and Jeroboam II, his son, became king in his place.
2Ki 14:17 Amaziah son of Joash, king of Judah, lived fifteen years after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel.
2Ki 14:18 As for the other matters concerning Amaziah, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Judah?
2Ki 14:19 They made a conspiracy against Amaziah in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish. But they sent men after him to Lachish and killed him there (c. 819 BC).
2Ki 14:20 They brought him back on horses, and he was buried with his ancestors in the City of David.
2Ki 14:21 All the people of Judah took Uzziah (Uzziyah), who was sixteen years old, and made him king in place of his father Amaziah.
2Ki 14:22 It was Uzziah who rebuilt Elath and restored it to Judah, after King Amaziah slept with his ancestors.
2Ki 14:23 In the fifteenth year (c. 833 BC) of Amaziah son of Joash king of Judah, Jeroboam II son of Jehoash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria; he reigned forty-one years.
2Ki 14:24 He did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah. He did not depart from any of the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, who had caused Israel to sin.
2Ki 14:25 He restored the border of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the Dead Sea, following the commands of the Word of Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, which he had spoken through his servant Jonah son of Amittai, the prophet, who was from Gath Hepher.
2Ki 14:26 For Yehowah saw the suffering of Israel, that it was extremely bitter for everyone, both slave and free, and that there was no rescuer for Israel.
2Ki 14:27 So Yehowah said that he would not blot out the name of Israel under Heaven; instead, he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam II son of Jehoash.
2Ki 14:28 As for the other matters concerning Jeroboam II, all that he did, his power, how he waged war and recovered Damascus and Hamath, which had belonged to Judah, for Israel, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Israel?
2Ki 14:29 Jeroboam II slept with his ancestors (c. 793 BC), with the kings of Israel, and Zechariah (Zekaryah) his son became king in his place.

2 Kings Chapter 15

2Ki 15:1 In the twenty-seventh year (c. 807 BC) of Jeroboam II king of Israel, Uzziah son of Amaziah king of Judah began to reign.
2Ki 15:2 Uzziah was sixteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jechiliah (Yekolyah), and she was from Jerusalem.
2Ki 15:3 He did what was right in the eyes of Yehowah, just as his father Amaziah had done.
2Ki 15:4 However, the high places were not taken away. The people still sacrificed and burned incense at the high places.
2Ki 15:5 Yehowah afflicted the king, so that he was a leper to the day of his death and lived in a separate house. Jotham, the king's son, was over the household and ruled the people of the land.
2Ki 15:6 As for the other matters concerning Uzziah, all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Judah?
2Ki 15:7 So Uzziah slept with his ancestors (c. 755 BC); they buried him with his ancestors in the City of David. Jotham, his son, became king in his place.
2Ki 15:8 In the thirty-eighth year (c. 769 BC) of Uzziah king of Judah, Zechariah son of Jeroboam II reigned over Israel in Samaria for six months.
2Ki 15:9 He did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah, as his fathers had done. He did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, who had caused Israel to sin.
2Ki 15:10 Shallum son of Jabesh conspired against Zechariah, attacked him in Ibleam, and murdered him. Then he became king in his place.
2Ki 15:11 As for the other matters concerning Zechariah, they are written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Israel.
2Ki 15:12 This was the Word of Yehowah that he spoke to Jehu, "Your descendants will sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation." That is what happened.
2Ki 15:13 Shallum son of Jabesh began to reign in the thirty-ninth year (c. 768 BC) of Uzziah king of Judah, and he reigned only one month in Samaria.
2Ki 15:14 Menahem son of Gadi went up from Tirzah to Samaria. There he attacked Shallum son of Jabesh, in Samaria. He murdered him and became king in his place.
2Ki 15:15 As for the other matters concerning Shallum and the conspiracy that he formed, they are written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Israel.

2Ki 15:16 Then Menahem attacked Tiphsah and all who were there, and the borders around Tirzah, because they did not open up the city to him. So he attacked it, and he ripped open all the pregnant women in that village.
2Ki 15:17 In the thirty-ninth year (c. 768 BC) of Uzziah king of Judah, Menahem son of Gadi began to reign over Israel; he reigned ten years in Samaria.
2Ki 15:18 He did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah. For his whole life, he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, who had caused Israel to sin.
2Ki 15:19 Then Pul (aka Tiglath-Pileser III), the king of Assyria came against the land (c. 767 BC), and Menahem gave Pul 3,000,000-weight silver-currency, so that Pul's support might be with him to strengthen the kingdom of Israel in his hand.
2Ki 15:20 Menahem exacted this money from Israel by requiring each of the wealthy men to pay 50-weight silver-currency to him to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back and did not stay there in the land.
2Ki 15:21 As for the other matters concerning Menahem, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Israel?
2Ki 15:22 So Menahem slept with his ancestors (c. 758 BC), and Pekahiah (Peqachyah) his son became king in his place.
2Ki 15:23 In the fiftieth year (c. 757 BC) of Uzziah king of Judah, Pekahiah son of Menahem began to reign over Israel in Samaria; he reigned two years.
2Ki 15:24 He did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah. He did not leave behind the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, by which he had caused Israel to sin.
2Ki 15:25 Pekahiah had an officer named Pekah son of Remaliah, who conspired against him. Along with fifty men of Gilead, Pekah murdered Pekahiah as well as Argob and Arieh in Samaria, in the citadel of the king's palace. Pekah killed Pekahiah and became king in his place.
2Ki 15:26 As for the other matters concerning Pekahiah, all that he did, they are written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Israel.
2Ki 15:27 In the fifty-second year (c. 755 BC) of Uzziah king of Judah, Pekah son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria; he reigned twenty years.
2Ki 15:28 He did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah. He did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, who had caused Israel to sin.
2Ki 15:29 In the days of Pekah king of Israel, Tiglath-Pileser III king of Assyria came (c. 737 BC) and took Ijon, Abel Beth Maacah, Janoah, Kedesh, Hazor, Gilead, Galilee, and all the land of Naphtali. He carried away the people to Assyria.
2Ki 15:30 So Hoshea son of Elah formed a conspiracy against Pekah son of Remaliah. He attacked him and murdered him. Then he became king in his place, in the twentieth year (c. 736 BC) of Jotham son of Uzziah.

2Ki 15:31 As for the other matters concerning Pekah, all that he did, they are written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Israel.
2Ki 15:32 In the second year (c. 754 BC) of Pekah son of Remaliah, king of Israel, Jotham son of Uzziah, king of Judah began to reign.
2Ki 15:33 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jerushah; she was the daughter of Zadok.
2Ki 15:34 Jotham did what was right in the eyes of Yehowah. He followed the example of all his father Uzziah had done.
2Ki 15:35 However, the high places were not taken away. The people still sacrificed and burned incense at the high places. Jotham built the upper gate of the temple of Yehowah.
2Ki 15:36 As for the other matters concerning Jotham, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Judah?
2Ki 15:37 In those days, Yehowah began to send against Judah, Rezin, the king of Aram, and Pekah, son of Remaliah.
2Ki 15:38 Jotham slept with his ancestors (c. 735 BC) and was buried with his ancestors in the City of David, his ancestor. Then Ahaz, his son, became king in his place.

2 Kings Chapter 16

2Ki 16:1 In the seventeenth year (c. 739 BC) of Pekah son of Remaliah, Ahaz son of Jotham king of Judah, began to reign.
2Ki 16:2 Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. He did not do what was right in the eyes of Yehowah his Divine One, as David his ancestor had done.
2Ki 16:3 Instead, he walked in the way of the kings of Israel; indeed, he put his son in the fire as a burnt offering, following the detestable practices of the ethnicities, which Yehowah had driven out before the people of Israel.
2Ki 16:4 He offered sacrifices and burned incense at the high places, on the hilltops, and under every green tree.
2Ki 16:5 Then Rezin, king of Aram and Pekah son of Remaliah, king of Israel, came up to Jerusalem to attack. They besieged Ahaz, but they could not conquer him.
2Ki 16:6 At that time, Rezin, king of Aram recovered Elath for Aram and drove the men of Judah out of Elath. Then the Arameans came to Elath where they have lived to this day.
2Ki 16:7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-Pileser III, king of Assyria, entreating, "I am your servant and your son. Come up and save me from the hand of the king of Aram and from the hand of the king of Israel, who have attacked me."
2Ki 16:8 So Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the temple of Yehowah and among the treasures of the king's palace, and he sent it as a gift to the king of Assyria.
2Ki 16:9 Then the king of Assyria listened to him, and the king of Assyria went up against Damascus (c. 733 BC; Isa. 17:1), conquered it and carried off its people as prisoners to Kir. He also killed Rezin the king of Aram.
2Ki 16:10 King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-Pileser III, king of Assyria. At Damascus he saw an altar. He sent to Uriah (Uriyah) the priest a model of the altar, its pattern, and the design for all the workmanship needed.
2Ki 16:11 So Uriah the priest built an altar to be just like the plans that King Ahaz had sent from Damascus. He finished it before King Ahaz arrived back from Damascus.
2Ki 16:12 When the king came from Damascus he saw the altar; the king approached the altar and made offerings on it.
2Ki 16:13 He made his burnt offering and his grain offering, poured out his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings on the altar.

2Ki 16:14 The bronze altar that was before Yehowah, he brought it from the front of the temple, from between his altar and the temple of Yehowah and put it on the north side of his altar.
2Ki 16:15 Then King Ahaz commanded Uriah the priest, “On the large altar burn the dawn burnt offering and the dusk grain offering, and the king’s burnt offering and his grain offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their grain offering and their drink offerings. Sprinkle on it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice. But the bronze altar will be for me to consult for guidance.”
2Ki 16:16 Uriah the priest did just what King Ahaz commanded.
2Ki 16:17 Then King Ahaz removed the panels and the basins from the portable stands; he also took down the sea from off the bronze oxen that were under it and put it on a stone pavement.
2Ki 16:18 He removed the covered walkway for the Sabbath that they had built at the temple, along with the king’s entry outside the temple of Yehowah, because of the king of Assyria.
2Ki 16:19 As for the other matters concerning Ahaz and what he did, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Judah?
2Ki 16:20 Ahaz slept with his ancestors (c. 724 BC) and was buried with his ancestors in the City of David. Hezekiah (Chizqiyah) his son became king in his place.

2 Kings Chapter 17

2Ki 17:1 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, the reign of Hoshea son of Elah began (c. 728 BC). He ruled in Samaria over Israel for nine years.
2Ki 17:2 He did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah, yet not as the kings of Israel who were before him.
2Ki 17:3 Shalmaneser V, king of Assyria, attacked him, and Hoshea became his servant and brought him tribute.
2Ki 17:4 Then the king of Assyria realized that Hoshea had been plotting against him, for Hoshea had sent messengers to So (Osorkon IV), king of Egypt; also, he offered no tribute to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year. So the king of Assyria shut him up and bound him in prison.
2Ki 17:5 Then the king of Assyria attacked throughout all the land, and attacked Samaria and besieged it for three years.
2Ki 17:6 In the ninth year (c. 720 BC) of Hoshea, the king of Assyria took Samaria and carried Israel away to Assyria. He put them in Halah, at the Habor River of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.
2Ki 17:7 This captivity happened because the people of Israel had sinned against Yehowah their Divine One, who had brought them up from the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. The people had been worshiping false deities
2Ki 17:8 and walking in the practices of the ethnicities, whom Yehowah had driven out before the people of Israel, and in the practices of the kings of Israel that they had done.
2Ki 17:9 The people of Israel did secretly, against Yehowah their Divine One, things that were not right. They built for themselves high places in all their cities, from the watchtower to the fortress.
2Ki 17:10 They also set up stone pillars and Asherah poles on every high hill and under every green tree.
2Ki 17:11 There they burned incense in all the high places, as the ethnicities had done, those whom Yehowah had carried away before them. The Israelis performed wicked things to provoke Yehowah to anger;
2Ki 17:12 they worshiped idols, about which Yehowah had commanded them, “You will not do this thing.”
2Ki 17:13 Yet Yehowah had testified to Israel and to Judah by every prophet and every seer, saying, “Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments and my statutes, and be careful to keep all the law I commanded your fathers, and that I sent to you by my servants the prophets.”
2Ki 17:14 But they would not listen; instead they were stubborn like their fathers who did not trust in Yehowah their Divine One.

2Ki 17:15 They rejected his statutes and the covenant that he had made with their ancestors, and the covenant decrees that he had given to them. They followed useless practices, and they themselves became useless. They followed the pagan ethnicities who were around them, those that Yehowah had commanded them not to imitate.
2Ki 17:16 They ignored all the commandments of Yehowah their Divine One. They made cast metal figures of two calves to worship. They made an Asherah pole, and they worshiped all the stars of heaven and Baal.
2Ki 17:17 They put their sons and daughters in the fire, used divination and enchantments, sold themselves to do that which was evil in the sight of Yehowah, and provoked him to anger.
2Ki 17:18 Therefore, Yehowah was extremely angry with Israel and removed them out of his sight. There was no one left but the tribe of Judah alone.
2Ki 17:19 Even Judah did not keep the commandments of Yehowah their Divine One, but instead followed in the same pagan practices that Israel was following.
2Ki 17:20 So Yehowah rejected all the descendants of Israel; he afflicted them and gave them into the hand of plunderers, until he had cast them out of his sight.
2Ki 17:21 He tore Israel from the royal line of David, and they made Jeroboam son of Nebat king. Jeroboam drove Israel away from following Yehowah and made them commit a great sin.
2Ki 17:22 The people of Israel followed all the sins of Jeroboam, and they did not depart from them,
2Ki 17:23 so Yehowah removed Israel from his sight, as he had said through all his servants the prophets that he would. So Israel was exiled out of their own land to Assyria, and it is this way to this present day (Jam. 1:1).
2Ki 17:24 The king of Assyria brought people from Babylon and from Cuthah, and from Avva, and from Hamath and Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria in place of the people of Israel. They took over Samaria and lived in its cities.
2Ki 17:25 It happened at the beginning of their residence there, that they did not honor Yehowah. So Yehowah sent lions among them, which killed some of them.
2Ki 17:26 So they spoke to the king of Assyria, “The ethnicities that you have carried away and placed in the cities of Samaria do not know the practices required by the Mighty One of the land. So he has sent lions among them, and see, the lions are killing people there, because they do not know the practices required by the Mighty One of the land.”
2Ki 17:27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, “Take one of the priests there whom you brought from there, and let him go and live there, and let him teach them the practices required by the Mighty One of the land.”

2Ki 17:28 So one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and lived in Bethel; he taught them how they should honor Yehowah.
2Ki 17:29 Every ethnicity made deities of their own, and put them in the high places that the Samaritans had made, every ethnicity in the cities where they lived.
2Ki 17:30 The people of Babylon made Succoth Benoth; the people of Cuthah made Nergal; the people of Hamath made Ashima;
2Ki 17:31 the Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak. The Sepharvites burned their children in the fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the deities of the Sepharvites.
2Ki 17:32 They also honored Yehowah, and appointed from among themselves priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the temples at the high places.
2Ki 17:33 They honored Yehowah and also worshiped their own deities, in the customs of the ethnicities from among whom they had been taken away.
2Ki 17:34 To this day, they persist in their old customs. They neither honor Yehowah, nor do they follow the statutes, decrees, the law, or the commandments that Yehowah gave to the people of Jacob, whom he named Israel,
2Ki 17:35 and with whom Yehowah had made a covenant and commanded them, "You will not fear false deities, nor bow yourselves to them, nor worship them, nor sacrifice to them.
2Ki 17:36 But Yehowah, who brought you up from the land of Egypt with great power and a raised arm, is the One you must honor; it is to him that you will prostrate yourselves, and it is to him that you will sacrifice.
2Ki 17:37 The statutes and the decrees, the law and the commandments that he wrote for you, you will keep them forever. So you must not fear false deities,
2Ki 17:38 and the covenant that I have made with you, you will not forget; neither will you honor false deities.
2Ki 17:39 But Yehowah your Divine One is who you will honor. He will rescue you from the might of your enemies."
2Ki 17:40 They would not listen, because they continued to do what they had done in the past.
2Ki 17:41 So these ethnicities feared Yehowah, and they also worshiped their carved figures, and their children did the same, as did their children's children. They continue to do what their ancestors did, up to this day.

2 Kings Chapter 18

2Ki 18:1 Now in the third year (c. 725 BC) of Hoshea son of Elah, king of Israel, Hezekiah son of Ahaz, king of Judah began to reign.
2Ki 18:2 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abijah; she was the daughter of Zechariah.
2Ki 18:3 He did what was right in the eyes of Yehowah, following the example of all that David, his ancestor, had done.
2Ki 18:4 He removed the high places, destroyed the stone pillars, and cut down the Asherah poles. He broke to pieces the bronze ophidian that Moses had made, because in those days the people of Israel were burning incense to it; it was called, "Nehushtan" (See G3789).
2Ki 18:5 Hezekiah trusted in Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, so that after him there was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, nor among the kings who were before him.
2Ki 18:6 For he held on to Yehowah. He did not stop following him but kept his commandments, which Yehowah commanded Moses.
2Ki 18:7 So Yehowah was with Hezekiah, and wherever he went he prospered. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him.
2Ki 18:8 He attacked the Philistines to Gaza and the borders around, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city.
2Ki 18:9 In the fourth year (c. 722 BC) of King Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, Shalmaneser V, king of Assyria came up against Samaria and besieged it.
2Ki 18:10 At the end of three years they took it, in the sixth year (c. 720 BC) of Hezekiah, which was the ninth year (c. 720 BC) of Hoshea king of Israel; in this way Samaria was captured.
2Ki 18:11 So the king of Assyria exiled Israel to Assyria and put them in Halah, and at the Habor River in Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes (Jam 1:1).
2Ki 18:12 He did this, because they did not obey the voice of Yehowah their Divine One, but they violated the terms of his covenant, all that Moses the servant of Yehowah commanded. They refused to listen to it or do it.
2Ki 18:13 Then in the fourteenth year (c. 712 BC) of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib, king of Assyria, attacked all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them.
2Ki 18:14 So Hezekiah king of Judah sent word to the king of Assyria, who was at Lachish, "I have offended you. Withdraw from me. Whatever you impose on me I will bear." The king of Assyria required Hezekiah king of Judah to pay 900,000-weight silver-currency and 1 tonne of gold.

2Ki 18:15 So Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the temple of Yehowah and in the treasuries of the king's palace.
2Ki 18:16 Then Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doors of the temple of Yehowah and from the pillars that he had overlaid; he gave the gold to the king of Assyria.
2Ki 18:17 But the king of Assyria mobilized his great military force, sending Tartan and Rabsaris and the chief commander from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem. They traveled up the roads and arrived outside Jerusalem. They approached the conduit of the upper pool (John 5:2), on the highway of the Launderers' Field, and stood by it.
2Ki 18:18 When they had called to King Hezekiah, Eliakim son of Hilkiah (Chilqiyah), who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah son of Asaph, the recorder, went out to meet them.
2Ki 18:19 So the chief commander said to them to tell Hezekiah what the great king, the king of Assyria, said: "What is the source of your confidence?
2Ki 18:20 You speak only useless words, saying there are allies and strength for war. Now in whom are you trusting? Who has given you courage to rebel against me?
2Ki 18:21 Look, you trust in the trekking pole of this bruised reed of Egypt, but if a man leans on it, it will stick into his hand and pierce it. That is what Pharaoh king of Egypt is to anyone who trusts in him.
2Ki 18:22 But if you say to me, 'We are trusting in Yehowah our Divine One,' is not he the One whose high places and altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You must worship before this altar in Jerusalem?'
2Ki 18:23 Now therefore, I want to make you a good offer from my master the king of Assyria. I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able to find cavalrymen for them.
2Ki 18:24 How could you resist even one captain of the least of my master's servants? You have put your trust in Egypt for chariots and cavalry!
2Ki 18:25 Have I traveled up here without Yehowah to fight against this place and destroy it? Yehowah said to me, 'Attack this land and destroy it.'"
2Ki 18:26 Then Eliakim son of Hilkiah, Shebnah, and Joah said to the chief commander, "Please speak to your servants in the Aramaic language, for we understand it. Do not speak with us in the language of Judah in the ears of the people who are on the wall."
2Ki 18:27 But the chief commander asked 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, who will have to eat their own dung and drink their own urine with you?"

2Ki 18:28 Then the chief commander stood and shouted in a loud voice in the Jews' language, "Listen to the word of the great king, the king of Assyria!
2Ki 18:29 The king says, 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to rescue you from my power.
2Ki 18:30 Do not let Hezekiah make you trust in Yehowah, saying, "Yehowah will surely rescue us, and this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."'
2Ki 18:31 Do not listen to Hezekiah, for this is what the king of Assyria says: 'Make peace with me and come out to me. Then every one of you will eat from his own vine and from his own fig tree, and drink from the water in his own cistern.
2Ki 18:32 You will do this, until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive oil and honey, so that you may live and not die.' Do not listen to Hezekiah when he tries to persuade you, saying, 'Yehowah will rescue us.'
2Ki 18:33 Has any of the deities of the people rescued them out of the hand of the king of Assyria?
2Ki 18:34 Where are the deities of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the deities of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah? Have they rescued Samaria out of my hand?
2Ki 18:35 Among all the deities of the lands, is there any deity who has rescued his land from my power? How could Yehowah save Jerusalem from my might?"
2Ki 18:36 But the people remained silent and did not respond, for the king had commanded, "Do not answer him."
2Ki 18:37 Then Eliakim son of Hilkiah, who was over the household; Shebna the scribe; and Joah son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah with their clothes torn, and reported to him the words of the chief commander.

2 Kings Chapter 19

2Ki 19:1 It came about that when King Hezekiah heard their intelligence report, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the temple of Yehowah.
2Ki 19:2 He sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, all covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah (Yeshayahu) son of Amoz, the prophet.
2Ki 19:3 They reported to him, "Hezekiah says, 'This Day is a day of distress, rebuke, and disgrace, for the children have come to the time of birth, but there is no strength for them to be born.
2Ki 19:4 It may be that Yehowah your Divine One will hear all the words of the chief commander, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to defy the living Almighty, and will rebuke the words which Yehowah your Divine One has heard. Now lift up your prayer for the remnant that is still here.'"
2Ki 19:5 So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah,
2Ki 19:6 and Isaiah spoke to them, "Say to your master: 'Yehowah declares, "Do not be afraid of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have insulted me.
2Ki 19:7 Look, I will put a spirit in him, and he will hear an intelligence report and go back to his own land. I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land."'"
2Ki 19:8 Then the chief commander returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against Libnah, for he had heard that the king had gone away from Lachish.
2Ki 19:9 Then Sennacherib heard that Tirhakah, king of Cush and Egypt, had mobilized to fight against him, so he sent messengers again to Hezekiah with a message (Isa. 30:2):
2Ki 19:10 "Speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, 'Do not let your Divine One in whom you trust deceive you, saying, "Jerusalem will not be given over into the hand of the king of Assyria."
2Ki 19:11 See, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them completely. So will you be rescued?
2Ki 19:12 Have the deities of the ethnicities rescued them, the ethnicities that my fathers destroyed: Gozan, Haran, Rezeph, and the people of Eden in Telassar?
2Ki 19:13 Where's the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah?'"
2Ki 19:14 Hezekiah received this letter from the messengers and read it. Then he went up to the temple of Yehowah and spread it before Yehowah.

2Ki 19:15 Then Hezekiah prayed before Yehowah, “Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, you who sit above the cherubim, you are the Almighty alone over all the kingdoms of the earth. You made the heavens and the earth.
2Ki 19:16 Turn your ear, Yehowah, and listen. Open your eyes, Yehowah, and see, and hear the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to mock the living Almighty.
2Ki 19:17 Truly, Yehowah, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the ethnicities and their lands.
2Ki 19:18 They have put their deities into the fire, for they were not divine but the work of men’s hands, just wood and stone. So the Assyrians have destroyed them.
2Ki 19:19 Now then, Yehowah our Divine One, save us, I implore you, from his power, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you alone, Yehowah, are the Almighty.”
2Ki 19:20 Then Isaiah son of Amoz sent a message to Hezekiah, “Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel declares, ‘Because you have prayed to me concerning Sennacherib, king of Assyria, I have heard you.
2Ki 19:21 This is the word that Yehowah has spoken about him: “The virgin daughter of Zion despises you and laughs you to scorn. The daughter of Jerusalem shakes her head at you.
2Ki 19:22 Whom have you defied and insulted? Against whom have you exalted your voice and lifted up your eyes in pride? Against the Set-apart One of Israel!
2Ki 19:23 By your messengers, you have defied the Lord and have said, ‘With the multitude of my chariots, I have gone up to the heights of the mountains, to the highest elevations of Lebanon. I will cut down the tall cedars and the choice cypress trees there. I will enter into its farthest parts, its most fruitful forest of Carmel.
2Ki 19:24 I have dug wells and have drunk foreign waters. I dried up all the rivers of Egypt under the soles of my feet.’
2Ki 19:25 Have you not heard how I determined it long ago and worked it out in ancient times? Now I am bringing it to pass. You are here to reduce impregnable cities into heaps of ruins.
2Ki 19:26 Their inhabitants, of little strength, are shattered and ashamed. They are plants in the field, green grass, the grass on the roof or in the field, burned before it has grown up.
2Ki 19:27 But I know your sitting down, your going out, your coming in, and your raging against me.
2Ki 19:28 Because of your raging against me, and because your arrogance has reached my ears, I will put my hook in your nose, and my bit in your mouth; I will turn you back the way you came.”

2Ki 19:29 This will be the sign for you: This year you will eat what grows wild, and in the second year what grows from that. But in the third year you must plant and harvest, plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
2Ki 19:30 The remnant of the house of Judah that survives will again take root and bear fruit.
2Ki 19:31 For from Jerusalem a remnant will come out, from Mount Zion survivors will come. The zeal of Yehowah will do this.
2Ki 19:32 Therefore, Yehowah says this about the king of Assyria: “He will not come into this city nor shoot an arrow here. Neither will he come before it with shield or pour over a siege ramp against it.
2Ki 19:33 The way by which he came will be the same way he will leave; he will not enter this city,” declares Yehowah.
2Ki 19:34 “For I will defend this city and rescue it, for my own sake and for my servant David’s sake.””“
2Ki 19:35 It came about that night (c. 712 BC), that the angel of Yehowah went out and attacked the camp of the Assyrians, putting to death 185,000 soldiers. When the men arose at the crack of dawn, dead bodies lay everywhere (2 Chron. 32:21; Isa. 37:36-38; 10:32).
2Ki 19:36 So Sennacherib, king of Assyria, left Israel, went home, and stayed in Nineveh.
2Ki 19:37 Later, as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his deity, his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer murdered him with the sword (c. 678 BC). Then they escaped into the land of Ararat. Then Esarhaddon his son became king in his place.

2 Kings Chapter 20

2Ki 20:1 In those days, Hezekiah was sick to the point of dying. So Isaiah son of Amoz, the prophet, came to him and prophesied to him, “Yehowah declares, ‘Set your house in order; for you will die and not live.’”
2Ki 20:2 Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to Yehowah,
2Ki 20:3 “Please, Yehowah, call to mind how I have faithfully walked before you with my whole heart, and how I have done what was good in your sight.” Then Hezekiah wept loudly.
2Ki 20:4 Before Isaiah had gone out into the middle courtyard, the Word of Yehowah came to him,
2Ki 20:5 “Turn back and say to Hezekiah, the leader of my people, ‘This is what Yehowah, Mighty One of David your ancestor, answers: “I have heard your prayer, and I have seen your tears. I am about to heal you on the third day, and you will go up to the temple of Yehowah.
2Ki 20:6 I will add fifteen years to your life, and I will rescue you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city for my own sake and for my servant David’s sake.”’”
2Ki 20:7 So Isaiah ordered, “Take a lump of figs.” They did so and put it on his boil, and he recovered.
2Ki 20:8 Hezekiah asked Isaiah, “What will be the sign that Yehowah will heal me, and that I should go up to the temple of Yehowah on the third day?”
2Ki 20:9 Isaiah answered, “This will be the sign for you from Yehowah, that Yehowah will do the thing that he has spoken. Do you want the shadow to go forward ten steps or go back ten steps?”
2Ki 20:10 Hezekiah answered, “It is an easy thing for the shadow to go forward ten steps. No, let the shadow go backward ten steps.”
2Ki 20:11 So Isaiah the prophet cried out to Yehowah, and he brought the shadow ten steps backward, from where it had moved on the sundial stairway of Ahaz (c. 712 BC; 2 Chron. 32:31; Isa. 38:8).
2Ki 20:12 At that time Merodach Baladan, son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a gift to Hezekiah, for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick.
2Ki 20:13 Hezekiah listened to those letters, and then showed the messengers all the palace and his valuable things, the silver, the gold, the spices, precious oil, the storehouse of his weapons, and all that was found in his storehouses. There was nothing in his house, nor in all his kingdom, that Hezekiah did not show them.
2Ki 20:14 Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah and asked him, “What did these men say to you? Where did they come from?” Hezekiah answered, “They came from the distant country of Babylon.”

2Ki 20:15 Isaiah asked, “What have they seen in your house?” Hezekiah answered, “They have seen everything in my house. There is nothing among my valuable things that I have not shown them.”
2Ki 20:16 So Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Listen to the Word of Yehowah:
2Ki 20:17 ‘Look, the days are about to come when everything in your palace, the things that your ancestors stored away until this present day, will be carried to Babylon. Nothing will be left,’ declares Yehowah.
2Ki 20:18 ‘The sons born from you, whom you yourself have fathered, they will take them away, and they will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.’”
2Ki 20:19 Then Hezekiah responded to Isaiah, “The Word of Yehowah that you have spoken is good.” For he thought, “Will there not be peace and stability in my days?”
2Ki 20:20 As for the other matters concerning Hezekiah, and all his power, and how he constructed the Pool (of Siloam; aka Silwan) and the conduit (Siloam Tunnel; 2 Chron. 32:30; John 9:7; Isa. 22:9-11; Sir. 48:17-18), and how he brought water into the city, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Judah?
2Ki 20:21 Hezekiah slept with his ancestors (c. 697 BC), and Manasseh his son became king in his place.

2 Kings Chapter 21

2Ki 21:1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign; he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hephzibah.
2Ki 21:2 He did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah, like the disgusting things of the ethnicities whom Yehowah had driven out before the people of Israel.
2Ki 21:3 For he rebuilt the high places that Hezekiah his father had destroyed, and he built altars for Baal, made an Asherah pole, as Ahab king of Israel had done, and he bowed down to all the stars of heaven and worshiped them.
2Ki 21:4 Manasseh built pagan altars in the temple of Yehowah, although Yehowah had commanded, "It is in Jerusalem that my name will be forever."
2Ki 21:5 He built altars for all the stars of heaven in the two courtyards of the temple of Yehowah.
2Ki 21:6 He put his son into the fire; he performed soothsaying, sorcery, and consulted with necromancers and wizards who conjured up dead spirits. He practiced much evil in the sight of Yehowah, and he provoked Yehowah to anger.
2Ki 21:7 The carved figure of Asherah that he had made, he placed it in the temple of Yehowah. It was about this temple that Yehowah had spoken to David and Solomon his son, "It is in this temple and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel, that I will put my name forever.
2Ki 21:8 I will not cause the feet of Israel to wander any more out of the land that I gave to their ancestors, if they will only be careful to obey all that I have commanded them, and to follow all the law that my servant Moses commanded them."
2Ki 21:9 But the people did not listen, and Manasseh led them to do evil, even more than the ethnicities that Yehowah had destroyed before the people of Israel.
2Ki 21:10 So Yehowah spoke by his servants the prophets,
2Ki 21:11 "Because Manasseh king of Judah has done these disgusting things, and has acted wickedly more than all that the Amorites who were before him did, and has also made Judah sin with his idols,
2Ki 21:12 therefore, Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, declares this: Look, I am about to bring such evil on Jerusalem and Judah that whoever hears of it, both his ears will tingle.
2Ki 21:13 I will stretch over Jerusalem the measuring line used against Samaria, and the plumb line used against the house of Ahab; I will wipe Jerusalem clean, as a man wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down.
2Ki 21:14 I will throw off the remnant of my inheritance and give them into the hand of their enemies. They will become victims and plunder for all their enemies,

2Ki 21:15 because they have done what is evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their ancestors came out of Egypt, to this day.”
2Ki 21:16 Moreover, Manasseh shed much innocent blood, until he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another with death. This was in addition to the sin by which he made Judah to sin, when they did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah.
2Ki 21:17 As for the other matters concerning Manasseh, all that he did, and the sin that he committed, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Judah?
2Ki 21:18 Manasseh slept with his ancestors (c. 642 BC) and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza. Amon his son became king in his place.
2Ki 21:19 Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign; he reigned two years in Jerusalem. His mother’s name was Meshullemeth; she was the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.
2Ki 21:20 He did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah, as Manasseh his father had done.
2Ki 21:21 Amon followed in all the way that his father had walked in and worshiped the idols that his father worshiped, and bowed down to them.
2Ki 21:22 He abandoned Yehowah, Mighty One of his fathers, and did not walk in the Way of Yehowah.
2Ki 21:23 The servants of Amon conspired against him and put the king to death in his own house (c. 640 BC).
2Ki 21:24 But the people of the land executed all those who had conspired against King Amon, and they made Josiah his son king in his place.
2Ki 21:25 As for the other matters concerning Amon that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Judah?
2Ki 21:26 The people buried him in his tomb in the garden of Uzza, and Josiah his son became king in his place.

2 Kings Chapter 22

2Ki 22:1 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jedidah, she was the daughter of Adaiah (Adayah) of Bozkath.
2Ki 22:2 He did what was right in the eyes of Yehowah. He walked in all the Way of David his ancestor, and he did not turn away either to the right or to the left.
2Ki 22:3 It came about that in the eighteenth year (c. 622 BC) of King Josiah, he sent Shaphan son of Azaliah (Atsalyahu) son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the temple of Yehowah, commanding,
2Ki 22:4 "Go up to Hilkiah the high priest and tell him to count the money that has been brought into the temple of Yehowah, which the temple guards have gathered from the people.
2Ki 22:5 Let it be given into the hand of the workmen who are in charge of the temple of Yehowah, and let them give it to the workmen who are in the temple of Yehowah, for them to make repairs to the damage in the temple.
2Ki 22:6 Let them give money to the carpenters, the builders, and the masons, and also to buy timber and cut stone to repair the temple."
2Ki 22:7 But no accounting was required for the money that was given to them, because they handled it faithfully.
2Ki 22:8 Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of Yehowah." So Hilkiah gave the Book to Shaphan, and he read it.
2Ki 22:9 Shaphan went and took the Book to the king, and also reported to him, "Your servants have spent the money that was found in the temple, and they have given it into the hand of the workmen who supervise the care for the temple of Yehowah."
2Ki 22:10 Then Shaphan the scribe reported to the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a Book." Then Shaphan read it to the king.
2Ki 22:11 It came about that when the king had heard the words of the law, he tore his clothes.
2Ki 22:12 The king commanded Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Achbor son of Micaiah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah (Asayahu), his own servant,
2Ki 22:13 "Go and consult with Yehowah for me, for the people, and for all Judah, because of the words of this Book that has been found. For great is the anger of Yehowah that has been kindled against us, because our ancestors have not listened to the words of this Book so as to obey all that was written concerning us."

2Ki 22:14 So Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum son of Tikvah son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; she lived in Jerusalem in the second quarter, and they spoke with her.
2Ki 22:15 She said to them, “This is what Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, says: ‘Tell the man who sent you to me,
2Ki 22:16 “This is what Yehowah declares: ‘See, I will bring disaster to this place and to its inhabitants, according to everything written in the Book that the king of Judah has read.
2Ki 22:17 Because they have forsaken me and have burned incense to false deities, so that they might provoke me to anger with all the deeds they have committed, therefore my anger has been kindled against this place, and it will not be extinguished.’”
2Ki 22:18 But to the king of Judah, who sent you to ask the will of Yehowah, this is what you will say to him: “Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel declares this: ‘About the words that you heard,
2Ki 22:19 because your heart was tender, and because you have humbled yourself before Yehowah, when you heard what I said against this place and its inhabitants, that they would become a desolation and a curse, and because you have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have listened to you,’ declares Yehowah.
2Ki 22:20 ‘See, I will gather you to your ancestors, and you will be gathered to your grave in peace. Your eyes will not see all the disaster that I will bring upon this place.’”” So the men took this message back to the king.

2 Kings Chapter 23

2Ki 23:1 So the king sent messengers, who gathered to him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.
2Ki 23:2 Then the king went up to the temple of Yehowah, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, prophets, and all the people, from small to great. He then read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant that had been found in the temple of Yehowah.
2Ki 23:3 The king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before Yehowah, to walk after Yehowah and to keep his commandments, his regulations, and his statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to confirm the words of this covenant that were written in this Book. So all the people agreed to stand by the covenant.
2Ki 23:4 The king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, the priests under him, and the gatekeepers to bring out of the temple of Yehowah all the vessels that were made for Baal and Asherah, and for all the stars of heaven. He burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron Valley and carried their ashes to Bethel.
2Ki 23:5 He got rid of the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had chosen to burn incense at the high places in the cities of Judah and in the places around Jerusalem, those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and the moon, to the constellations, and to all the stars of heaven.
2Ki 23:6 He brought out the Asherah pole from the temple of Yehowah, outside Jerusalem to the Kidron Valley and burned it there. He beat it to dust and threw that dust onto the graves of the common people.
2Ki 23:7 He cleared out the rooms of the male cultic prostitutes who were in the temple of Yehowah, where the women wove garments for Asherah.
2Ki 23:8 Josiah brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba. He destroyed the high places at the gates that were at the entrance to the gate of Joshua, the fortress commander, on the left side of the city gate.
2Ki 23:9 Although the priests of those high places were not allowed to serve at the altar of Yehowah in Jerusalem, they ate unleavened bread among their brothers.
2Ki 23:10 Josiah defiled Topheth, which is in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, so that no one might put his son or his daughter into the fire as a sacrifice to Molech.
2Ki 23:11 He took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun. They had been in an area at the entrance to the temple of Yehowah, near the room of Nathan Melech, the eunuch. Josiah burned the chariots of the sun.

2Ki 23:12 King Josiah destroyed the altars that were on the roof of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars that Manasseh had made in the two courts of the temple of Yehowah. Josiah smashed them into pieces and threw them into the Kidron Valley.
2Ki 23:13 The king ruined the high places east of Jerusalem, south of the mount of corruption that King Solomon of Israel had built for Ashtoreth, the detestable idol of the Sidonians; for Chemosh, the detestable idol of Moab; and for Milcom, the detestable idol of the people of Ammon.
2Ki 23:14 He broke the stone pillars into pieces and cut down the Asherah poles and he filled those places with the bones of humans.
2Ki 23:15 Josiah also completely destroyed the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place that Jeroboam son of Nebat, the one who made Israel to sin, had constructed. He also burned that altar and the high place and beat it to dust. He also burned the Asherah pole.
2Ki 23:16 As Josiah looked over the area, he noticed the graves that were on the hillside. He sent men to take the bones from the graves; then he burned them on the altar, which defiled it. This was according to the Word of Yehowah, which the man of the Almighty had spoken, the man who spoke of these things beforehand.
2Ki 23:17 Then he asked, “What monument is that I see?” The men of the city answered him, “That is the grave of the man of the Almighty who came from Judah and spoke about these things that you have just done against the altar of Bethel.”
2Ki 23:18 So Josiah said, “Let it alone. No one should move his bones.” So they let his bones alone, along with the bones of the prophet who had come from Samaria.
2Ki 23:19 Then Josiah removed all the houses on the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made, and that provoked Yehowah to anger. He did to them exactly what had been done at Bethel.
2Ki 23:20 He slaughtered all the priests of the high places on the altars, and he burned human bones on them. Then he returned to Jerusalem.
2Ki 23:21 Then the king commanded all the people, “Keep the Passover to Yehowah your Divine One, as it is written in this Book of the Covenant.”
2Ki 23:22 Such a Passover celebration had never been held from the days of the judges who ruled Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel or Judah.
2Ki 23:23 But in the eighteenth year (c. 622 BC) of King Josiah this Passover of Yehowah was celebrated in Jerusalem.
2Ki 23:24 Josiah also banished the necromancers and wizards who conjured up dead spirits. He also banished the fetishes, the idols, and all the disgusting things that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, so as to confirm the words of the law which were written in the Book that Hilkiah the priest had found in the temple of Yehowah.

2Ki 23:25 Before Josiah, there had been no king like him, who turned to Yehowah with all his heart, all his soul, and all his might, who followed all the Law of Moses. Nor did any king like Josiah arise after him.
2Ki 23:26 However, Yehowah did not turn from the fierceness of his great wrath, which had been kindled against Judah for all the pagan worship with which Manasseh had provoked him.
2Ki 23:27 So Yehowah declared, “I will also remove Judah out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and I will throw away this city that I have chosen, Jerusalem, and the temple of which I said, ‘My name will be there.’”
2Ki 23:28 As for the other matters concerning Josiah, everything that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Judah?
2Ki 23:29 In his days, Pharaoh Neco II, king of Egypt, went towards the king of Assyria at the Euphrates River. King Josiah went to meet Neco in battle, and Neco killed him as soon as he saw him at Megiddo (c. 609 BC; 2 Chron. 35:20-25; Jer. 46).
2Ki 23:30 Josiah’s servants carried him dead in a chariot from Megiddo, brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own grave. Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz son of Josiah, anointed him, and made him king in his father’s place.
2Ki 23:31 Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. His mother’s name was Hamutal; she was the daughter of Jeremiah (Yirmeyah) of Libnah.
2Ki 23:32 Jehoahaz did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah, like everything that his ancestors had done.
2Ki 23:33 Pharaoh Neco II put him in chains at Riblah in the land of Hamath, so that he might not reign in Jerusalem (c. 609 BC). Then Neco II fined Judah 3.3 metric tons of silver and thirty-three kilograms of gold.
2Ki 23:34 Pharaoh Neco II made Eliakim son of Josiah king in the place of Josiah his father, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. But he took Jehoahaz away to Egypt, and Jehoahaz died there.
2Ki 23:35 Jehoiakim paid the silver and gold to Pharaoh. In order to meet the demand of Pharaoh, Jehoiakim taxed the land, and he forced each man among the people of the land to pay him the silver and gold according to their assessments.
2Ki 23:36 Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother’s name was Zebidah; she was the daughter of Pedaiah (Pedayah) of Rumah.
2Ki 23:37 Jehoiakim did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah, just as his ancestors had done.

2 Kings Chapter 24

2Ki 24:1 In Jehoiakim's days (c. 608 BC), Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, attacked Judah; Jehoiakim became his servant for three years. Then Jehoiakim turned back and rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar.
2Ki 24:2 Yehowah sent against Jehoiakim bands of Chaldeans, Arameans, Moabites, and Ammonites; he sent them against Judah to destroy it. This was in conformity with the Word of Yehowah that had been spoken through his servants the prophets.
2Ki 24:3 It was certainly because of the wrath of Yehowah that this came on Judah, to remove them out of his sight, because of the sins of Manasseh, all that he did,
2Ki 24:4 and also because of the innocent blood that he shed, for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood. Yehowah was not willing to pardon that.
2Ki 24:5 As for the other matters concerning Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Daily Records of the Kings of Judah?
2Ki 24:6 Jehoiakim slept with his ancestors (c. 598 BC), and Jehoiachin his son became king in his place.
2Ki 24:7 The king of Egypt did not attack any more out of his land, because the king of Babylon had conquered all the lands that had been controlled by the king of Egypt, from the brook of Egypt to the Euphrates River.
2Ki 24:8 Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign; he reigned in Jerusalem three months. His mother's name was Nehushta; she was the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.
2Ki 24:9 He did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah; he did all that his father had done.
2Ki 24:10 At that time, the military force of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, attacked Jerusalem and besieged the city.
2Ki 24:11 Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came to the city while his soldiers were besieging it,
2Ki 24:12 and Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, his mother, his servants, his princes, and his officers. The king of Babylon captured him in the eighth year of his own reign (c. 598 BC).
2Ki 24:13 Nebuchadnezzar took out from there all the valuable things in the temple of Yehowah, and those in the king's palace. He cut into pieces all the golden objects that Solomon, king of Israel, had made in the temple of Yehowah, as Yehowah had said would happen.
2Ki 24:14 He took into exile all Jerusalem, all the leaders, and all the fighting men, ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen, and the smiths. No one was left except the poorest people in the land.

2Ki 24:15 Nebuchadnezzar took Jehoiachin into exile at Babylon, as well as the king's mother, wives, officers, and the chief men of the land. He took them into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.
2Ki 24:16 All the fighting men, seven thousand in number, and one thousand craftsmen and blacksmiths, all of them fit for fighting, the king of Babylon brought these men into exile at Babylon.
2Ki 24:17 The king of Babylon made Mattaniah (Mattanyah), Jehoiachin's father's brother, king in his place, and changed his name to Zedekiah (c. 598 BC).
2Ki 24:18 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign; he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal; she was the daughter of Jeremiah from Libnah.
2Ki 24:19 He did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah; he did all that Jehoiakim had done.
2Ki 24:20 Through the anger of Yehowah, all these events happened in Jerusalem and Judah, until he drove them out of his presence. Then Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

2 Kings Chapter 25

2Ki 25:1 It happened, that in the ninth year (c. 589 BC) of the reign of King Zedekiah, on the tenth of the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came with all his military force against Jerusalem. He camped opposite it, and they built a siege wall around it.
2Ki 25:2 So the city was besieged until the eleventh year (c. 587 BC) of King Zedekiah's reign.
2Ki 25:3 On the ninth day of the month of that year, the famine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.
2Ki 25:4 Then the city was broken into, and all the fighting men fled at night by the way of the gate between the two walls, by the king's garden, although the Chaldeans were all around the city. The king went in the direction of the Arabah.
2Ki 25:5 But the military force of Chaldeans pursued King Zedekiah and overtook him in the plains of the Jordan River valley near Jericho. All his military force was scattered away from him.
2Ki 25:6 They captured the king (c. 587 BC) and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah, where they passed sentence on him.
2Ki 25:7 As for Zedekiah's sons, they slaughtered them before his eyes. Then he put out his eyes, bound him in bronze chains, and brought him to Babylon.
2Ki 25:8 Now on the seventh of the fifth month (Jer. 52:12), which was the nineteenth year (c. 587 BC) of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan, a servant of the king of Babylon and commander of his bodyguards, came to Jerusalem.
2Ki 25:9 He burned the temple of Yehowah, the king's palace, and all the houses of Jerusalem; also every important building in the city he burned.
2Ki 25:10 As for all the walls around Jerusalem, all the soldiers of the Babylonians who were under the commander of the bodyguard, destroyed them.
2Ki 25:11 As for the rest of the people who were left in the city, those who had deserted to the king of Babylon, and the remainder of the population, Nebuzaradan, the commander of the bodyguard, took them away into exile.
2Ki 25:12 But the commander of the bodyguard did leave some of the poorest of the land to work the vineyards and fields.
2Ki 25:13 As for the bronze pillars that were in the temple of Yehowah, and the stands and the bronze sea that were in the temple of Yehowah, the Chaldeans broke them into pieces and carried the bronze back to Babylon.
2Ki 25:14 The pots, shovels, lamp trimmers, spoons, and all the utensils of bronze with which the priests had served in the temple, the Chaldeans took them all away.

2Ki 25:15 The pots for removing ashes and the bowls that were made of gold, and those made of silver, the captain of the king's guard took them away as well.
2Ki 25:16 The two pillars, the sea, and the stands that Solomon had made for the temple of Yehowah contained more bronze than could be weighed.
2Ki 25:17 The height of the first pillar was nine and one-half meters, and a capital of bronze was on top of it. The capital was one and one-half meters high, with latticework and pomegranates all around on the capital, all made of bronze. The other pillar and its latticework were the same as the first.
2Ki 25:18 The commander of the bodyguard took Seraiah the chief priest, together with Zephaniah (Tsephanyah), the second priest, and the three gatekeepers.
2Ki 25:19 From the city, he took prisoner an officer who was in charge of soldiers, and five men of those who advised the king, who were still in the city. He also took prisoner the king's military officer responsible for drafting men into the military force, along with sixty important men from the land who were in the city.
2Ki 25:20 Then Nebuzaradan, the commander of the bodyguard, took them and brought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah.
2Ki 25:21 The king of Babylon executed them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. In this way, Judah went out of its land into exile.
2Ki 25:22 As for the people who remained in the land of Judah, those whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, he put Gedaliah (Gedalyahu) son of Ahikam son of Shaphan, in charge of them.
2Ki 25:23 Now when all the commanders of the soldiers, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, they went to Gedaliah at Mizpah. These men were Ishmael son of Nethaniah (Nethanyah), Johanan son of Kareah, Seraiah son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah (Yaazanyah) son of a Maacathite, they and their men.
2Ki 25:24 Gedaliah made an oath to them and to their men, "Do not be afraid of the Chaldean officials. Live in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it will go well with you."
2Ki 25:25 But it happened that in the seventh month Ishmael son of Nethaniah son of Elishama, from the royal family, came with ten men and attacked Gedaliah. Gedaliah died, along with the men of Judah and the Babylonians who were with him at Mizpah.
2Ki 25:26 Then all the people, from the least to the greatest, and the commanders of the soldiers, arose and went to Egypt, because they were afraid of the Babylonians.
2Ki 25:27 It happened later, in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin (c. 561 BC), king of Judah, on the twenty-seventh of the twelfth month, that Evil-

Merodach, king of Babylon, released Jehoiachin, king of Judah, from prison. This happened in the year that Evil-Merodach began to reign.
2Ki 25:28 He spoke kindly to him and gave him a seat more honorable than that of the other kings who were with him in Babylon.
2Ki 25:29 Evil-Merodach removed Jehoiachin's prison clothes, and Jehoiachin ate regularly at the king's table for the rest of his life.
2Ki 25:30 A regular food allowance was given to him every day for the rest of his life.

Book of 1st Chronicles

1 Chronicles Chapter 1

1Ch 1:1 Adam, Seth, Enosh,
1Ch 1:2 Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared,
1Ch 1:3 Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech.
1Ch 1:4 The sons of Noah were Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
1Ch 1:5 The sons of Japheth were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.
1Ch 1:6 The sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah.
1Ch 1:7 The sons of Javan were Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.
1Ch 1:8 The sons of Ham were Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.
1Ch 1:9 The sons of Cush were Seba, Havilah, Sabta, Raamah, and Sabteca. The sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan.
1Ch 1:10 Cush became the father of Nimrod, who was the first conqueror on the earth.
1Ch 1:11 Mizraim became the ancestor of the Ludites, Anamites, Lehabites, Naphtuhites,
1Ch 1:12 Pathrusites, Casluhites, from whom the Philistines came (Gen. 10:14; Deut. 2:23; Amos 9:7; Jer. 47:4), and the Caphtorites.
1Ch 1:13 Canaan became the father of Sidon, his firstborn, and of Heth (Gen. 10:15).
1Ch 1:14 He also became the ancestor of the Jebusites, Amorites, Girgashites,
1Ch 1:15 Hivites, Arkites, Sinites,
1Ch 1:16 Arvadites, Zemarites, and the Hamathites.
1Ch 1:17 The sons of Shem were Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, Aram, Uz, Hul, Gether, and Meshech.
1Ch 1:18 Arpachshad became the father of Kainan, and Kainan became the father of Shelah (see LXX at Gen. 10:24; Luke 3:36; Gen. 11:12-13), and Shelah became the father of Eber.
1Ch 1:19 Eber had two sons. The name of the one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided. His brother's name was Joktan.
1Ch 1:20 Joktan became the father of Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,
1Ch 1:21 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,
1Ch 1:22 Obal, Abimael, Sheba,
1Ch 1:23 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab; all these were descendants of Joktan.
1Ch 1:24 Shem, Arpachshad, Kainan, Shelah,

1Ch 1:25 Eber, Peleg, Reu,
1Ch 1:26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,
1Ch 1:27 Abram, who was Abraham.
1Ch 1:28 The sons of Abraham were Isaac and Ishmael.
1Ch 1:29 These are their sons: The firstborn of Ishmael was Nebaioth, then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,
1Ch 1:30 Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema,
1Ch 1:31 Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These were Ishmael's sons.
1Ch 1:32 The sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine, were Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. The sons of Jokshan were Sheba and Dedan.
1Ch 1:33 Midian's sons were Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were Keturah's descendants.
1Ch 1:34 Abraham became the father of Isaac. The sons of Isaac were Esau and Israel.
1Ch 1:35 The sons of Esau were Eliphaz, Reuel, Jeush, Jalam, and Korah.
1Ch 1:36 The sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, Kenaz, Timna, and Amalek.
1Ch 1:37 The sons of Reuel were Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.
1Ch 1:38 The sons of Seir were Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan.
1Ch 1:39 The sons of Lotan were Hori and Homam, and Timna was Lotan's sister.
1Ch 1:40 The sons of Shobal were Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho, and Onam. The sons of Zibeon were Aiah and Anah.
1Ch 1:41 The son of Anah was Dishon. The sons of Dishon were Hamran, Eshban, Ithran, and Keran.
1Ch 1:42 The sons of Ezer were Bilhan, Zaavan, and Jaakan. The sons of Dishan were Uz and Aran.
1Ch 1:43 These were the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the Israelis: Bela son of Beor, and the name of his city was Dinhabah.
1Ch 1:44 When Bela died, Jobab son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place.
1Ch 1:45 When Jobab died, Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his place.
1Ch 1:46 When Husham died, Hadad son of Bedad, who defeated the Midianites in the land of Moab, reigned in his place. The name of his city was Avith.
1Ch 1:47 When Hadad died, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place.
1Ch 1:48 When Samlah died, Shaul of Rehoboth Hannahar reigned in his place.
1Ch 1:49 When Shaul died, Baal Hanan son of Achbor reigned in his place.
1Ch 1:50 When Baal Hanan son of Achbor died, Hadar reigned in his place. The name of his city was Pai. His wife's name was Mehetabel daughter of Matred daughter of Me Zahab.

1Ch 1:51 Hadad died. The heads of clans in Edom were chief Timna, chief Alvah, chief Jetheth,
1Ch 1:52 chief Oholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon,
1Ch 1:53 chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar,
1Ch 1:54 chief Magdiel, and chief Iram. These were the heads of clans in Edom.

1 Chronicles Chapter 2

1Ch 2:1 These were Israel's sons: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun,
1Ch 2:2 Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.
1Ch 2:3 Judah's sons were Er, Onan, and Shelah, who were born to him by Shua's daughter, the Canaanitess. Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of Yehowah, and Yehowah killed him.
1Ch 2:4 Tamar, his daughter-in-law, bore him Perez and Zerah. Judah had five sons.
1Ch 2:5 Perez's sons were Hezron and Hamul.
1Ch 2:6 Zerah's sons were Zimri, Ethan, Heman, Calcol, and Dara, five in all.
1Ch 2:7 Carmi's son was Achan, who brought trouble on Israel when he stole what was reserved for Yehowah.
1Ch 2:8 Ethan's son was Azariah.
1Ch 2:9 Hezron's sons were Jerahmeel, Ram, and Chelubai.
1Ch 2:10 Ram became the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, a leader among Judah's descendants.
1Ch 2:11 Nahshon became the father of Salma, and Salma became the father of Boaz.
1Ch 2:12 Boaz became the father of Obed, and Obed became the father of Jesse.
1Ch 2:13 Jesse became the father of his firstborn Eliab, Abinadab the second, Shimea the third,
1Ch 2:14 Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth,
1Ch 2:15 Ozem the sixth, and David the seventh.
1Ch 2:16 Their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail. The sons of Zeruiah were Abishai, Joab, and Asahel, three of them.
1Ch 2:17 Abigail bore Amasa, whose father was Jether the Ishmaelite.
1Ch 2:18 Caleb son of Hezron became the father of children by Azubah, his wife, and by Jerioth. His sons were Jesher, Shobab, and Ardon.
1Ch 2:19 Azubah died, and then Caleb married Ephrath, who bore him Hur.
1Ch 2:20 Hur became the father of Uri, and Uri became the father of Bezalel.
1Ch 2:21 Later, Hezron, when he was sixty years old, married the daughter of Machir, the father of Gilead. She bore him Segub.
1Ch 2:22 Segub became the father of Jair, who controlled twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead.
1Ch 2:23 Geshur and Aram took the towns of Jair and Kenath, as well as sixty surrounding towns. All these inhabitants were descendants of Machir, the father of Gilead.

1Ch 2:24 After Hezron's death in Caleb Ephrathah, his wife Abijah bore him a son, Ashhur, the father of Tekoa.
1Ch 2:25 The sons of Jerahmeel, the firstborn of Hezron, were Ram the firstborn, Bunah, Oren, Ozem, and Ahijah.
1Ch 2:26 Jerahmeel had another wife, whose name was Atarah. She was the mother of Onam.
1Ch 2:27 The sons of Ram, the firstborn of Jerahmeel, were Maaz, Jamin, and Eker.
1Ch 2:28 The sons of Onam were Shammai and Jada. The sons of Shammai were Nadab and Abishur.
1Ch 2:29 The name of the wife of Abishur was Abihail, and she bore him Ahban and Molid.
1Ch 2:30 The sons of Nadab were Seled and Appaim, but Seled died without children.
1Ch 2:31 The son of Appaim was Ishi. The son of Ishi was Sheshan. The son of Sheshan was Ahlai.
1Ch 2:32 The sons of Jada, the brother of Shammai, were Jether and Jonathan. Jether died without children.
1Ch 2:33 The sons of Jonathan were Peleth and Zaza. These were the descendants of Jerahmeel.
1Ch 2:34 Now Sheshan had no sons, only daughters. Sheshan had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name was Jarha.
1Ch 2:35 Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant as his wife. She bore him Attai.
1Ch 2:36 Attai became the father of Nathan, and Nathan became the father of Zabad.
1Ch 2:37 Zabad became the father of Ephlal, and Ephlal became the father of Obed.
1Ch 2:38 Obed became the father of Jehu, and Jehu became the father of Azariah.
1Ch 2:39 Azariah became the father of Helez, and Helez became the father of Eleasah.
1Ch 2:40 Eleasah became the father of Sismai, and Sismai became the father of Shallum.
1Ch 2:41 Shallum became the father of Jekamiah (Yeqamyah), and Jekamiah became the father of Elishama.
1Ch 2:42 The sons of Caleb, the brother of Jerahmeel, were Mesha his firstborn, who was the father of Ziph. His second son, Mareshah, was the father of Hebron.
1Ch 2:43 The sons of Hebron were Korah, Tappuah, Rekem, and Shema.
1Ch 2:44 Shema became the father of Raham, the father of Jorkeam. Rekem became the father of Shammai.

1Ch 2:45 The son of Shammai was Maon, and Maon was the father of Bethzur.
1Ch 2:46 Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bore Haran, Moza, and Gazez. Haran became the father of Gazez.
1Ch 2:47 The sons of Jahdai were Regem, Jotham, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah, and Shaaph.
1Ch 2:48 Maacah, Caleb's concubine, bore Sheber and Tirhanah.
1Ch 2:49 She also bore Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbena and the father of Gibea. The daughter of Caleb was Achsah. These were the descendants of Caleb.
1Ch 2:50 These were the sons of Hur, his firstborn by Ephrathah: Shobal the father of Kiriath Jearim,
1Ch 2:51 Salma the father of Bethlehem, and Hareph the father of Bethgader.
1Ch 2:52 Shobal the father of Kiriath Jearim had descendants: Haroeh, half of the Menuthite people,
1Ch 2:53 and the clans of Kiriath Jearim: the Ithrites, Puthites, Shumathites, and Mishraites. The Zorathites and Eshtaolites descended from these.
1Ch 2:54 The clans of Salma were the following: Bethlehem, the Netophathites, Atroth Beth Joab, and half of the Manahathites, the Zorites,
1Ch 2:55 the clans of the scribes who lived at Jabez: the Tirathites, Shimeathites, and Sucathites. These were the Kenites who descended from Hammath, the ancestor of the Rechabites.

1 Chronicles Chapter 3

1Ch 3:1 Now these are the sons of David who were born to him in Hebron: The firstborn was Amnon, by Ahinoam from Jezreel; the second was Daniel, by Abigail from Carmel;
1Ch 3:2 the third was Absalom, whose mother was Maacah, daughter of Talmai king of Geshur. The fourth was Adonijah son of Haggith;
1Ch 3:3 the fifth was Shephatiah by Abital; the sixth was Ithream by Eglah his wife.
1Ch 3:4 These six were born to David in Hebron, where he reigned seven years and six months. He then ruled thirty-three years in Jerusalem.
1Ch 3:5 These four sons, by Bathsheba daughter of Ammiel, were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon.
1Ch 3:6 David's other nine sons were: Ibhar, Elishua, Elpelet,
1Ch 3:7 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,
1Ch 3:8 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet.
1Ch 3:9 These were David's sons, not including the sons by his concubines. Tamar was their sister.
1Ch 3:10 Solomon's son was Rehoboam. Rehoboam's son was Abijah. Abijah's son was Asa. Asa's son was Jehoshaphat.
1Ch 3:11 Jehoshaphat's son was Joram. Joram's son was Ahaziah. Ahaziah's son was Joash.
1Ch 3:12 Joash's son was Amaziah. Amaziah's son was Uzziah. Uzziah's son was Jotham.
1Ch 3:13 Jotham's son was Ahaz. Ahaz's son was Hezekiah. Hezekiah's son was Manasseh.
1Ch 3:14 Manasseh's son was Amon. Amon's son was Josiah.
1Ch 3:15 Josiah's sons were his firstborn Johanan, his second son Jehoiakim, his third son Zedekiah, and his fourth son Shallum.
1Ch 3:16 Jehoiakim's sons were Jehoiachin and Zedekiah.
1Ch 3:17 The sons of Jehoiachin, the captive, were Shealtiel,
1Ch 3:18 Malkiram, Pedaiah, Shenazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah (Nedabyah).
1Ch 3:19 Pedaiah's sons were Zerubbabel and Shimei. Zerubbabel's sons were Meshullam and Hananiah (Chananyah); Shelomith was their sister.
1Ch 3:20 His other five sons were Hashubah, Ohel, Berechiah (Baraqyah), Hasadiah (Chasadyah), and Jushab Hesed.
1Ch 3:21 Hananiah's sons were Pelatiah (Pelatyah) and Jeshaiah (Yeshayah). His son was Rephaiah (Rephayah), and further descendants were Arnan, Obadiah, and Shecaniah (Shekanyah).

1Ch 3:22 Shecaniah's son was Shemaiah. Shemaiah's sons were Hattush, Igal, Bariah, Neariah, and Shaphat.
1Ch 3:23 Neariah's three sons were Elioenai, Hizkiah (Chizqiyah), and Azrikam.
1Ch 3:24 Elioenai's seven sons were Hodaviah, Eliashib, Pelaiah, Akkub, Johanan, Delaiah (Delayah), and Anani.

1 Chronicles Chapter 4

1Ch 4:1 Judah's descendants were Perez, Hezron, Carmi, Hur, and Shobal.
1Ch 4:2 Shobal was the father of Reaiah (Reayah). Reaiah was the father of Jahath. Jahath was the father of Ahumai and Lahad. These were the ancestors of the clans of the Zorathites.
1Ch 4:3 These were the ancestors of the clans in the city of Etam: Jezreel, Ishma, and Idbash. Their sister's name was Hazzelelponi.
1Ch 4:4 Penuel was the ancestor of the clans in the city of Gedor. Ezer was the father of the clans in Hushah. These were descendants of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah the father of Bethlehem.
1Ch 4:5 Ashhur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah.
1Ch 4:6 Naarah bore him Ahuzzam, Hepher, Temeni, and Haahashtari. These were Naarah's sons.
1Ch 4:7 Helah's sons were Zereth, Izhar, Ethnan,
1Ch 4:8 and Koz, who became the father of Anub and Zobebah, and of the clans descended from Aharhel son of Harum.
1Ch 4:9 Jabez was more respected than his brothers. His mother called him Jabez. She said, "Because I bore him in pain."
1Ch 4:10 Jabez called out to the Mighty One of Israel, "If only you would truly bless me, expand my territory, and your hand will be with me. When you do this you will keep me from harm, so that I may be free from pain!" So the Almighty granted him his prayer.
1Ch 4:11 Kelub, brother of Shuhah, became the father of Mehir, who was the father of Eshton.
1Ch 4:12 Eshton became the father of Beth Rapha (giant), Paseah, and Tehinnah, who began the city of Nahash. These were men who lived in Recah.
1Ch 4:13 Kenaz's sons were Othniel and Seraiah. Othniel's sons were Hathath and Meonothai.
1Ch 4:14 Meonothai became the father of Ophrah, and Seraiah became the father of Joab, the originator of Ge Harashim, whose people were craftsmen.
1Ch 4:15 The sons of Caleb son of Jephunneh were Iru, Elah and Naam. Elah's son was Kenaz.
1Ch 4:16 Jehallelel's sons were Ziph, Ziphah, Tiria, and Asarel.
1Ch 4:17 Ezrah's sons were Jether, Mered, Epher, and Jalon. Mered's Egyptian wife bore Miriam, Shammai, and Ishbah, who became the father of Eshtemoa. These were the sons of Batyah, daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered married.
1Ch 4:18 Mered's wife Yehudiyah bore Jered, who became the father of Gedor; Heber, who became the father of Soco; and Jekuthiel, who became the father of Zanoah.

1Ch 4:19 Of the two sons of Hodiah's (Hodiyah) wife, sister of Naham, one became the father of Keilah the Garmite. The other was Eshtemoa the Maacathite.
1Ch 4:20 The sons of Shimon were Amnon, Rinnah, Ben Hanan, and Tilon. The sons of Ishi were Zoheth and Ben Zoheth.
1Ch 4:21 The descendants of Shelah son of Judah, were Er father of Lecah, Laadah father of Mareshah and the clans of the linen workers at Beth Ashbea,
1Ch 4:22 Jokim, the men of Cozeba, and Joash and Saraph, who had property in Moab, but who returned to Bethlehem. This information is from ancient records.
1Ch 4:23 Some of these people were the potters who lived in Netaim and Gederah and worked for the king.
1Ch 4:24 Simeon's descendants were Nemuel, Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, and Shaul.
1Ch 4:25 Shallum was Shaul's son, Mibsam was Shallum's son, and Mishma was Mibsam's son.
1Ch 4:26 Mishma's descendants were Hammuel his son, Zaccur his grandson, and Shimei his great-grandson.
1Ch 4:27 Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters. His brothers did not have many children, so their clans did not increase greatly in numbers as the people of Judah did.
1Ch 4:28 They lived at Beersheba, Moladah, and at Hazar Shual.
1Ch 4:29 They also live at Bilhah, Ezem, Tolad,
1Ch 4:30 Bethuel, Hormah, Ziklag,
1Ch 4:31 Beth Marcaboth, Hazar Susim, Beth Biri, and Shaaraim. These were their cities until the reign of David.
1Ch 4:32 Their five villages were Etam, Ain, Rimmon, Tochen, and Ashan,
1Ch 4:33 together with the outlying villages as far as Baal. These were their settlements, and they kept the genealogical records.
1Ch 4:34 Clan leaders were Meshobab, Jamlech, Joshah son of Amaziah,
1Ch 4:35 Joel, Jehu son of Joshibiah (Yoshibyah) son of Seraiah son of Asiel,
1Ch 4:36 Elioenai, Jaakobah, Jeshohaiah, Asaiah, Adiel, Jesimiel, Benaiah,
1Ch 4:37 and Ziza son of Shiphi son of Allon son of Jedaiah (Yedayah) son of Shimri son of Shemaiah.
1Ch 4:38 These mentioned by name were leaders in their clans, and their clans increased greatly.
1Ch 4:39 They went near Gedor, on the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.
1Ch 4:40 They found abundant and good pasture. The land was broad, quiet, and peaceable. The Hamites had formerly lived there.
1Ch 4:41 These just listed by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and attacked the Hamite settlements and the Meunites, who were there also.

They destroyed them completely and lived there, because they found pasture for their flocks.
1Ch 4:42 Five hundred men from the tribe of Simeon went to Mount Seir, with their leaders Pelatiah, Neariah, Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi.
1Ch 4:43 They defeated the rest of the Amalekite refugees, and have lived there to this day.

1 Chronicles Chapter 5

1Ch 5:1 The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel: Now Reuben was Israel's firstborn, but his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph, son of Israel, because Reuben had defiled his father's couch. So he is not recorded as being the oldest son.
1Ch 5:2 Judah was the strongest of his brothers, and the leader would come from him. But the birthright was Joseph's,
1Ch 5:3 the sons of Reuben, the firstborn of Israel were Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.
1Ch 5:4 The descendants of Joel were these: Joel's son was Shemaiah. Shemaiah's son was Gog. Gog's son was Shimei.
1Ch 5:5 Shimei's son was Micah. Micah's son was Reaiah. Reaiah's son was Baal.
1Ch 5:6 Baal's son was Beerah, whom Tiglath-Pileser III, king of Assyria, took into exile. Beerah was a leader in the tribe of Reuben.
1Ch 5:7 Beerah's relatives by their clans are the following, listed in their genealogical records: Jeiel the oldest, Zechariah, and
1Ch 5:8 Bela son of Azaz son of Shema son of Joel. They lived in Aroer, as far as Nebo and Baal Meon,
1Ch 5:9 and eastward to the start of the wilderness that extends to the Euphrates River. This was because they had much livestock in the land of Gilead.
1Ch 5:10 In the days of Saul, the tribe of Reuben attacked the Hagrites and defeated them. They lived in the Hagrites' tents throughout all the land east of Gilead.
1Ch 5:11 The members of the tribe of Gad lived near them, in the land of Bashan as far as Salecah.
1Ch 5:12 Their leaders were Joel, who was a clan head, and Shapham was head of another clan, and Janai and Shaphat in Bashan.
1Ch 5:13 Their relatives, by their fathers' families, were Michael, Meshullam, Sheba, Jorai, Jacan, Zia, and Eber, seven in all.
1Ch 5:14 These persons named above were the descendants of Abihail, and Abihail was the son of Huri. Huri was the son of Jaroah. Jaroah was the son of Gilead. Gilead was the son of Michael. Michael was the son of Jeshishai. Jeshishai was the son of Jahdo. Jahdo was the son of Buz.
1Ch 5:15 Ahi son of Abdiel son of Guni, was head of their fathers' family.
1Ch 5:16 They lived in Gilead, in Bashan, in its towns, and in all the pasturelands of Sharon as far as its borders.
1Ch 5:17 All these were listed by genealogical records in the days of Jotham king of Judah and of Jeroboam II king of Israel.

1Ch 5:18 The Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh had 44,760 soldiers trained for war, who carried shield and sword, and who drew the bow.
1Ch 5:19 They attacked the Hagrites, Jetur, Naphish, and Nodab.
1Ch 5:20 They received divine help against them. In this way, the Hagrites and all who were with them were defeated. This was because the Israelis cried out to the Almighty in the battle, and he responded to them, because they put their trust in him.
1Ch 5:21 They captured their animals, including fifty thousand camels, 250,000 sheep, two thousand donkeys, and 100,000 people.
1Ch 5:22 Because the Almighty fought for them, they killed many of the enemy. They lived in their land until the captivity.
1Ch 5:23 The half tribe of Manasseh lived in the land of Bashan as far as Baal Hermon and Senir, that is, Mount Hermon.
1Ch 5:24 These were the leaders of their families: Epher, Ishi, Eliel, Azriel, Jeremiah, Hodaviah, and Jahdiel. They were strong and courageous men, famous men, leaders of their families.
1Ch 5:25 But they were unfaithful to their ancestors' Divine One. Instead, they worshiped the deities of the people of the land, whom the Almighty had destroyed before them.
1Ch 5:26 The Mighty One of Israel stirred up Pul (aka Tiglath-Pileser III), king of Assyria. He took into exile the Reubenites, Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh (c. 737 BC). He brought them to Halah, Habor, Hara, and to the river of Gozan, where they remain to this day.

1 Chronicles Chapter 6

1Ch 6:1 The sons of Levi were Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
1Ch 6:2 The sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.
1Ch 6:3 The children of Amram were Aaron, Moses, and Miriam. The sons of Aaron were Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
1Ch 6:4 Eleazar became the father of Phinehas, and Phinehas became the father of Abishua.
1Ch 6:5 Abishua became the father of Bukki, and Bukki became the father of Uzzi.
1Ch 6:6 Uzzi became the father of Zerahiah (Zerachyah), and Zerahiah became the father of Meraioth.
1Ch 6:7 Meraioth became the father of Amariah (Amaryah), and Amariah became the father of Ahitub.
1Ch 6:8 Ahitub became the father of Zadok, and Zadok became the father of Ahimaaz.
1Ch 6:9 Ahimaaz became the father of Azariah, and Azariah became the father of Johanan.
1Ch 6:10 Johanan became the father of Azariah, who served in the temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem.
1Ch 6:11 Azariah became the father of Amariah, and Amariah became the father of Ahitub.
1Ch 6:12 Ahitub became the father of Zadok, and Zadok became the father of Shallum.
1Ch 6:13 Shallum became the father of Hilkiah, and Hilkiah became the father of Azariah.
1Ch 6:14 Azariah became the father of Seraiah, and Seraiah became the father of Jehozadak.
1Ch 6:15 Jehozadak went into captivity when Yehowah exiled Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.
1Ch 6:16 The sons of Levi were Gershom, Kohath, and Merari.
1Ch 6:17 The sons of Gershom were Libni and Shimei.
1Ch 6:18 The sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.
1Ch 6:19 The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi. These became the Levites' clans by their fathers' families.
1Ch 6:20 Gershom's descendants began with his son Libni. Libni's son was Jahath. His son was Zimmah.
1Ch 6:21 His son was Joah. His son was Iddo. His son was Zerah. His son was Jeatherai.

1Ch 6:22 Kohath's descendants began with his son Amminadab. His son was Korah. His son was Assir.
1Ch 6:23 His son was Elkanah. His son was Ebiasaph. His son was Assir.
1Ch 6:24 His son was Tahath. His son was Uriel. His son was Uzziah. His son was Shaul.
1Ch 6:25 The sons of Elkanah were Amasai, Ahimoth, and Elkanah.
1Ch 6:26 The son of this second Elkanah was Zophai. His son was Nahath.
1Ch 6:27 His son was Eliab. His son was Jeroham. His son was Elkanah.
1Ch 6:28 The sons of Samuel were the firstborn, Joel, and Abijah, the secondborn.
1Ch 6:29 The son of Merari was Mahli. His son was Libni. His son was Shimei. His son was Uzzah.
1Ch 6:30 His son was Shimea. His son was Haggiah (Chaggiyah). His son was Asaiah.
1Ch 6:31 These are the names of the men whom David put in charge of music in the temple of Yehowah, after the ark came to rest there.
1Ch 6:32 They served by singing before the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting, until Solomon had built the temple of Yehowah in Jerusalem. They fulfilled their duties according to the instructions given to them.
1Ch 6:33 These were those who served with their sons. From the clans of the Kohathites came Heman the musician. Here were his ancestors, going back in time: Heman was the son of Joel. Joel was the son of Samuel.
1Ch 6:34 Samuel was the son of Elkanah. Elkanah was the son of Jeroham. Jeroham was the son of Eliel. Eliel was the son of Toa.
1Ch 6:35 Toa was the son of Zuph. Zuph was the son of Elkanah. Elkanah was the son of Mahath. Mahath was the son of Amasai. Amasai was son of Elkanah.
1Ch 6:36 Elkanah was the son of Joel. Joel was the son of Azariah. Azariah was the son of Zephaniah.
1Ch 6:37 Zephaniah was the son of Tahath. Tahath was the son of Assir. Assir was the son of Ebiasaph. Ebiasaph was the son of Korah.
1Ch 6:38 Korah was the son of Izhar. Izhar was the son of Kohath. Kohath was the son of Levi. Levi was the son of Israel.
1Ch 6:39 Heman's colleague was Asaph, who stood at his right hand. Asaph was the son of Berechiah. Berechiah was the son of Shimea.
1Ch 6:40 Shimea was the son of Michael. Michael was the son of Baaseiah. Baaseiah was the son of Malchijah (Malkiyah).
1Ch 6:41 Malchijah was the son of Ethni. Ethni was the son of Zerah. Zerah was the son of Adaiah.
1Ch 6:42 Adaiah was the son of Ethan. Ethan was the son of Zimmah. Zimmah was the son of Shimei.

1Ch 6:43 Shimei was the son of Jahath. Jahath was the son of Gershom. Gershom was the son of Levi.
1Ch 6:44 At Heman's left hand were his colleagues the sons of Merari. They included Ethan son of Kishi. Kishi was the son of Abdi. Abdi was the son of Malluch.
1Ch 6:45 Malluch was the son of Hashabiah (Chashabyah). Hashabiah was the son of Amaziah. Amaziah was the son of Hilkiah.
1Ch 6:46 Hilkiah was the son of Amzi. Amzi was the son of Bani. Bani was the son of Shemer.
1Ch 6:47 Shemer was the son of Mahli. Mahli was the son of Mushi. Mushi was the son of Merari. Merari was the son of Levi.
1Ch 6:48 Their associates, the Levites, were assigned to do all the work for the tabernacle, the temple of the Almighty.
1Ch 6:49 Aaron and his sons made the offerings on the altar for burnt offerings; and the offering on the incense altar for all the work in the Most Set-apart Place. These offerings made atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of the Almighty had commanded.
1Ch 6:50 Aaron's descendants are reckoned as follows: Aaron's son was Eleazar. Eleazar's son was Phinehas. Phinehas' son was Abishua.
1Ch 6:51 Abishua's son was Bukki. Bukki's son was Uzzi. Uzzi's son was Zerahiah.
1Ch 6:52 Zerahiah's son was Meraioth. Meraioth's son was Amariah. Amariah's son was Ahitub.
1Ch 6:53 Ahitub's son was Zadok. Zadok's son was Ahimaaz.
1Ch 6:54 These are the locations where Aaron's descendents were assigned to live, that is, for the descendants of Aaron who were from the clans of the Kohathites, the first lot was theirs.
1Ch 6:55 To them they gave Hebron in the land of Judah and its pasturelands,
1Ch 6:56 but the fields of the city and its villages they gave to Caleb son of Jephunneh.
1Ch 6:57 To the descendants of Aaron they gave: Hebron, a city of refuge, and Libnah with its pasturelands, Jattir, Eshtemoa with its pasturelands,
1Ch 6:58 Hilen with its pasturelands, and Debir with its pasturelands.
1Ch 6:59 They gave the descendants of Aaron: Ashan with its pasturelands and Beth Shemesh with its pasturelands;
1Ch 6:60 and from the tribe of Benjamin they were given Geba with its pasturelands, Alemeth with its pasturelands, and Anathoth with its pasturelands. All their cities numbered thirteen.
1Ch 6:61 To the rest of Kohath's descendants they gave by lot ten cities from the half tribe of Manasseh.

1Ch 6:62 To Gershom's descendants in their various clans were given thirteen cities from the tribes of Issachar, Asher, Naphtali, and the half tribe of Manasseh in Bashan.
1Ch 6:63 To Merari's descendants they gave twelve cities, according to their clans, from the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Zebulun.
1Ch 6:64 So the people of Israel gave these cities with their pasturelands to the Levites.
1Ch 6:65 They assigned by lot the towns mentioned earlier from the tribes of Judah, Simeon, and Benjamin.
1Ch 6:66 To some of the Kohathite clans they gave cities from the tribe of Ephraim.
1Ch 6:67 They gave them: Shechem, a city of refuge, with its pasturelands in the hill country of Ephraim, Gezer with its pasturelands,
1Ch 6:68 Jokmeam with its pasturelands, Beth Horon with its pasturelands,
1Ch 6:69 Aijalon with its pasturelands, and Gath Rimmon with its pasturelands.
1Ch 6:70 The half tribe of Manasseh gave the Kohathites: Aner with its pasturelands and Bileam with its pasturelands. These became the possessions of the rest of the Kohathite clans.
1Ch 6:71 To Gershom's descendants out of the clans of the half tribe of Manasseh, they gave: Golan in Bashan with its pasturelands and Ashtaroth with its pasturelands.
1Ch 6:72 The tribe of Issachar gave to Gershom's descendants: Kedesh with its pasturelands, Daberath with its pasturelands,
1Ch 6:73 Ramoth with its pasturelands, and Anem with its pasturelands.
1Ch 6:74 Issachar received from the tribe of Asher: Mashal with its pasturelands, Abdon with its pasturelands,
1Ch 6:75 Hukok (Huqoq) with its pasturelands, and Rehob with its pasturelands.
1Ch 6:76 They received from the tribe of Naphtali: Kedesh in Galilee with its pasturelands, Hammon with its pasturelands, and Kiriathaim with its pasturelands.
1Ch 6:77 To the rest of the Levites, Merari's descendants, were given from the tribe of Zebulun: Rimmono with its pasturelands and Tabor with its pasturelands.
1Ch 6:78 To them were also given, on the other side of the Jordan River at Jericho, on the river's east side: Bezer in the wilderness with its pasturelands, Jahzah with its pasturelands,
1Ch 6:79 Kedemoth with its pasturelands, and Mephaath with its pasturelands. These were given from the tribe of Reuben.
1Ch 6:80 The Levites received from the tribe of Gad: Ramoth in Gilead with its pasturelands, Mahanaim with its pasturlands,
1Ch 6:81 Heshbon with its pasturelands, and Jazer with its pasturelands.

1 Chronicles Chapter 7

1Ch 7:1 Issachar's four sons were Tola, Puah, Jashub, and Shimron.
1Ch 7:2 The sons of Tola were Uzzi, Rephaiah, Jeriel, Jahmai, Ibsam, and Shemuel. They were the heads of their fathers' houses, from the descendants of Tola, and they were listed as mighty warriors among their generation. They numbered 22,600 in the days of David.
1Ch 7:3 Uzzi's son was Izrahiah (Yizrachyah). His sons were Michael, Obadiah, Joel, and Isshiah, all five of them were clan leaders.
1Ch 7:4 Along with them, they had thirty-six thousand troops for battle, according to the lists belonging to their ancestors' clans, for they had many wives and sons.
1Ch 7:5 Their brothers, the tribe of Issachar, had eighty-seven thousand fighting men, according to the lists belonging to their ancestors' clans.
1Ch 7:6 Benjamin's three sons were Bela, Becher, and Jediael.
1Ch 7:7 Bela's five sons were Ezbon, Uzzi, Uzziel, Jerimoth, and Iri. They were soldiers and originators of clans. Their people numbered 22,034 fighting men, according to the lists belonging to their ancestors' clans.
1Ch 7:8 Becher's sons were Zemirah, Joash, Eliezer, Elioenai, Omri, Jeremoth, Abijah, Anathoth, and Alemeth. All these were his sons.
1Ch 7:9 The lists of their clans numbered 20,200 family leaders and fighting men.
1Ch 7:10 The son of Jediael was Bilhan. Bilhan's sons were Jeush, Benjamin, Ehud, Chenaanah, Zethan, Tarshish, and Ahishahar.
1Ch 7:11 All these were sons of Jediael. Listed in their clan lists were 17,200 leaders and fighting men fit for military service.
1Ch 7:12 Shuppim and Huppim were sons of Ir, and Hushim was a son of Aher.
1Ch 7:13 Naphtali's sons were Jahziel, Guni, Jezer, and Shallum. These were Bilhah's grandsons.
1Ch 7:14 Manasseh had a male child named Asriel, whom his Aramite concubine bore. She also gave birth to Machir, Gilead's father.
1Ch 7:15 Machir took a wife from the Huppites and Shuppites. A sister's name was Maacah. Another of Manasseh's descendants was Zelophehad, who had only daughters.
1Ch 7:16 Maacah, wife of Machir, bore a son, and she called him Peresh. His brother's name was Sheresh, and his sons were Ulam and Rakem.
1Ch 7:17 Ulam's son was Bedan. These were the descendants of Gilead son of Machir son of Manasseh.
1Ch 7:18 Gilead's sister Hammolecheth bore Ishhod, Abi Ezer, and Mahlah.
1Ch 7:19 The sons of Shemida were Ahian, Shechem, Likhi, and Aniam.

1Ch 7:20 The descendants of Ephraim were as follows: Ephraim's son was Shuthelah. Shuthelah's son was Bered. Bered's son was Tahath. Tahath's son was Eleadah. Eleadah's son was Tahath.
1Ch 7:21 Tahath's son was Zabad. Zabad's son was Shuthelah. Ezer and Elead were killed by men of Gath, natives in the land, when they went to steal their livestock.
1Ch 7:22 Ephraim their father mourned for them many days, and his brothers came to comfort him.
1Ch 7:23 He made love to his wife. She conceived and bore a son. Ephraim called him Beriah, because tragedy had come to his family.
1Ch 7:24 His daughter was Sheerah, who built Lower and Upper Beth Horon and Uzzen Sheerah.
1Ch 7:25 His son was Rephah. Rephah's son was Resheph. Resheph's son was Telah. Telah's son was Tahan.
1Ch 7:26 Tahan's son was Ladan. Ladan's son was Ammihud. Ammihud's son was Elishama.
1Ch 7:27 Elishama's son was Nun. Nun's son was Joshua.
1Ch 7:28 Their possessions and residences were Bethel and its surrounding villages. They extended eastward to Naaran and westward to Gezer and its villages, and to Shechem and its villages to Azzah and its villages.
1Ch 7:29 On the border with Manasseh were Beth Shan and its villages, Taanach and its villages, Megiddo and its villages, and Dor and its villages. In these towns the descendants of Joseph, son of Israel, lived.
1Ch 7:30 Asher's sons were Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, and Beriah. Serah was their sister.
1Ch 7:31 Beriah's sons were Heber and Malchiel, who was the father of Birzaith.
1Ch 7:32 Heber's sons were Japhlet, Shomer, and Hotham. Shua was their sister.
1Ch 7:33 Japhlet's sons were Pasach, Bimhal, and Ashvath. These were Japhlet's children.
1Ch 7:34 Shomer, Japhlet's brother, had these sons: Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram.
1Ch 7:35 Shemer's brother, Helem, had these sons: Zophah, Imna, Shelesh, and Amal.
1Ch 7:36 Zophah's sons were Suah, Harnepher, Shual, Beri, Imrah,
1Ch 7:37 Bezer, Hod, Shamma, Shilshah, Ithran, and Beera.
1Ch 7:38 Jether's sons were Jephunneh, Pispa, and Ara.
1Ch 7:39 Ulla's sons were Arah, Hanniel, and Rizia.
1Ch 7:40 All these were descendants of Asher. They were ancestors of the clans, leaders of their families, distinguished men, fighting men, and chief among the leaders. There were twenty-six thousand men listed who were fit for military service, according to their numbered lists.

1 Chronicles Chapter 8

1Ch 8:1 Benjamin's five sons were Bela his firstborn, Ashbel, Aharah,
1Ch 8:2 Nohah, and Rapha.
1Ch 8:3 Bela's sons were Addar, Gera, Abihud,
1Ch 8:4 Abishua, Naaman, Ahoah,
1Ch 8:5 Gera, Shephuphan, and Huram.
1Ch 8:6 These were the descendants of Ehud who were heads of clans for the inhabitants of Geba, who were compelled to move to Manahath:
1Ch 8:7 Naaman, Ahijah, and Gera. The last, Gera, led them in their move. He was the father of Uzza and Ahihud.
1Ch 8:8 Shaharaim became the father of children in the land of Moab, after he had divorced his wives Hushim and Baara.
1Ch 8:9 By his wife Hodesh, Shaharaim became the father of Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malcam,
1Ch 8:10 Jeuz, Shachia, and Mirmah. These were his sons, leaders in their clans.
1Ch 8:11 He had already become the father of Abitub and Elpaal by Hushim.
1Ch 8:12 Elpaal's sons were Eber, Misham, and Shemed, who built Ono and Lod with its surrounding villages.
1Ch 8:13 There were also Beriah and Shema. They were heads of clans living in Aijalon, who drove out the inhabitants of Gath.
1Ch 8:14 Beriah had these sons: Ahio, Shashak, Jeremoth,
1Ch 8:15 Zebadiah (Zebadyah), Arad, Eder,
1Ch 8:16 Michael, Ishpah, and Joha.
1Ch 8:17 Elpaal had these sons: Zebadiah, Meshullam, Hizki, Heber,
1Ch 8:18 Ishmerai, Izliah, and Jobab.
1Ch 8:19 Shimei had these sons: Jakim, Zichri, Zabdi,
1Ch 8:20 Elienai, Zillethai, Eliel,
1Ch 8:21 Adaiah, Beraiah (Berayah), and Shimrath.
1Ch 8:22 Shashak had these sons: Ishpan, Eber, Eliel,
1Ch 8:23 Abdon, Zichri, Hanan,
1Ch 8:24 Hananiah, Elam, Anthothijah,
1Ch 8:25 Iphdeiah (Yiphdeyah), and Penuel.
1Ch 8:26 Jeroham had these sons: Shamsherai, Shehariah (Shecharyah), Athaliah,
1Ch 8:27 Jaareshiah, Elijah, and Zichri.
1Ch 8:28 These were heads of clans and leaders who lived in Jerusalem.
1Ch 8:29 The father of Gibeon, Jeiel, whose wife's name was Maacah, lived in Gibeon.
1Ch 8:30 His firstborn was Abdon, followed by Zur, Kish, Baal, Nadab,

1Ch 8:31 Gedor, Ahio, and Zecher.
1Ch 8:32 Another of Jeiel's sons was Mikloth, who became the father of Shimeah. They also lived near their relatives in Jerusalem.
1Ch 8:33 Ner was the father of Kish. Kish was the father of Saul. Saul was the father of Jonathan, Malchishua, Abinadab, and Ishbaal (Ishbosheth; 2 Sam. 2:10).
1Ch 8:34 The son of Jonathan was Merib Baal (Mephibosheth; 2 Sam. 9:6). Merib Baal was the father of Micah.
1Ch 8:35 The sons of Micah were Pithon, Melech, Tarea, and Ahaz.
1Ch 8:36 Ahaz became the father of Yehoaddah. Yehoaddah was the father of Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri. Zimri was the father of Moza.
1Ch 8:37 Moza was the father of Binea. Binea was the father of Raphah. Raphah was the father of Eleasah. Eleasah was the father of Azel.
1Ch 8:38 Azel had six sons: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Shearіah (Shearyah), Obadiah, and Hanan. All these were sons of Azel.
1Ch 8:39 The sons of Eshek, his brother, were Ulam his firstborn, Jeush the second, and Eliphelet the third.
1Ch 8:40 Ulam's sons were fighting men and archers. They had many sons and grandsons, a total of 150. All these belonged to the descendants of Benjamin.

1 Chronicles Chapter 9

1Ch 9:1 So all Israel was recorded in genealogies. They were recorded in the Book of the Kings of Israel. As for Judah, they were carried away in exile to Babylon because of their sin.
1Ch 9:2 The first to resettle in their cities were some Israelis, priests, Levites, and temple servants.
1Ch 9:3 Some descendants of Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim, and Manasseh lived in Jerusalem.
1Ch 9:4 The settlers included Uthai son of Ammihud son of Omri son of Imri son of Bani, one of the descendants of Perez son of Judah.
1Ch 9:5 Among the Shilonites were Asaiah the firstborn and his sons.
1Ch 9:6 Among the descendants of Zerah was Jeuel. Their descendants numbered 690.
1Ch 9:7 Among the descendants of Benjamin were Sallu son of Meshullam son of Hodaviah son of Hassenuah.
1Ch 9:8 There were also Ibneiah (Yibneyah) son of Jeroham; Elah son of Uzzi son of Michri; and Meshullam son of Shephatiah son of Reuel son of Ibnijah (Yibniyah).
1Ch 9:9 Their relatives written in the genealogical lists numbered 956. All these men were leaders in their ancestors' clans.
1Ch 9:10 The priests were Jedaiah, Jehoiarib, and Jachin.
1Ch 9:11 There was also Azariah son of Hilkiah son of Meshullam son of Zadok son of Meraioth son of Ahitub, the one in charge of the temple of the Almighty.
1Ch 9:12 There was Adaiah son of Jeroham son of Pashhur son of Malchijah. There was also Maasai son of Adiel son of Jahzerah son of Meshullam son of Meshillemith son of Immer.
1Ch 9:13 Their relatives, who were leaders in their ancestors' clans, numbered 1,760. They were highly capable men in the work in the temple of the Almighty.
1Ch 9:14 Among the Levites, there was Shemaiah son of Hasshub son of Azrikam son of Hashabiah, among the descendants of Merari.
1Ch 9:15 There were also Bakbakkar, Heresh, Galal, and Mattaniah son of Mica son of Zichri son of Asaph.
1Ch 9:16 There were also Obadiah son of Shemaiah son of Galal son of Jeduthun; and Berechiah son of Asa son of Elkanah, who lived in the villages of the Netophathites.
1Ch 9:17 The doorkeepers were Shallum, Akkub, Talmon, Ahiman, and their descendants. Shallum was their leader.
1Ch 9:18 Previously, they stood guard at the king's gate on the east side for the camp of Levi's descendants.

1Ch 9:19 Shallum son of Kore son of Ebiasaph, who as son of Korah, and his relatives from the house of his father, the Korahites, were in charge of the work of the service, they guarded the door of the tent, as their ancestors had guarded the camp of Yehowah, and they also had guarded the entrance.
1Ch 9:20 Phinehas son of Eleazar had been in charge of them in the past, and Yehowah had been with him.
1Ch 9:21 Zechariah son of Meshelemiah was guard of the entrance to the tabernacle, the "Tent of Meeting."
1Ch 9:22 All those who were chosen as gatekeepers at the entrances numbered 212. Their names were recorded in the people's records in their villages. David and Samuel the seer had placed them into their positions of trust.
1Ch 9:23 So they and their children guarded the gates of the house of Yehowah, the tabernacle, by watch.
1Ch 9:24 The gatekeepers were posted on all four sides, toward the east, west, north, and south.
1Ch 9:25 Their brothers, who lived in their villages, came in for seven-day rotations, in turn.
1Ch 9:26 But the four leaders of the gatekeepers, who were Levites, were assigned to guard the rooms and storerooms in the temple of the Almighty.
1Ch 9:27 They would spend the night in their posts all around the temple of the Almighty, for they were responsible for guarding it. They would open it each morning at daybreak.
1Ch 9:28 Some of them were in charge of the temple's equipment; they counted the articles when they were brought in, and when they were taken out.
1Ch 9:29 Some of them also were assigned to take care of the set-apart things, the equipment, and the supplies, including the fine flour, the wine, the oil, the frankincense, and the spices.
1Ch 9:30 Some of the priests' sons mixed the spices.
1Ch 9:31 Mattithiah (Mattithyah), one of the Levites, who was the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, was in charge of preparing bread for the offerings.
1Ch 9:32 Some of their brothers, descendants of the Kohathites, were in charge of the bread of the presence, to prepare it every Sabbath.
1Ch 9:33 The singers and Levite family leaders lived in rooms at the sanctuary when they were free from work, because they had to carry out their assigned tasks day and night.
1Ch 9:34 These were family leaders among the Levites, as listed in their genealogical records. They lived in Jerusalem.
1Ch 9:35 The father of Gibeon, Jeiel, whose wife's name was Maacah, lived in Gibeon.
1Ch 9:36 His firstborn son was Abdon, then his sons Zur, Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab,
1Ch 9:37 Gedor, Ahio, Zechariah, and Mikloth.

1Ch 9:38 Mikloth was the father of Shimeam. They also lived near their brothers in Jerusalem.
1Ch 9:39 Ner was the father of Kish. Kish was the father of Saul. Saul was the father of Jonathan, Malchishua, Abinadab, and Ishbaal.
1Ch 9:40 The son of Jonathan was Merib Baal. Merib Baal was the father of Micah.
1Ch 9:41 The sons of Micah were Pithon, Melech, Tahrea, and Ahaz.
1Ch 9:42 Ahaz was the father of Jarah. Jarah was the father of Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri. Zimri was the father of Moza.
1Ch 9:43 Moza was the father of Binea. Binea was the father of Rephaiah. Rephaiah was the father of Eleasah. Eleasah was the father of Azel.
1Ch 9:44 Azel's six sons were Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan. These were Azel's sons.

1 Chronicles Chapter 10

1Ch 10:1 Now the Philistines fought against Israel. Every man of Israel fled from before the Philistines and fell down dead on Mount Gilboa.
1Ch 10:2 The Philistines closely pursued Saul and his sons. The Philistines killed Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua, his sons.
1Ch 10:3 The battle went heavily against Saul, and the archers overtook him. He was in severe pain because of the archers.
1Ch 10:4 Then Saul ordered his armor bearer, “Draw your sword and thrust me through with it. Otherwise, these uncircumcised will come and abuse me.” But his armor bearer would not, for he was deathly afraid. So Saul took his own sword and fell on it (“hung” himself).
1Ch 10:5 When his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell on his sword and died (Mat. 27:5).
1Ch 10:6 So Saul died (c. 1063 BC), and his three sons, so all his household members died together.
1Ch 10:7 When every man of Israel in the valley saw that they had fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned their cities and fled. Then the Philistines came and lived in them.
1Ch 10:8 It came about on the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the dead, that they found Saul and his sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.
1Ch 10:9 They stripped him and took his head and his armor. They sent messengers throughout Philistia to carry the news to their idols and to the people.
1Ch 10:10 They put his armor in the temple of their deities, and fastened his head to the temple of Dagon.
1Ch 10:11 When all Jabesh Gilead heard of all that the Philistines had done to Saul,
1Ch 10:12 all the fighting men went and took away the body of Saul and those of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh. They buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh and fasted seven days (1 Samuel 31:13).
1Ch 10:13 So Saul died, because he was unfaithful to Yehowah. He did not obey the instructions of Yehowah, but asked for advice from a necromancer who conjured up dead spirits.
1Ch 10:14 He did not seek guidance from Yehowah, so Yehowah killed him and turned over the kingdom to David son of Jesse.

1 Chronicles Chapter 11

1Ch 11:1 Then all Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “Look, we are your flesh and bone.
1Ch 11:2 In the recent past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led the Israeli military force. Yehowah your Divine One said to you, ‘You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become a ruler over my people Israel.’”
1Ch 11:3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with them before Yehowah. They anointed David king over Israel. In this way, the Word of Yehowah that had been declared by Samuel came true.
1Ch 11:4 David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, that is, Jebus. Now the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, were there.
1Ch 11:5 The inhabitants of Jebus taunted David, “You will not come in here!” But David took the stronghold of Zion, that is, the City of David (2 Sam. 5:6-10; 1 Kings 9:15).
1Ch 11:6 David had said, “Whoever attacks the Jebusites first will become a commander.” So Joab son of Zeruiah attacked first, so he was made a commander.
1Ch 11:7 Then David began to live in the stronghold. So they called it the City of David.
1Ch 11:8 He fortified the city around from the (Gihon) Spring Tower and back to the surrounding wall. Joab fortified the rest of the city.
1Ch 11:9 David became greater and greater, because Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces was with him.
1Ch 11:10 These were the leaders David had, who showed themselves strong with him in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, obeying the Word of Yehowah concerning Israel.
1Ch 11:11 This is a list of David’s elite soldiers: Jashobeam, the son of a Hachmonite, was commander of the thirty. He killed three hundred men with his spear on one occasion.
1Ch 11:12 After him was Eleazar son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who was one of the three mighty men.
1Ch 11:13 He was with David at Pasdammim, and there the Philistines assembled together for battle, where there was a barley field, and the military force fled from the Philistines.
1Ch 11:14 They stood in the middle of the field. They defended it and cut down the Philistines, and Yehowah rescued them with a great victory.
1Ch 11:15 Then three of the thirty leaders went down to the rock to David, to the cave of Adullam. The military force of the Philistines was camped in the Valley of Giants.

1Ch 11:16 At that time, David was in his stronghold, a cave, while the Philistines had established their camp at Bethlehem.
1Ch 11:17 David was longing for water and said, “If only someone would give me water to drink from the well at Bethlehem, the well that is by the gate!”
1Ch 11:18 So these three mighty men broke through the military force of the Philistines and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, the well at the gate. They took the water and brought it to David, but he refused to drink it. Instead, he poured it out to Yehowah.
1Ch 11:19 Then he said, “Far be it from me, Almighty One, that I should drink this. Should I drink the blood of men who have risked their lives?” Because they had put their lives at risk, he refused to drink it. These are things the three mighty men did.
1Ch 11:20 Abishai, brother of Joab, was captain over the Three. He once used his spear against three hundred and killed them. He is mentioned along with the Three.
1Ch 11:21 Of the Three, he was given double honor and became their captain. Even though he was not one of them.
1Ch 11:22 Benaiah son of Jehoiada was a strong man who did mighty feats. He killed the two sons of Ariel of Moab. He also went down into a pit and killed a lion while it was snowing.
1Ch 11:23 He even killed an Egyptian, a man two and one-half meters tall. The Egyptian had a spear like a weaver’s beam, but he went down to him with only a trekking pole. He seized the spear out of the Egyptian’s hand and killed him with his own spear.
1Ch 11:24 Benaiah son of Jehoiada did these feats, and he was named alongside the three mighty men.
1Ch 11:25 He was more highly regarded than the thirty soldiers in general, but he was not regarded quite as highly as the three most elite soldiers. Yet, David put him in charge of his bodyguard.
1Ch 11:26 The mighty men were Asahel brother of Joab, Elhanan son of Dodo of Bethlehem,
1Ch 11:27 Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite,
1Ch 11:28 Ira son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abi Ezer the Anathothite,
1Ch 11:29 Sibbecai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite,
1Ch 11:30 Maharai the Netophathite, Heled son of Baanah the Netophathite,
1Ch 11:31 Ittai son of Ribai of Gibeah of Benjamin’s descendants, Benaiah the Pirathonite,
1Ch 11:32 Hurai of the streams of Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite,
1Ch 11:33 Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite,
1Ch 11:34 the sons of Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan son of Shagee the Hararite,
1Ch 11:35 Ahiam son of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphal son of Ur,

1Ch 11:36 Hepher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite,
1Ch 11:37 Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai son of Ezbai,
1Ch 11:38 Joel brother of Nathan, Mibhar son of Hagri,
1Ch 11:39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the armor bearer of Joab son of Zeruiah,
1Ch 11:40 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,
1Ch 11:41 Uriah the Hethite, Zabad son of Ahlai,
1Ch 11:42 Adina son of Shiza the Reubenite, a chief of the Reubenites, and thirty with him,
1Ch 11:43 Hanan son of Maacah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite,
1Ch 11:44 Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel sons of Hotham the Aroerite,
1Ch 11:45 Jediael son of Shimri, Joha, his brother the Tizite,
1Ch 11:46 Eliel the Mahavite, Jeribai and Joshaviah sons of Elnaam, Ithmah the Moabite,
1Ch 11:47 Eliel, Obed, and Jaasiel the Mezobaite.

1 Chronicles Chapter 12

1Ch 12:1 These were the men who came to David to Ziklag, while he was still banished from the presence of Saul son of Kish. They were among the soldiers, his warriors in battle.
1Ch 12:2 They were armed with bows and could use both the right hand and the left in slinging stones and in shooting arrows from the bow. They were Benjamites, Saul's fellow tribesmen.
1Ch 12:3 The chief was Ahi Ezer, then Joash, both sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite. There were Jeziel and Pelet, sons of Azmaveth. There were also Beracah, Jehu the Anathothite,
1Ch 12:4 Ishmaiah (Yishmayah) the Gibeonite, a soldier among the thirty, and in command of the thirty; Jeremiah, Jahaziel, Johanan, Jozabad the Gederathite,
1Ch 12:5 Eluzai, Jerimoth, Bealiah (Baalyah), Shemariah (Shemaryah), Shephatiah the Haruphite,
1Ch 12:6 the Korahites Elkanah, Isshiah, Azarel, Joezer, Jashobeam, and
1Ch 12:7 Joelah and Zebadiah, sons of Jeroham of Gedor.
1Ch 12:8 Some Gadites joined David at the stronghold in the wilderness. They were fighting men, men trained for battle, who could handle shield and spear; whose faces were as fierce as the faces of lions. They were as swift as gazelles on the mountains.
1Ch 12:9 There were Ezer the leader, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third,
1Ch 12:10 Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth,
1Ch 12:11 Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh,
1Ch 12:12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth,
1Ch 12:13 Jeremiah the tenth, Machbannai the eleventh.
1Ch 12:14 These sons of Gad were leaders of the military force. The least led a hundred, and the greatest led a thousand.
1Ch 12:15 They crossed the Jordan River in the first month, when it overflowed its banks, and chased away all those living in the valleys, both toward the east and toward the west.
1Ch 12:16 Some of the men of Benjamin and Judah came to the stronghold to David.
1Ch 12:17 David went out to meet them and addressed them: "If you have come in peace to me to help me, you may join me. But if you have come to betray me to my adversaries, may the Mighty One of our ancestors see and rebuke you, since I have done no wrong."
1Ch 12:18 Then the Ruach came on Amasai, who was chief of the thirty. Amasai said, "We are yours, David. We are on your side, son of Jesse. Peace, may peace be to whoever helps you. May peace be to your helpers, for your Divine One is

helping you." Then David received them and made them commanders over his men.
1Ch 12:19 Some from Manasseh also deserted to David when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle. Yet, they did not help the Philistines, because the Philistine lords consulted with each other and sent David away. They said, "He will desert to his master Saul at the risk of our lives."
1Ch 12:20 When he went to Ziklag, the men of Manasseh who joined him were Adnah, Jozabad, Jediael, Michael, Jozabad, Elihu, and Zillethai, captains over thousands of Manasseh.
1Ch 12:21 They helped David fight against the roving bands, for they were fighting men. Later they became commanders of the military force.
1Ch 12:22 Day after day, men came to David to help him, until there was a great military force, like the armed forces of the Almighty.
1Ch 12:23 This is the record of the armed soldiers for war, who came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul over to him, which carried out the Word of Yehowah.
1Ch 12:24 From Judah those who carried shield and spear were 6,800, armed for war.
1Ch 12:25 From the Simeonites there were 7,100 fighting men.
1Ch 12:26 From the Levites there were 4,600 fighting men.
1Ch 12:27 Jehoiada was the leader of Aaron's descendants, and with him were 3,700.
1Ch 12:28 With Zadok, a young, strong, and courageous man, were twenty-two leaders from his father's family.
1Ch 12:29 From Benjamin, Saul's tribe, were three thousand. Most of them had remained loyal to Saul, until this time.
1Ch 12:30 From the Ephraimites there were 20,800 fighting men, men famous in their fathers' families.
1Ch 12:31 From the half tribe of Manasseh, there were eighteen thousand famous men who came to make David king.
1Ch 12:32 From Issachar, there were two hundred leaders who had understanding of the times and knew what Israel ought to do. All their relatives were under their command.
1Ch 12:33 From Zebulun there were fifty thousand fighting men, prepared for battle, with all the weapons of war, and ready to give undivided loyalty.
1Ch 12:34 From Naphtali there were one thousand officers, and with them thirty-seven thousand men with shields and spears.
1Ch 12:35 From the Danites there were 28,600 men prepared for battle.
1Ch 12:36 From Asher there were forty thousand men prepared for battle.

1Ch 12:37 From the other side of the Jordan River, from the Reubenites, Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, there were 120,000 men armed with all kinds of weapons for battle.
1Ch 12:38 All these soldiers, equipped for battle, came to Hebron with firm intentions to make David king over all Israel. All the rest of Israel were in agreement to make David king also.
1Ch 12:39 They were there with David three days, eating and drinking, for their relatives had sent them with provisions.
1Ch 12:40 In addition, those who were near to them, as far as Issachar, Zebulun, and Naphtali, brought bread on donkeys, camels, mules, and oxen, and cakes of figs, clusters of raisins, wine, oil, oxen, and sheep, for Israel was celebrating!

1 Chronicles Chapter 13

1Ch 13:1 David consulted with the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, with every leader.
1Ch 13:2 David said to all the congregation of Israel, “If it seems good to you, and if this comes from Yehowah our Divine One, let us send messengers everywhere to our brothers who remain in all the regions of Israel, and to the priests and Levites who are in their cities. Let them be told to join us.
1Ch 13:3 Let us bring the Ark of our Divine One back to ourselves, for we did not seek his will in the days of Saul’s reign.”
1Ch 13:4 The whole congregation agreed to do these things, because they seemed right in the eyes of all the people.
1Ch 13:5 So David assembled all Israel together, from the Shihor River (aka Stream of Horus) in Egypt to the entrance of Hamath (modern Hamāh), to bring the Ark of the Almighty from Kiriath Jearim.
1Ch 13:6 David and all Israel went up to Baalah, that is, Kiriath Jearim, which belongs to Judah, to bring up from there the Ark of Almighty Yehowah, who sits enthroned over the cherubim.
1Ch 13:7 So they set the Ark of the Almighty on a new cart. They brought it out of Abinadab’s house. Uzzah and Ahio were guiding the cart.
1Ch 13:8 David and all Israel were celebrating before the Almighty with all their might. They were singing with stringed instruments, tambourines, cymbals, and trumpets.
1Ch 13:9 When they came to the threshing floor of Kidon, Uzzah reached out with his hand to grab the ark, because the oxen stumbled.
1Ch 13:10 Then the anger of Yehowah burned against Uzzah, and He killed him, because Uzzah had reached out with his hand to the ark. He died there before the Almighty.
1Ch 13:11 David was angry, because Yehowah had attacked Uzzah. That place is called Perez Uzzah to this day.
1Ch 13:12 David was afraid of the Almighty that day. He asked, “How can I bring the Ark of the Almighty home to me?”
1Ch 13:13 So David did not move the ark to the City of David, but put it aside in the house of Obed Edom the Gittite.
1Ch 13:14 The Ark of the Almighty remained in Obed Edom’s household in his house for three months. So Yehowah blessed his household and all that he possessed.

1 Chronicles Chapter 14

1Ch 14:1 Then Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, carpenters, and masons. They built a house for him.
1Ch 14:2 David knew that Yehowah had established him as king over Israel, and that his kingdom was exalted on high for the sake of his people Israel.
1Ch 14:3 In Jerusalem, David took more wives, and he became the father of more sons and daughters.
1Ch 14:4 These were the names of the children who were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,
1Ch 14:5 Ibhar, Elishama, Elpelet,
1Ch 14:6 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,
1Ch 14:7 Elishama, Beeliada, and Eliphelet.
1Ch 14:8 Now when the Philistines heard that David had been anointed as king over all Israel, they all went out looking for him. But David heard about it and went out against them.
1Ch 14:9 Now the Philistines had come and made a raid in the Valley of Giants.
1Ch 14:10 Then David asked for help from the Almighty, “Should I attack the Philistines? Will you give victory over them?” Yehowah answered him, “Attack, for I will certainly give them to you.”
1Ch 14:11 So they came up to Baal Perazim, and there he defeated them. David exclaimed, “The Almighty has burst through my enemies by my hand like a bursting flood of water!” So the name of that place became Baal Perazim (2 Sam. 5:20; Mat. 11:12; Mic. 2:12-13; Gen. 38:29).
1Ch 14:12 The Philistines abandoned their deities there, and David gave an order that they should be burned.
1Ch 14:13 Then the Philistines raided the valley yet again.
1Ch 14:14 So David asked for help from the Almighty again. The Almighty answered him, “You must not attack their front, but rather circle around behind them and come on them through the balsam woods.
1Ch 14:15 When you hear the sound of marching in the wind, blowing through the balsam treetops, then attack with force. Do this, because the Almighty will have gone out before you to attack the military force of the Philistines.”
1Ch 14:16 So David did as the Almighty had commanded him. He defeated the military force of the Philistines from Gibeon all the way to Gezer.
1Ch 14:17 Then David’s fame went out into all lands, and Yehowah caused all ethnicities to fear him.

1 Chronicles Chapter 15

1Ch 15:1 David built houses for himself in the City of David. He prepared a place for the Ark of the Almighty and set up a tent for it.
1Ch 15:2 Then David said, “Only the Levites may carry the Ark of the Almighty, for they had been chosen by Yehowah to carry the Ark of the Almighty, and to serve him forever.”
1Ch 15:3 Then David assembled all Israel at Jerusalem, to bring up the Ark of Yehowah to the place he had prepared for it.
1Ch 15:4 David gathered together Aaron’s descendants and the Levites.
1Ch 15:5 From the descendants of Kohath, there was Uriel the leader and his relatives, 120 men.
1Ch 15:6 From the descendants of Merari, there was Asaiah the leader and his relatives, 220 men.
1Ch 15:7 From the descendants of Gershom, there was Joel the leader and his relatives, 130 men.
1Ch 15:8 From the descendants of Elizaphan, there was Shemaiah the leader and his relatives, 200 men.
1Ch 15:9 From the descendants of Hebron, there was Eliel the leader and his relatives, eighty men.
1Ch 15:10 From the descendants of Uzziel, there was Amminadab the leader and his relatives, 112 men.
1Ch 15:11 David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and the Levites Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab.
1Ch 15:12 He commanded them, “You are the leaders of the Levite families. Consecrate yourselves, both you and your brothers, so that you may bring up the Ark of Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, to the place that I have prepared for it.
1Ch 15:13 You did not carry it the first time. That is why Yehowah our Divine One broke out against us, for we did not seek him or obey his decree.”
1Ch 15:14 So the priests and the Levites consecrated themselves, so they could bring up the Ark of Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel.
1Ch 15:15 So the Levites carried the Ark of the Almighty on their shoulders with the poles, as Moses had commanded, following the rules given by the Word of Yehowah.
1Ch 15:16 David spoke to the leaders of the Levites to assign their brothers to be musicians with musical instruments, stringed instruments, harps and cymbals, playing loudly and joyfully lifting up their voices.

1Ch 15:17 So the Levites appointed Heman son of Joel and one of his brothers, Asaph son of Berechiah. They also appointed kinsmen from Merari's descendants and Ethan son of Kushaiah.
1Ch 15:18 With them were their kinsmen of second rank: Zechariah, Ben, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah (Mattithyah, aka Matthew), Eliphelehu, Mikneiah (Miqneyahu), Obed Edom, and Jeiel, the gatekeepers.
1Ch 15:19 The musicians Heman, Asaph, and Ethan were appointed to play loud bronze cymbals.
1Ch 15:20 Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah played the stringed instruments, set to Alamoth.
1Ch 15:21 Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed Edom, Jeiel, and Azaziah (Azazyahu) led the way with harps set to the Sheminith, with excellence.
1Ch 15:22 Kenaniah, leader of the Levites, was the director of the singing, because he was a teacher of music.
1Ch 15:23 Berechiah and Elkanah were guards for the ark.
1Ch 15:24 Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, were to blow the trumpets before the Ark of the Almighty. Obed Edom and Jehiah (Yechiyah) were guards for the ark.
1Ch 15:25 So David, the elders of Israel, and the commanders over thousands went to bring up the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah out of Obed Edom's house with rejoicing.
1Ch 15:26 While the Almighty helped the Levites who carried the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah, they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams.
1Ch 15:27 David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as were the Levites who carried the ark, the singers, and Kenaniah, the leader of the song with the singers. David was wearing a linen ephod.
1Ch 15:28 So all Israel brought up the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah with joyful shouting, and with the sound of the cornet and trumpets, with cymbals, and with stringed instruments and harps.
1Ch 15:29 But as the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah came to the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul, looked out the window. She saw King David dancing and celebrating. Then she despised him in her heart.

1 Chronicles Chapter 16

1Ch 16:1 They brought in the Ark of the Almighty and put it in the middle of the tent that David had set up for it. Then they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Almighty.
1Ch 16:2 When David had finished sacrificing the burnt offering and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of Yehowah.
1Ch 16:3 He distributed to every Israeli, both to men and women, a loaf of bread, and a piece of meat, and a cake of raisins.
1Ch 16:4 David appointed certain Levites to serve before the Ark of Yehowah, and to celebrate, thank and praise Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel.
1Ch 16:5 These Levites were Asaph the leader, and second to him Zechariah, Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed Edom, and Jeiel. These were to play with stringed instruments and with harps. Asaph was to sound the cymbals, sounding loudly.
1Ch 16:6 Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests were to blow the trumpets regularly, before the Ark of the Covenant of the Almighty.
1Ch 16:7 Then on that day, David first appointed Asaph and his brothers to sing this song of thanksgiving to Yehowah:
1Ch 16:8 Give thanks to Yehowah, call on his name; make known his deeds among the ethnicities.
1Ch 16:9 Sing to him, sing praises to him; speak of all his marvelous deeds!
1Ch 16:10 Boast in his set-apart name; let the heart of those who seek Yehowah rejoice!
1Ch 16:11 Seek Yehowah and his strength; seek his presence continually.
1Ch 16:12 Recall the marvelous things he has done, his miracles and the decrees from his mouth,
1Ch 16:13 you descendants of Israel his servant, you people of Jacob, his chosen ones.
1Ch 16:14 He is Yehowah our Divine One. His decrees are on all the earth.
1Ch 16:15 Keep his covenant in mind forever, the word that he commanded for a thousand generations.
1Ch 16:16 He calls to mind the covenant that he made with Abraham, and his oath to Isaac.
1Ch 16:17 This is what he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, and to Israel as an everlasting covenant.
1Ch 16:18 He promised, “I will give you the land of Canaan as your share of your inheritance.”
1Ch 16:19 I said this when you were only few in number, so few indeed, and were sojourners in the land.

1Ch 16:20 They went from ethnicity to ethnicity, from one kingdom to another.
1Ch 16:21 He did not allow anyone to oppress them; he punished kings for their sakes.
1Ch 16:22 He commanded, “Do not touch my anointed ones, and do not harm my prophets.”
1Ch 16:23 Sing to Yehowah, all the earth; announce his salvation day after day!
1Ch 16:24 Declare his glory among the ethnicities, his marvelous deeds among all the ethnicities.
1Ch 16:25 For Yehowah is great and is to be praised greatly, and he is to be feared above all deities!
1Ch 16:26 For all the deities of the ethnicities are idols, but it is Yehowah who made Heaven.
1Ch 16:27 Splendor and majesty are in his presence. Strength and joy are in his place.
1Ch 16:28 Ascribe to Yehowah, you clans of people, ascribe to Yehowah glory and strength;
1Ch 16:29 Ascribe to Yehowah the glory due to his name. Bring an offering and come before him. Bow down to Yehowah in his set-apart splendor.
1Ch 16:30 Tremble before him, all the earth. The globe also is established; it cannot be shaken.
1Ch 16:31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let them shout among the ethnicities, “Yehowah reigns!”
1Ch 16:32 Let the sea roar, and that which fills it shout with joy. Let the fields be joyful, and all that is in them.
1Ch 16:33 Then let the trees in the forest shout for joy before Yehowah, for he is coming to judge the earth!
1Ch 16:34 Give thanks to Yehowah, for he is good, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.
1Ch 16:35 Then say, “Save us, Mighty One of our salvation. Gather us together and rescue us from the ethnicities, so that we may give thanks to your set-apart name and glory in your praises!”
1Ch 16:36 May Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, be praised from everlasting to everlasting! All the people said, “Amein” and praised Yehowah!
1Ch 16:37 So David left Asaph and his brothers there before the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah, to serve continually before the ark, as every day’s work required.
1Ch 16:38 Obed Edom with those sixty-eight relatives were included. Obed Edom son of Jeduthun, along with Hosah, were to be gatekeepers.
1Ch 16:39 Zadok the priest and his fellow priests were to serve before the tabernacle of Yehowah at the high place in Gibeon.

1Ch 16:40 They were to offer burnt offerings to Yehowah on the altar for burnt offerings continually at dawn and dusk, according to all that is written in the Law of Yehowah, which he gave as a command to Israel.
1Ch 16:41 Heman and Jeduthun were with them, together with the rest who were chosen by name, to give thanks to Yehowah, because his covenant faithfulness endures forever.
1Ch 16:42 Heman and Jeduthun were in charge of those who played trumpets, cymbals, and the other instruments for the consecrated music of the Almighty. The sons of Jeduthun guarded the gate.
1Ch 16:43 Then all the people returned to their homes, and David returned to bless his own household.

1 Chronicles Chapter 17

1Ch 17:1 It happened, that after the king had settled in his house, he said to Nathan the prophet, “Look, I am living in a house of cedar, but the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah is staying under a tent.”
1Ch 17:2 Then Nathan said to David, “Go, do what is in your heart, for the Almighty is with you.”
1Ch 17:3 But that same night, the word of the Almighty came to Nathan,
1Ch 17:4 “Go and tell David my servant, ‘This is what Yehowah says: You will not build me a house in which to live.
1Ch 17:5 For I have not lived in a house from the day that I brought up Israel to this present day. Instead, I have been living in a tent, a tabernacle, in various places.
1Ch 17:6 In all places I have moved among all Israel, did I ever say anything to any of Israel’s leaders whom I appointed to shepherd my people, asking, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’”
1Ch 17:7 “Now then tell my servant David, ‘This is what Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces says: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, so that you would be ruler over my people Israel.
1Ch 17:8 I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and I will make you a name, like the name of the great ones who are on the earth.
1Ch 17:9 I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them there, so that they may live in their own place and be troubled no more. No longer will wicked people oppress them, as they did before,
1Ch 17:10 as they were doing from the days that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel. Then I will subdue all your enemies. Moreover, I tell you that I, Yehowah, will build you a household.
1Ch 17:11 It will come about, that when your days are fulfilled for you to go to your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, and for one of your own descendants, I will establish his kingdom.
1Ch 17:12 He will build me a temple, and I will establish his throne forever.
1Ch 17:13 I will be a father to him, and he will be my son. I will not take my covenant faithfulness away from him, as I took it from Saul, who ruled before you.
1Ch 17:14 I will set him over my household and in my kingdom forever, and his throne will be established forever.’”
1Ch 17:15 Nathan spoke to David and reported to him all these words, and he told him about the entire vision.

1Ch 17:16 Then King David went in and sat before Yehowah; he prayed, “Who am I, Yehowah Almighty, and what is my family, that you have brought me to this point?
1Ch 17:17 For this was a small thing in your sight, Almighty One. You have spoken of your servant’s family for a great while to come, and have shown me future generations, Yehowah Almighty.
1Ch 17:18 What more can I, David, say to you? You have honored your servant. You have given your servant special recognition.
1Ch 17:19 Yehowah, for your servant’s sake, and to fulfill your own purpose, you have done this great thing to reveal all your great deeds.
1Ch 17:20 Yehowah, there is none like you, and there is no Almighty besides you, just as we have always heard.
1Ch 17:21 For what nation on earth is like your people Israel, whom you, Almighty One, rescued from Egypt as a people for yourself, to make a name for yourself by great and awesome deeds? You drove out ethnicities from before your people, whom you rescued from Egypt.
1Ch 17:22 You made Israel your own people forever, and you, Yehowah, became their Divine One.
1Ch 17:23 So now, Yehowah, may the promise that you made concerning your servant and his family be established forever. Do as you have spoken.
1Ch 17:24 May your name be established forever and be great, so the people will say, ‘Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces is the Mighty One of Israel, even an Almighty for Israel,’ while the House of David your servant is established before you.
1Ch 17:25 For you, my Divine One, have revealed to your servant that you will build him a household. That is why I, your servant, have found courage to pray to you.
1Ch 17:26 Now Yehowah, you are Almighty, and have made this good promise to your servant:
1Ch 17:27 Now it has pleased you to bless your servant’s household, that it may continue forever before you. You, Yehowah, have blessed it, and it will be blessed forever.”

1 Chronicles Chapter 18

1Ch 18:1 After this, it came about that David attacked the Philistines and defeated them. He took Gath and its villages out of the Philistines' control.
1Ch 18:2 Then he defeated Moab, and the Moabites became servants to David and paid him tribute.
1Ch 18:3 David then defeated Hadadezer, king of Zobah at Hamath, as Hadadezer was traveling to establish his rule by the Euphrates River.
1Ch 18:4 David captured from him a thousand chariots, seven thousand cavalry, and twenty thousand infantrymen. David hamstrung all the chariot horses, but reserved enough of them for a hundred chariots.
1Ch 18:5 When the Arameans of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David killed twenty-two thousand Aramean men.
1Ch 18:6 Then David put garrisons in Aram of Damascus, and the Arameans became servants to him and brought him tribute. Yehowah gave victory to David wherever he went.
1Ch 18:7 David took the golden shields that were on Hadadezer's servants and brought them to Jerusalem.
1Ch 18:8 From Tibhath and Cun, cities of Hadadezer, David took a large amount of bronze. It was with this bronze that Solomon later made the bronze sea, the pillars, and the bronze equipment.
1Ch 18:9 When Toi, king of Hamath, heard that David had defeated all the military force of Hadadezer king of Zobah,
1Ch 18:10 Toi sent Hadoram his son to King David to greet him and to bless him, because David had fought against Hadadezer and defeated him, and because Hadadezer had waged war against Toi. Hadoram brought with himself objects of silver, gold, and bronze (2 Sam. 8:9-10).
1Ch 18:11 King David set these objects apart to Yehowah, together with the silver and the gold that he carried away from all the ethnicities: Edom, Moab, the people of Ammon, the Philistines, and Amalek.
1Ch 18:12 Abishai son of Zeruiah killed eighteen thousand Edomites in the Valley of Salt.
1Ch 18:13 He placed garrisons in Edom, and all the Edomites became David's servants. Yehowah gave victory to David wherever he went.
1Ch 18:14 David reigned over all Israel, and he administered justice and righteousness to all his people.
1Ch 18:15 Joab son of Zeruiah was the commander of the military force, and Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud was recorder.
1Ch 18:16 Zadok son of Ahitub and Ahimelech son of Abiathar were priests, and Shavsha was scribe.

1Ch 18:17 Benaiah son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and Pelethites, and David’s sons were the king’s leading advisors.

1 Chronicles Chapter 19

1Ch 19:1 It came about later that Nahash, king of the people of Ammon, died, and that his son became king in his place.
1Ch 19:2 David said, “I will show kindness to Hanun son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me.” So David sent messengers to console him concerning his father. David’s servants entered the land of the Ammonites and went to Hanun, in order to console him.
1Ch 19:3 But the Ammonite princes asked Hanun, “Do you think that David is honoring your father, because he has sent men to comfort you? Do not his servants come to you to explore and examine the land in order to overthrow it?”
1Ch 19:4 So Hanun seized David’s servants, shaved them, cut off their garments to the waist, up to their buttocks, and sent them away.
1Ch 19:5 When they explained this to David, he sent to meet with them, for the men were deeply ashamed. The king ordered, “Stay at Jericho until your beards have grown back, and then return.”
1Ch 19:6 When the Ammonites saw that they had become a stench to David, Hanun and the Ammonites sent 3,000,000-weight silver-currency to hire Aramean chariots and cavalry from Naharaim, Maacah, and Zobah.
1Ch 19:7 They hired thirty-two thousand chariots with the king of Maacah and his people, who came and encamped before Medeba. The Ammonites gathered themselves together from their cities, and came out for war.
1Ch 19:8 When David heard of it, he sent Joab and his entire military force to meet them.
1Ch 19:9 The people of Ammon came out and lined up for battle at the city gate, while the kings who had come were by themselves in the field.
1Ch 19:10 When Joab saw the battle lines facing him both in front and behind, he chose some of Israel’s best fighters and arranged them against the Arameans.
1Ch 19:11 As for the rest of the military force, he gave it into the command of Abishai his brother, and he put them into battle lines against the military force of Ammon.
1Ch 19:12 Joab said, “If the Arameans are too strong for me, then you, Abishai, must rescue me. But if the military force of Ammon is too strong for you, then I will come and rescue you.
1Ch 19:13 Be strong, and let us show ourselves to be strong for our people and for the cities of our Divine One, for Yehowah will do what is good for his purpose.”

1Ch 19:14 So Joab and the soldiers of his military force advanced to the battle against the Arameans, who were forced to flee before the military force of Israel.
1Ch 19:15 When the military force of Ammon saw that the Arameans had fled, they also fled from Joab's brother Abishai and went back into the city. Then Joab returned from the people of Ammon and went back to Jerusalem.
1Ch 19:16 When the Arameans saw that they were being defeated by Israel, they sent for reinforcements from beyond the Euphrates River, with Shophach the commander of Hadadezer's military force.
1Ch 19:17 When David was told this, he gathered all Israel together, crossed the Jordan River, and came upon them. He arranged the military force for battle against the Arameans, and they fought him.
1Ch 19:18 The Arameans fled from Israel, and David killed seven thousand Aramean charioteers and forty thousand infantrymen. He also killed Shophach, the commander of the military force.
1Ch 19:19 When all the kings who were servants of Hadadezer saw that they were defeated by Israel, they made peace with David and served him. So the people of Aram were no longer willing to help the Ammonites.

1 Chronicles Chapter 20

1Ch 20:1 It came about in the springtime, at the time when kings normally go to war, that Joab led the military force into battle and devastated the land of the Ammonites. He went and besieged Rabbah. David remained in Jerusalem. Joab attacked Rabbah and defeated it.
1Ch 20:2 David took the crown of their king from off his head, and he found that it weighed thirty-three kilograms of gold, and in it were precious stones. The crown was set on David's head, and he brought out the plunder of the city in large quantities.
1Ch 20:3 He brought out the people who were in the city and forced them to work with saws, iron picks, and axes. David required all the cities of the people of Ammon to do this labor. Then David and all the military force returned to Jerusalem.
1Ch 20:4 It came about after this, that there was a battle at Gezer with the Philistines. Sibbecai the Hushathite killed Sippai, one of the descendants of the giants, and the Philistines were subdued.
1Ch 20:5 It came about again in a battle with the Philistines at Gob, that Elhanan son of Jari the Bethlehemite killed Lahmi brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.
1Ch 20:6 It came about in another battle at Gath, that there was a man of great height who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot. He also was descended from the giants.
1Ch 20:7 When he mocked the military force of Israel, Jehonadab son of Shimea, David's brother, killed him.
1Ch 20:8 These were descendants of the giants of Gath, and they were killed by the hand of David and by the hand of his soldiers.

1 Chronicles Chapter 21

1Ch 21:1 Satan arose against Israel and incited David to count Israel.
1Ch 21:2 David ordered Joab and the commanders of the military force, “Go, count the people of Israel from Beersheba to Dan and report back to me, that I may know their number.”
1Ch 21:3 Joab responded, “May Yehowah make his military force a hundred times greater than it is. But my master the king, do they not all serve my master? Why does my master want this? Why bring guilt on Israel?”
1Ch 21:4 But the king’s word was final against Joab. So Joab left and went throughout all Israel. Then he came back to Jerusalem.
1Ch 21:5 Then Joab reported the total of the count of the fighting men to David. There were in Israel 1,100,000 men who drew the sword. Judah alone had 470,000 soldiers.
1Ch 21:6 But Levi and Benjamin were not counted among them, for the king’s command had disgusted Joab.
1Ch 21:7 The Almighty was offended by this action, so he attacked Israel.
1Ch 21:8 David confessed to the Almighty, “I have greatly sinned by doing this. Now take away your servant’s guilt, for I have acted extremely foolishly.”
1Ch 21:9 Yehowah ordered Gad, David’s prophet,
1Ch 21:10 “Go say to David, ‘This is what Yehowah says: I am giving you three choices. Choose one of them.’”
1Ch 21:11 So Gad went to David and said to him, “Yehowah says this, ‘Choose one of these:
1Ch 21:12 Either three years of famine, three months being pursued by your enemies and being caught by their swords, or else three days of the sword of Yehowah, that is, a plague in the land, with the angel of Yehowah destroying throughout all the land of Israel.’ Now then decide what answer I should take to the One who sent me.”
1Ch 21:13 Then David answered Gad, “I am in deep trouble. Let me fall into the hand of Yehowah rather than into the hand of man, for his mercies are exceedingly numerous.”
1Ch 21:14 So Yehowah sent a plague on Israel, and seventy thousand people died.
1Ch 21:15 The Almighty sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it. As he was about to destroy it, Yehowah watched and changed his mind about the harm. He commanded the destroying angel, “Enough! Now draw back your hand.” At that time, the angel of Yehowah was standing at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

1Ch 21:16 David looked up and saw the angel of Yehowah standing between earth and Heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand raised over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, lay facedown on the ground.
1Ch 21:17 David prayed to the Almighty, “Is it not I that commanded that the military force be numbered? I did this wicked thing. But these sheep, what have they done? Yehowah my Divine One, let your hand strike me and my family, but do not let the plague remain on your people.”
1Ch 21:18 So the angel of Yehowah commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up and build an altar for Yehowah at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.
1Ch 21:19 So David went up as Gad instructed him to do in the name of Yehowah.
1Ch 21:20 While Ornan was threshing wheat, he turned and saw the angel. He and his four sons with him hid themselves.
1Ch 21:21 When David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David. He left the threshing floor and bowed to David with his face to the ground.
1Ch 21:22 Then David entreated Ornan, “Sell me this threshing floor, so I can build an altar for Yehowah. I will pay the full price, so that the plague may be removed from the people.”
1Ch 21:23 Ornan responded to David, “Take it as your own, my master the king. Do with it what is good in your sight. Look, I will give you oxen for burnt offerings, threshing sledges for wood, and wheat for the grain offering; I will give it all to you.”
1Ch 21:24 King David replied to Ornan, “No, I insist on buying it for the full price. I will not take what is yours and offer it as a burnt offering to Yehowah, if it costs me nothing.”
1Ch 21:25 So David paid to Ornan six and one-half kilograms of gold for the place.
1Ch 21:26 David built an altar for Yehowah there and offered on it burnt offerings and peace offerings. He called on Yehowah, who answered him with fire from Heaven on the altar for burnt offerings.
1Ch 21:27 Then Yehowah gave an order to the angel, and the angel put his sword back into its scabbard.
1Ch 21:28 When David saw that Yehowah had answered him at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he performed the sacrifice there at the same time.
1Ch 21:29 Now at that time, the tabernacle of Yehowah, which Moses had made in the wilderness, and the altar for burnt offerings, were at the high place at Gibeon.
1Ch 21:30 However, David could not go there to ask for direction from the Almighty, because he was afraid of the sword of the angel of Yehowah.

1 Chronicles Chapter 22

1Ch 22:1 Then David commanded, “This is where the temple of Yehowah Almighty will be, with the altar for the burnt offerings of Israel.”
1Ch 22:2 So David ordered his servants to gather together the sojourning foreigners living in the land of Israel. He assigned them to be stonecutters, to cut stone blocks, in order to build the temple of the Almighty.
1Ch 22:3 David supplied a large amount of iron for the nails for the doors to go in the gateways, and for braces. He also supplied more bronze than could be weighed,
1Ch 22:4 and more cedar trees than could be counted. The Sidonians and the Tyrians brought too many cedar logs to David to count.
1Ch 22:5 David said, “My son Solomon is young and inexperienced, and the temple that is to be built for Yehowah must be especially magnificent, so that it will be famous and glorious in all other lands. So I will prepare for its building.” So David made extensive preparations before his death.
1Ch 22:6 Then he called for Solomon his son and commanded him to build a temple for Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel.
1Ch 22:7 David said to Solomon, “My son, it was my intention to build a temple myself, for the name of Yehowah my Divine One.
1Ch 22:8 But Yehowah came to me and said, ‘You have shed much blood and have fought many battles. You will not build a temple for my name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in my sight.
1Ch 22:9 However, you will have a son who will be a peaceful man. I will give him rest from all his enemies on every side. For his name will be Solomon, and I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days.
1Ch 22:10 He will build a temple for my name. He will be my son, and I will be his Father. I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.’
1Ch 22:11 Now my son, may Yehowah be with you and enable you to succeed. May you build the temple of Yehowah your Divine One, as he said you would.
1Ch 22:12 Only, may Yehowah give you insight and understanding, so that you may obey the Law of Yehowah your Divine One, when he places you in charge over Israel.
1Ch 22:13 Then you will succeed, if you carefully obey the statutes and the decrees that Yehowah gave to Moses concerning Israel. Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be discouraged.
1Ch 22:14 Now see, at great effort I have prepared for the temple of Yehowah 3,300 metric tons of gold, 3,000,000,000-weight silver-currency, and bronze and iron in large quantities. I have also provided timber and stone. You must add more to all this.

1Ch 22:15 You have many workmen with you: stonecutters, masons, carpenters, and skillful craftsmen without number of every kind,
1Ch 22:16 who can work with gold, silver, bronze, and iron. So begin to work, and may Yehowah be with you.”
1Ch 22:17 David also commanded all the leaders of Israel to help Solomon his son,
1Ch 22:18 “Yehowah your Divine One is with you and has given you peace on every side. He has given the region’s inhabitants into my hand. The region is subdued before Yehowah and his people.
1Ch 22:19 Now seek Yehowah your Divine One with all your heart and your soul. Get up and build the Set-apart Place of Yehowah Almighty. Then you can bring the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah and the things that belong to the Almighty into the temple built for the name of Yehowah.”

1 Chronicles Chapter 23

1Ch 23:1 When David was old and near the end of his life, he made Solomon his son king over Israel.
1Ch 23:2 He gathered together all the leaders of Israel, with the priests and Levites.
1Ch 23:3 The Levites who were thirty years old and older were counted. They numbered thirty-eight thousand.
1Ch 23:4 “Of these, twenty-four thousand were to oversee the work of the temple of Yehowah, and six thousand were officers and judges.
1Ch 23:5 Four thousand were gatekeepers, and four thousand were to praise Yehowah with the instruments that I made to give praise,” David said.
1Ch 23:6 He divided them into groups that corresponded to Levi’s sons: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
1Ch 23:7 From the clans descended from Gershon, there were Ladan and Shimei.
1Ch 23:8 There were three of Ladan’s sons: Jehiel the leader, Zetham, and Joel.
1Ch 23:9 There were three of Shimei’s sons: Shelomoth, Haziel, and Haran. These were the leaders of the clans of Ladan.
1Ch 23:10 There were four of Shimei’s sons: Jahath, Ziza, Jeush, and Beriah.
1Ch 23:11 Jahath was the oldest, and Ziza the second, but Jeush and Beriah did not have many sons, so they were considered as one clan with the same duties.
1Ch 23:12 There were four of Kohath’s sons: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.
1Ch 23:13 These were Amram’s sons: Aaron and Moses. Aaron was chosen to set apart the most set-apart things, that he and his descendants would offer incense before Yehowah, to serve him and to give blessings in his name forever.
1Ch 23:14 But as for Moses the man of the Almighty, his sons were considered to be Levites.
1Ch 23:15 Moses’ sons were Gershom and Eliezer.
1Ch 23:16 Gershom’s descendant was Shebuel the oldest.
1Ch 23:17 Eliezer’s descendant was Rehabiah (Rechabyah). Eliezer had no other sons, but Rehabiah had many descendants.
1Ch 23:18 Izhar’s son was Shelomith the leader.
1Ch 23:19 Hebron’s descendants were Jeriah (Yeriyah), the oldest, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.
1Ch 23:20 Uzziel’s sons were Micah the oldest, and Isshiah the second.
1Ch 23:21 Merari’s sons were Mahli and Mushi. Mahli’s sons were Eleazar and Kish.
1Ch 23:22 Eleazar died without having any sons. He had only daughters. The sons of Kish married them.
1Ch 23:23 Mushi’s three sons were Mahli, Eder, and Jeremoth.

1Ch 23:24 These were Levi's descendants corresponding to their clans. They were the leaders, counted and listed by name, of the clans that did the work in the service of the temple of Yehowah, from twenty years old and upward.
1Ch 23:25 For David said, "Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, has given rest to his people. He makes his home in Jerusalem forever.
1Ch 23:26 The Levites will no longer need to carry the tabernacle and all the equipment used in its service."
1Ch 23:27 For by David's last words the Levites were counted, from twenty years old and upward.
1Ch 23:28 Their duty was to assist Aaron's descendants in the service of the temple of Yehowah. They were to care for the courtyards, the rooms, the ceremonial purification of all the set-apart things, and other work in the service of the temple of the Almighty.
1Ch 23:29 They also took care of the bread of the presence, the fine flour for grain offerings, the unleavened wafers, the baked offerings, the offerings mixed with oil, and all the measuring of the amounts and sizes of things.
1Ch 23:30 They also stood each dawn to thank and praise Yehowah! They also did this at dusk,
1Ch 23:31 and whenever burnt offerings were offered to Yehowah, on the Sabbath and at the beginning of the months and appointment calendar festivals. A fixed number, assigned by decree, always had to be present before Yehowah.
1Ch 23:32 They were in charge of the Tent of Meeting, the Set-apart Place, and helped their fellow descendants of Aaron in the service of the temple of Yehowah.

1 Chronicles Chapter 24

1Ch 24:1 The work groups based on Aaron's descendants were these: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.
1Ch 24:2 Nadab and Abihu died before their father died. They had no children, so Eleazar and Ithamar served as priests.
1Ch 24:3 David, together with Zadok, a descendant of Eleazar, and Ahimelech, a descendant of Ithamar, divided them into groups for their work as priests.
1Ch 24:4 There were more leading men among Eleazar's descendants than among Ithamar's descendants, so they divided Eleazar's descendants into sixteen groups. They did this by heads of clans and by Ithamar's descendants. These divisions were eight in number, corresponding to their clans.
1Ch 24:5 They divided them impartially by lot, for there were officials of the Set-apart Place and officials of the Almighty, from both Eleazar's descendants and Ithamar's descendants.
1Ch 24:6 Shemaiah son of Nethanel the scribe, a Levite, wrote down their names in the presence of the king, the officials, Zadok the priest, Ahimelech son of Abiathar, and the leaders of the priestly and Levite families. One clan was drawn by lot from Eleazar's descendants, and then the next would be drawn from Ithamar's descendants.
1Ch 24:7 The first lot went to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah,
1Ch 24:8 the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim,
1Ch 24:9 the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin,
1Ch 24:10 the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah,
1Ch 24:11 the ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah,
1Ch 24:12 the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim,
1Ch 24:13 the thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab,
1Ch 24:14 the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer,
1Ch 24:15 the seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Happizzez,
1Ch 24:16 the nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezkel,
1Ch 24:17 the twenty-first to Jachin, the twenty-second to Gamul,
1Ch 24:18 the twenty-third to Delaiah, and the twenty-fourth to Maaziah.
1Ch 24:19 This was the order of their service, when they came into the temple of Yehowah, following the procedure given to them by Aaron their ancestor, as Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, had instructed him.
1Ch 24:20 These were the rest of the Levites: of the sons of Amram, Shebuel; of the sons of Shebael, Jehdeiah (Yechdeyahu).
1Ch 24:21 The sons of Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, Isshiah the leader.
1Ch 24:22 Of the Izarites, Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath.

1Ch 24:23 The sons of Hebron: Jeriah the leader, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.
1Ch 24:24 The sons of Uzziel's descendants included Micah. Micah's descendants included Shamir.
1Ch 24:25 Micah's brother was Isshiah. Isshiah's sons included Zechariah.
1Ch 24:26 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. The son of Jaaziah, Beno.
1Ch 24:27 The sons of Merari: Jaaziah, Beno, Shoham, Zaccur, and Ibri.
1Ch 24:28 The sons of Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons.
1Ch 24:29 The sons of Kish: Jerahmeel.
1Ch 24:30 The sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the Levites, listed by their families.
1Ch 24:31 These men who were the head of each father's house and each of their younger brothers, cast lots in the presence of King David, and Zadok and Ahimelech, along with the leaders of the families of the priests and Levites. They threw lots just as Aaron's descendants had done.

1 Chronicles Chapter 25

1Ch 25:1 David and the leaders of the tabernacle work selected for the work some of the sons of Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun. These men prophesied with harps, stringed instruments, and cymbals. Here is a list of the men who did this work:
1Ch 25:2 From the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and Asharelah, the sons of Asaph, under the direction of Asaph, who prophesied under the king's supervision.
1Ch 25:3 From the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, Zeri, Jeshaiah, Shimei, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six in all, under the direction of their father Jeduthun, who played the harp for giving thanks and praising Yehowah.
1Ch 25:4 From the sons of Heman: Bukkiah (Buqqiyahu), Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, Romamti Ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth.
1Ch 25:5 All these were the sons of Heman the king's prophet in the words of the Almighty. The Almighty gave Heman fourteen sons and three daughters in order to honor him.
1Ch 25:6 All these were under the direction of their fathers. They were musicians in the temple of Yehowah, with cymbals and stringed instruments as they served in the temple of the Almighty. Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman were under the king's supervision.
1Ch 25:7 They and their brothers who were skilled and trained to make music to Yehowah numbered 288.
1Ch 25:8 They threw lots for their duties, all alike, the same for the young as well as the old, the teacher as well as the student.
1Ch 25:9 Now regarding Asaph's sons: The first lot fell to Joseph's family; the second fell to Gedaliah's family, twelve persons in number;
1Ch 25:10 the third fell to Zaccur, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;
1Ch 25:11 the fourth fell to Izri, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;
1Ch 25:12 the fifth fell to Nethaniah, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;
1Ch 25:13 the sixth fell to Bukkiah, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;
1Ch 25:14 the seventh fell to Jesharelah, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;
1Ch 25:15 the eighth fell to Jeshaiah, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;

1Ch 25:16 the ninth fell to Mattaniah, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;
1Ch 25:17 the tenth fell to Shimei, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;
1Ch 25:18 the eleventh fell to Azarel, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;
1Ch 25:19 the twelfth fell to Hashabiah, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;
1Ch 25:20 the thirteenth fell to Shubael, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;
1Ch 25:21 the fourteenth fell to Mattithiah, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;
1Ch 25:22 the fifteenth fell to Jeremoth, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;
1Ch 25:23 the sixteenth fell to Hananiah, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;
1Ch 25:24 the seventeenth fell to Joshbekashah, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;
1Ch 25:25 the eighteenth fell to Hanani, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;
1Ch 25:26 the nineteenth fell to Mallothi, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;
1Ch 25:27 the twentieth fell to Eliathah, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;
1Ch 25:28 the twenty-first fell to Hothir, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;
1Ch 25:29 the twenty-second fell to Giddalti, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;
1Ch 25:30 the twenty-third fell to Mahazioth, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;
1Ch 25:31 the twenty-fourth fell to Romamti Ezer, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number.

1 Chronicles Chapter 26

1Ch 26:1 Here were the divisions of the gatekeepers: From the Korahites, Meshelemiah son of Kore, a descendant of Asaph.
1Ch 26:2 Meshelemiah had sons: Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth,
1Ch 26:3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Eliehoenai the seventh.
1Ch 26:4 Obed Edom had sons: Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethanel the fifth,
1Ch 26:5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peullethai the eighth, for the Almighty had blessed Obed Edom.
1Ch 26:6 To Shemaiah his son were born sons who ruled over their families; they were men with many abilities.
1Ch 26:7 The sons of Shemaiah were Othni, Rephael, Obed, and Elzabad. His relatives Elihu and Semachiah (Semakyahu) were also men with many abilities.
1Ch 26:8 All these were descendants of Obed Edom. They and their sons and relatives were men capable of doing their duties in the tabernacle service. There were sixty-two of them related to Obed Edom.
1Ch 26:9 Meshelemiah had sons and relatives, capable men, eighteen in all.
1Ch 26:10 Hosah, a descendant of Merari, had sons: Shimri the leader, although he was not the firstborn, his father made him leader,
1Ch 26:11 Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah (Tebalyahu) the third, Zechariah the fourth. All of Hosah's sons and kinsmen were thirteen in number.
1Ch 26:12 These divisions of the gatekeepers, corresponding to their leaders, had responsibilities, like their relatives, to serve in the temple of Yehowah.
1Ch 26:13 They threw lots, both young and old, corresponding to their families, for every gate.
1Ch 26:14 When the lot was thrown for the east gate, it fell to Shelemiah (Shelemyah). They then threw lots for Zechariah his son, a prudent advisor, and his lot came out for the north gate.
1Ch 26:15 To Obed Edom was assigned the south gate, and his sons were assigned the storehouses.
1Ch 26:16 Shuppim and Hosah were assigned the west gate along with the gate of Shallecheth, on the upper road. Watches were established for each family.
1Ch 26:17 On the east were six Levites, on the north four a day, on the south four a day, and at the storehouses two pairs.
1Ch 26:18 At the court to the west there were four posted, four at the road, and two at the court.
1Ch 26:19 These were the gatekeepers' divisions. They were filled with descendants of Korah and Merari.

1Ch 26:20 Among the Levites, Ahijah was in charge of the treasures of the temple of the Almighty, and of the treasures of the set-apart things.
1Ch 26:21 The descendants of Ladan, descended from Gershon through him, and who were leaders of the families of Ladan the Gershonite, were Jehieli and his sons,
1Ch 26:22 Zetham, and Joel his brother, who oversaw the storehouses of the temple of Yehowah.
1Ch 26:23 There were also guards drawn from the clans of Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.
1Ch 26:24 Shebuel son of Gershom son of Moses, was supervisor over the storehouses.
1Ch 26:25 His relatives from the clan of Eliezer were his son Rehabiah, Rehabiah's son Jeshaiah, Jeshaiah's son Joram, Joram's son Zichri, and Zichri's son Shelomoth.
1Ch 26:26 Shelomoth and his relatives were over all the storehouses holding the set-apart things that King David, the family leaders, commanders over thousands and hundreds, and the military commanders, had set apart.
1Ch 26:27 They set apart the plunder won in battles for the upkeep of the temple of Yehowah.
1Ch 26:28 They were also in charge of everything that was set apart to Yehowah by Samuel the prophet, Saul son of Kish, Abner son of Ner, and Joab son of Zeruiah. Everything that was set apart to Yehowah was under the guard of Shelomoth and his relatives.
1Ch 26:29 Of Izhar's descendants, Kenaniah and his sons were in charge of the civil affairs of Israel. They were officers and judges.
1Ch 26:30 Of Hebron's descendants, Hashabiah and his brothers, 1,700 capable men, were in charge of the work of Yehowah and the king's work. They were on the west side of the Jordan River.
1Ch 26:31 From Hebron's descendants, Jerijah (Yeriyahu) was the leader of his descendants, counted from the lists of their families. In the fortieth year of the reign of David (c. 1023 BC) they examined the records and found among them men of ability in Jazer of Gilead.
1Ch 26:32 Jerijah had 2,700 relatives, who were capable family leaders. David made them overseers over the tribes of Reuben and Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to the Almighty, and for the king's affairs.

1 Chronicles Chapter 27

1Ch 27:1 This is the list of the Israeli family leaders, commanders of thousands and hundreds, as well as military officers who served the king in various ways. Each military division served month by month throughout the year. Each division had twenty-four thousand men.
1Ch 27:2 Over the division for the first month was Jashobeam son of Zabdiel. In his division were twenty-four thousand men.
1Ch 27:3 He was among the descendants of Perez and in charge of all the military officers for the first month.
1Ch 27:4 Over the division for the second month was Dodai, from the clan descended from Ahoah. Mikloth was second in rank. In his division were twenty-four thousand men.
1Ch 27:5 The commander of the military force for the third month was Benaiah son of Jehoiada, a priest and leader. In his division were twenty-four thousand men.
1Ch 27:6 This is the Benaiah who was the leader of the thirty, and over the thirty. Ammizabad his son was in his division.
1Ch 27:7 The commander for the fourth month was Asahel brother of Joab. Zebadiah his son became commander after him. In his division were twenty-four thousand men.
1Ch 27:8 The commander for the fifth month was Shamhuth, a descendant of Izrah. In his division were twenty-four thousand men.
1Ch 27:9 The commander for the sixth month was Ira son of Ikkesh, from Tekoa. In his division were twenty-four thousand men.
1Ch 27:10 The commander for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite, from the people of Ephraim. In his division were twenty-four thousand men.
1Ch 27:11 The commander for the eighth month was Sibbecai the Hushathite, from the clan descended from Zerah. In his division were twenty-four thousand men.
1Ch 27:12 The commander for the ninth month was Abi Ezer the Anathothite, from the tribe of Benjamin. In his division were twenty-four thousand men.
1Ch 27:13 The commander for the tenth month was Maharai from the city of Netophah, from the clan descended from Zerah. In his division were twenty-four thousand men.
1Ch 27:14 The commander for the eleventh month was Benaiah from the city of Pirathon, from the tribe of Ephraim. In his division were twenty-four thousand men.

1Ch 27:15 The commander for the twelfth month was Heldai from the city of Netophah, from the clan descended from Othniel. In his division were twenty-four thousand men.
1Ch 27:16 These were the leaders of the tribes of Israel: For the tribe of Reuben, Eliezer son of Zichri was the leader. For the tribe of Simeon, Shephatiah son of Maacah was the leader.
1Ch 27:17 For the tribe of Levi, Hashabiah son of Kemuel was the leader, and Zadok led Aaron's descendants.
1Ch 27:18 For the tribe of Judah, Elihu, one of David's brothers, was the leader. For the tribe of Issachar, Omri son of Michael was the leader.
1Ch 27:19 For the tribe of Zebulun, Ishmaiah son of Obadiah was the leader. For the tribe of Naphtali, Jeremoth son of Azriel was the leader.
1Ch 27:20 For the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea son of Azaziah was the leader. For the half tribe of Manasseh, Joel son of Pedaiah was the leader.
1Ch 27:21 For the half tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo son of Zechariah was the leader. For the tribe of Benjamin, Jaasiel son of Abner was the leader.
1Ch 27:22 For the tribe of Dan, Azarel son of Jeroham was the leader. These were the leaders of the tribes of Israel.
1Ch 27:23 David did not count those twenty years old or younger, because Yehowah had promised to increase Israel like the stars of heaven.
1Ch 27:24 Joab son of Zeruiah began to count the men but did not finish. Wrath fell on Israel for this. This number was not written down in the Chronicles of King David.
1Ch 27:25 Azmaveth son of Adiel was in charge of the king's treasuries. Jonathan son of Uzziah was over the storehouses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the fortified towers.
1Ch 27:26 Ezri son of Chelub was over the farmers, those who plowed the land.
1Ch 27:27 Shimei from Ramah was over the vineyards, and Zabdi from Shepham was over the grapes and the wine cellars.
1Ch 27:28 Over the olive trees and the sycamore trees that were in the lowlands was Baal Hanan from Geder, and over the storehouses of oil was Joash.
1Ch 27:29 Over the herds that were pastured in Sharon was Shitrai from Sharon, and over the herds that were in the valleys was Shaphat son of Adlai.
1Ch 27:30 Over the camels was Obil the Ishmaelite, and over the jenny donkeys was Jehdeiah from Meronoth.
1Ch 27:31 Over the flocks was Jaziz the Hagrite. All these were overseers of the property of King David.
1Ch 27:32 Jonathan, David's uncle, was an advisor, since he was a wise man and a scribe. Jehiel son of Hachmoni cared for the king's sons.
1Ch 27:33 Ahithophel was the king's advisor, and Hushai from the Archite people was the king's private advisor.

1Ch 27:34 Ahithophel’s position was taken by Jehoiada son of Benaiah, and by Abiathar. Joab was commander of the king’s military force.

1 Chronicles Chapter 28

1Ch 28:1 David assembled all the officials of Israel at Jerusalem: The officials of the tribes, the officers of the divisions that served the king in their scheduled work, the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, the managers over all the property and possessions of the king and of his sons, and the military officers and fighting men, including the most skilled of them.
1Ch 28:2 Then King David rose to his feet and said, “Listen to me, my brothers and my people. It was my intention to build a temple for the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah; a footstool for our Divine One, and I have made preparations to build it.
1Ch 28:3 But the Almighty said to me, ‘You will not build a temple for my name, because you are a man of war and have shed blood.’
1Ch 28:4 Yet Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, chose me from all my father’s family to be king over Israel forever. He has chosen the tribe of Judah as leader. In the tribe of Judah, and in my father’s household, out of all my father’s sons, he chose me to be king over all Israel.
1Ch 28:5 From the many sons whom Yehowah has given me, he chose Solomon, my son, to sit on the throne of the Kingdom of Yehowah, over Israel.
1Ch 28:6 He said to me, ‘Solomon your son will build my temple and my courtyards, for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his Father.
1Ch 28:7 I will establish his kingdom forever, if he remains committed to obey my commandments and decrees, as you are this day.’
1Ch 28:8 Now then, in the sight of all Israel, this congregation of Yehowah, and in the presence of our Divine One, all of you must keep and carry out all the commandments of Yehowah your Divine One. Do this so that you may possess this good land and leave it as an inheritance to your children after you forever.
1Ch 28:9 As for you, Solomon my son, obey the Mighty One of your father, and serve him with your whole heart and a willing spirit. Do this because Yehowah searches all hearts and understands every motivation of everyone’s thoughts. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you abandon him, he will reject you permanently.
1Ch 28:10 Realize that Yehowah has chosen you to build this temple as his sanctuary. Be strong and do it.”
1Ch 28:11 Then David gave to Solomon his son the plans for the temple portico, the temple buildings, the storerooms, the upper rooms, the inner rooms, and the room with the atonement lid.
1Ch 28:12 He gave him the plans he had drawn for the courtyards of the temple of Yehowah, all the surrounding rooms, the storerooms in the temple of the Almighty, and the treasuries for the set-apart things.

1Ch 28:13 He gave him regulations for the divisions of the priests and Levites, for the assigned responsibilities for the service of the temple of Yehowah, and for all the objects for the service in the temple of Yehowah.
1Ch 28:14 He gave him the weight of all the gold vessels for every kind of service and of all the silver vessels, for all the objects for every kind of service.
1Ch 28:15 These details were given by weight, including the details for the gold menorot and gold lamps, the details by weight for every menorah, for the lamps, for the silver menorot, and details for the proper use of every menorah.
1Ch 28:16 He gave the weight of the gold for the tables of the bread of the presence, for every table, and the weight of the silver-currency for the silver tables.
1Ch 28:17 He gave the weight of pure gold for the meat forks, basins, and cups. He gave the weight for each of the gold bowls, and the weight of each of the silver bowls.
1Ch 28:18 He gave the weight of refined gold for the incense altar, and of the gold for the design of the chariot of the cherubim that spread out their wings and covered the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah.
1Ch 28:19 David said, “I have put all this in writing as Yehowah directed me and gave me to understand regarding the design.”
1Ch 28:20 David ordered Solomon his son, “Be strong and brave. Do the work. Do not be afraid or anxious, for Yehowah Almighty, my Divine One, is with you. He will not leave you nor abandon you, until all the work for the service of the temple of Yehowah is finished.
1Ch 28:21 See, here are the divisions of the priests and Levites for all the service in the temple of the Almighty. They will be with you, together with all willing and skillful men, to assist you in the work and to perform the service. The officials and all the people are ready to follow your commands.”

1 Chronicles Chapter 29

1Ch 29:1 King David said to the whole congregation, “Solomon my son, whom alone the Almighty has chosen, is still young and inexperienced, and the task is great. For the temple is not for people but for Yehowah Almighty.
1Ch 29:2 So I have done my best to provide for the temple of my Divine One. I am giving gold for the things to be made of gold, silver for the things to be made of silver, bronze for the things to be made of bronze, iron for the things to be made of iron, and wood for the things to be made of wood. I am also giving onyx stones, stones to be set, stones for inlaid work of various colors, all kinds of precious stones, and marble stone in abundance.
1Ch 29:3 Now because of my delight in the temple of my Divine One, I am giving my personal treasure of gold and silver for it. I am doing this in addition to all that I have prepared for this set-apart temple of my Divine One:
1Ch 29:4 100 metric tons of gold from Ophir, and 21,000,000-weight refined silver, in order to overlay the walls of the buildings.
1Ch 29:5 I am donating gold for the things to be made of gold, and silver for the things to be made of silver, and things for all kinds of work to be done by craftsmen. Who else wants to make a contribution to Yehowah today and give himself to him?”
1Ch 29:6 Then freewill offerings were made by the leaders of their ancestors’ families, the leaders of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and hundreds, and by the officials over the king’s work.
1Ch 29:7 They gave for the service of the temple of the Almighty 165 metric tons of gold, 330 metric tons of silver, 600 metric tons of bronze, and 3,300 metric tons of iron.
1Ch 29:8 Those who had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the temple of Yehowah, under the supervision of Jehiel, a descendant of Gershon.
1Ch 29:9 The people rejoiced because of these freewill offerings, because they had contributed wholeheartedly to Yehowah. King David also rejoiced greatly!
1Ch 29:10 David blessed Yehowah in front of all the congregation, “May you be praised, Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel our ancestor, forever and ever!
1Ch 29:11 Yours, Yehowah, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, Yehowah, and you are exalted as ruler over all.
1Ch 29:12 Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all people. In your hand is power and might. You possess the strength and might to make people great and to give strength to anyone.
1Ch 29:13 Now then our Divine One, we thank you and praise your glorious name!

1Ch 29:14 But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly these things? Indeed, all things come from you, and we have simply given back to you what is yours.
1Ch 29:15 For we are sojourning foreigners and resident aliens before you, as all our ancestors were (Heb. 11:13). Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope of remaining on earth.
1Ch 29:16 Yehowah our Divine One, all this wealth that we have collected in order to build a temple to honor your set-apart name, it comes from you and belongs to you.
1Ch 29:17 I know also, my Divine One, that you examine the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things, and now I look with joy as your people who are present here willingly offer gifts to you.
1Ch 29:18 Yehowah, Mighty One of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep this forever in the thoughts of the minds of your people. Direct their hearts toward you.
1Ch 29:19 Give to Solomon my son a wholehearted desire to keep your commandments, your covenant decrees, and your statutes, and to carry out all these plans to build the palace for which I have made provision."
1Ch 29:20 David commanded all the congregation, "Now bless Yehowah your Divine One." All the congregation blessed Yehowah, Mighty One of their ancestors, bowed their heads and worshiped King Yehowah.
1Ch 29:21 On the next day, they made sacrifices to Yehowah and offered burnt offerings to Yehowah. They offered a thousand bulls, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel.
1Ch 29:22 On that day, they ate and drank before Yehowah with great celebration. They made Solomon, David's son, king a second time, and anointed him with the authority of Yehowah to be ruler. They also anointed Zadok to be priest.
1Ch 29:23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of Yehowah as king instead of David his father. He prospered, and all Israel obeyed him.
1Ch 29:24 All the leaders, soldiers, and King David's sons gave allegiance to King Solomon.
1Ch 29:25 Yehowah greatly honored Solomon before all Israel and bestowed on him greater power than he had ever given to any king before him in Israel.
1Ch 29:26 David, son of Jesse, reigned over all Israel.
1Ch 29:27 David had been king of Israel for forty years. He ruled for seven years in Hebron and for thirty-three years in Jerusalem.
1Ch 29:28 He died at a good old age (c. 1023 BC), after enjoying a long life, wealth, and honor. Solomon his son succeeded him.

1Ch 29:29 King David’s accomplishments are written in the history of Samuel the prophet, in the history of Nathan the prophet, and in the history of Gad the prophet.
1Ch 29:30 Recorded there are the deeds of his rule, his accomplishments and the events that affected him, Israel, and all the kingdoms of the other lands.

Book of 2nd Chronicles

2 Chronicles Chapter 1

2Ch 1:1 Solomon son of David, was strengthened in his rule, and Yehowah his Divine One was with him and made him extremely powerful.
2Ch 1:2 Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every prince in all Israel, the heads of the fathers' houses.
2Ch 1:3 So Solomon and all the congregation with him went to the high place that was at Gibeon, for there was the Tent of Meeting of the Almighty, which Moses the servant of Yehowah, had made in the wilderness.
2Ch 1:4 But David had brought up the Ark of the Almighty from Kiriath Jearim to the place that he had prepared for it, for he had pitched a tent for it in Jerusalem.
2Ch 1:5 In addition, the bronze altar made by Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur was there before the tabernacle of Yehowah; Solomon and the congregation went to it.
2Ch 1:6 Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before Yehowah, which was at the Tent of Meeting, and offered one thousand burnt offerings on it.
2Ch 1:7 The Almighty appeared to Solomon that night and said to him, "Ask! What should I give you?"
2Ch 1:8 Solomon answered the Almighty, "You have shown great covenant faithfulness to David my father, and have made me king in his place.
2Ch 1:9 Now Yehowah Almighty, let your promise to David my father be carried out, for you have made me king over a people as numerous as the dust of the earth.
2Ch 1:10 Now give me wisdom and knowledge, so that I may lead this people, for who can judge your people, who are so many in number?"
2Ch 1:11 The Almighty said to Solomon, "Because this was in your heart, and because you have not asked for riches, wealth, or honor, nor for the life of those who hate you, nor for long life for yourself, but you have asked for wisdom and knowledge for yourself, so that you might rule my people, over whom I have made you king, and this is what I will do.
2Ch 1:12 I will now give you wisdom and knowledge. I will also give you riches, wealth, and honor, as none of the kings had before you, and none after you will have."

2Ch 1:13 So Solomon came to Jerusalem from the high place that was at Gibeon, from before the Tent of Meeting; he reigned over Israel.
2Ch 1:14 Solomon gathered chariots and cavalry, and he had 1,400 chariots and twelve thousand cavalry that he placed in the chariot cities, and with himself, the king in Jerusalem.
2Ch 1:15 The king made silver and gold as common in Jerusalem as the stones, and he made cedar wood as common as the sycamore trees that are in the lowlands.
2Ch 1:16 As for the importation of horses from Egypt and (the Neo-Hittite City of) Kue for Solomon, his merchants bought them from Kue at a price.
2Ch 1:17 They imported a chariot from Egypt for 600-weight silver-currency, and a horse for 150. They also exported them to the kings of the Neo-Hittites and the Arameans (1 Kings 10:29).

2 Chronicles Chapter 2

2Ch 2:1 Now Solomon commanded the building of a temple for the name of Yehowah and the building of a palace for his kingdom.
2Ch 2:2 Solomon assigned seventy thousand men to carry loads, and eighty thousand men as woodcutters in the mountains, and 3,600 men to supervise them.
2Ch 2:3 Solomon sent a message to Hiram, the king of Tyre: “As you did with David my father, sending him cedar logs to build a house to live in, do the same with me.
2Ch 2:4 See, I am about to build a temple for the name of Yehowah my Divine One, to set it apart to him, to burn incense of sweet spices before him, to set out the bread of the presence, and for the burnt offerings at dawn and dusk, on the Sabbaths, at the beginning of the months, and on the appointment calendar festivals for Yehowah our Divine One. This is forever, for Israel.
2Ch 2:5 The temple that I will build will be extensive, for our Divine One is greater than all deities.
2Ch 2:6 But who is able to build Yehowah a temple, since the entire universe and even Heaven itself cannot contain him? Who am I to build him a temple, except to burn sacrifices before him?
2Ch 2:7 So send me a man who is skilled at work in gold, silver, bronze, iron, and in purple, crimson, and blue wool, a man who knows how to make all kinds of engraved wood. He will be with the skilled men who are with me in Judah and Jerusalem, whom David my father provided.
2Ch 2:8 Send me also cedar, cypress, and algum trees from Lebanon, for I know that your servants know how to cut timber in Lebanon. See, my servants will be with your servants,
2Ch 2:9 in order to prepare for me timber in abundance, for the temple which I am about to build will be great and marvelous.
2Ch 2:10 See, I will give to your servants, the men who will cut the timber, 4,400 kiloliters of ground wheat, 4,400 kiloliters of barley, 440 kiloliters of wine, and 440 kiloliters of oil.”
2Ch 2:11 Then Hiram, the king of Tyre, answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon: “Because Yehowah loves his people, he has made you king over them.”
2Ch 2:12 In addition, Hiram said, “Blessed be Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, who made the heavens and the earth, who has given to King David a wise son, gifted with prudence and understanding, who will build a temple for Yehowah, and a house for his kingdom.
2Ch 2:13 Now I have sent a skillful man, gifted with understanding, Huram, my expert.

2Ch 2:14 He is the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan. His father was a man from Tyre. He is skilled at work in gold, silver, bronze, iron, stone, and in timber, and in purple, blue, and crimson wool, and fine linen. He is also skilled in making any kind of engraving and in making any kind of design. Let a place be made for him among your skilled workers, and with those of my master, David, your father.
2Ch 2:15 Now then, the wheat and the barley, the oil and the wine, of which my master has spoken, let him send these things to his servants.
2Ch 2:16 We will cut wood from Lebanon, as much wood as you need. We will take it to you as rafts by sea to Joppa, and you will carry it up to Jerusalem."
2Ch 2:17 Solomon counted all the sojourning foreigners who were in the land of Israel, following the method that David, his father, had counted them. They were found to be 153,600.
2Ch 2:18 He assigned seventy thousand of them to carry loads, eighty thousand to be woodcutters in the mountains, and 3,600 to be supervisors to put the people to work.

2 Chronicles Chapter 3

2Ch 3:1 Then Solomon began to build the temple of Yehowah at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where Yehowah had appeared to David his father. He prepared the place that David had planned for it, at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.
2Ch 3:2 He began to build on the second of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign (c. 1019 BC; 1 Kings 6:1).
2Ch 3:3 Now these are the dimensions of the foundation that Solomon laid for the temple of the Almighty. Using the old style measurement, the length was thirty meters, and the width was ten meters.
2Ch 3:4 The length of the portico at the front of the temple was ten meters, matching the building's width. Its height was also ten meters, and Solomon overlaid its interior with pure gold.
2Ch 3:5 He fashioned the ceiling of the main hall with cypress, which he overlaid with fine gold, and which he carved with palm trees and chains.
2Ch 3:6 He decorated the temple with precious stones; the gold was gold from Parvaim.
2Ch 3:7 He also overlaid its beams, thresholds, walls, and doors with gold; he carved cherubs on its walls.
2Ch 3:8 He built the Most Set-apart Place. Its length matched the temple's width, ten meters, and its width was also ten meters. He overlaid it with fine gold, amounting to 20 metric tons.
2Ch 3:9 The weight of the nails was one-half a kilogram of gold. He overlaid its high surfaces with gold.
2Ch 3:10 He made two images of cherubs for the Most Set-apart Place; craftsmen overlaid them with gold.
2Ch 3:11 The wings of the cherubs were ten meters long all together; the wing of one cherub was two and one-half meters long, reaching to the wall of the room; the other wing was likewise two and one-half meters, reaching to the wing of the other cherub.
2Ch 3:12 The wing of the other cherub was also two and one-half meters, reaching to the wall of the room; its other wing was also two and one-half meters, touching the wing of the first cherub.
2Ch 3:13 The wings of these cherubs spread a total of ten meters. The cherubs stood on their feet, with their faces toward the main hall.
2Ch 3:14 He made the curtain of blue, purple, and crimson wool and fine linen, and he fashioned cherubs on it.

2Ch 3:15 Solomon also made two pillars, each eighteen and one-half meters high (1 Kings 7:15), for in front of the temple; the capitals that were on top of them were two and one-half meters high.
2Ch 3:16 He made chains for the pillars and put them on top of them; he also made one hundred pomegranates and joined them to the chains.
2Ch 3:17 He set up the pillars in front of the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; he named the pillar on the right Jakin, and the pillar on the left Boaz.

2 Chronicles Chapter 4

2Ch 4:1 Moreover, he made an altar of bronze; its length was nine meters, and its width was nine meters. Its height was four and three-fifths meters.
2Ch 4:2 He also made the round sea of cast metal, five meters from rim to rim. Its height was two and one-half meters, and the sea was fifteen meters in circumference.
2Ch 4:3 Under the brim encircling the sea were bulls, ten to each one-half meter, cast in one piece with the sea when the sea itself was cast.
2Ch 4:4 The sea stood on twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, three looking toward the west, three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east. The sea was set on top of them, and all their hindquarters were toward the inside.
2Ch 4:5 The sea was eight centimeters thick, and its brim was forged like the brim of a cup, like a lily blossom. The sea held forty-nine cubic meters of water (1 Kings 7:26).
2Ch 4:6 He made also ten basins for washing things; he put five on the right hand, and five on the left; items used in performing the burnt offering were to be washed in them. The sea, however, was for the priests to wash in.
2Ch 4:7 He made the ten menorot of gold that were made from the instructions for their design; he placed them in the temple, five on the right hand and five on the left.
2Ch 4:8 He made ten tables and placed them in the temple, five on the right side and five on the left. He made one hundred basins of gold.
2Ch 4:9 Furthermore, he made the court of the priests and the great court, and doors for the court; he overlaid their doors with bronze.
2Ch 4:10 He placed the sea on the right side of the temple, on the east, facing toward the south.
2Ch 4:11 Huram made the pots, the shovels, and the sprinkling bowls. So Huram finished the work that he did for King Solomon in the temple of the Almighty:
2Ch 4:12 The two pillars, the bowl-like capitals that were on top of the two pillars, and the two sets of decorative latticework to cover the two bowl-like capitals that were on top of the pillars.
2Ch 4:13 He had made the four hundred pomegranates for the two sets of decorative latticework: Two rows of pomegranates for each set of latticework to cover the two bowl-like capitals that were on the pillars.
2Ch 4:14 He also made the stands and the basins to go on the stand;
2Ch 4:15 one sea and the twelve bulls under it,

2Ch 4:16 also the pots, shovels, meat forks, and all the other implements. Huram the expert made them for King Solomon, for the temple of Yehowah, of polished bronze.
2Ch 4:17 The king had cast them in the plain of the Jordan River, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarethan.
2Ch 4:18 Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance; indeed, the weight of the bronze could not be known.
2Ch 4:19 Solomon made all the furnishings that were in the temple of the Almighty, the golden altar also, and the tables on which the bread of the presence was to be placed;
2Ch 4:20 the menorot with their lamps, that were designed to burn before the inner room, these were made of pure gold;
2Ch 4:21 and the flowers, the lamps, and the tongs of pure gold.
2Ch 4:22 Also the lamp trimmers, basins, spoons, and incense burners were all made of pure gold. As for the entrance into the temple, its inner doors into the Most Set-apart Place and the doors of the house, that is, of the temple, were made of gold.

2 Chronicles Chapter 5

2Ch 5:1 When all the work that Solomon did for the temple of Yehowah was completed, Solomon brought in the things that David, his father, had set apart for this purpose, including the silver, the gold, and all the furnishings, he placed them into the treasuries of the temple of the Almighty.
2Ch 5:2 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, all the heads of the tribes, and the leaders of the families of the people of Israel, in Jerusalem, to bring up the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah from the City of David, that is, Zion.
2Ch 5:3 All the men of Israel assembled before the king at the Feast, which was in the seventh month.
2Ch 5:4 All the elders of Israel came, and the Levites took up the ark.
2Ch 5:5 They brought up the ark, the Tent of Meeting, and all the set-apart furnishings that were in the tent. The priests who were of the tribe of Levi brought these things up.
2Ch 5:6 King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel came together before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen that could not be counted.
2Ch 5:7 The priests brought in the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah to its place, into the inner room of the temple, to the Most Set-apart Place, under the wings of the cherubim.
2Ch 5:8 For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, and they covered the ark and the poles by which it was carried.
2Ch 5:9 The poles were so long that their ends were seen from the Set-apart Place in front of the inner room, but they could not be seen from outside. They are there to this day.
2Ch 5:10 There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets that Moses had put there at Horeb, when Yehowah made a covenant with the people of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.
2Ch 5:11 It came about that the priests came out of the Set-apart Place. All the priests who were present had consecrated themselves to Yehowah, not ordering themselves according to their divisions.
2Ch 5:12 Also, the Levites who were the singers, all of them, including Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their sons and brothers, clothed in fine linen and playing cymbals, harps, and lyres, stood at the east end of the altar. With them were 120 priests blowing trumpets.
2Ch 5:13 It came about that the trumpeters and singers made music together, making one sound to be heard for praising and thanking Yehowah. They raised their voices with the trumpets, cymbals, and other instruments, and they praised Yehowah. They sang, “For he is good, for his covenant loyalty endures forever.” Then the house, the temple of Yehowah, was filled with a cloud.

2Ch 5:14 The priests could not stand in order to serve because of the cloud, for the glory of Yehowah filled the temple of the Almighty (c. 1009 BC).

2 Chronicles Chapter 6

2Ch 6:1 Then Solomon spoke, “Yehowah has said that he would live in thick darkness,
2Ch 6:2 but I have built you a lofty residence, a place for you to live in forever.”
2Ch 6:3 Then the king turned around and blessed all the congregation of Israel, while all the congregation of Israel was standing,
2Ch 6:4 “May Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, be praised, who spoke to David my father, and has fulfilled it with his own hands, saying,
2Ch 6:5 ‘Since the day that I brought my people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel in which to build a temple, in order for my name to be there. Neither did I choose any man to be prince over my people Israel.
2Ch 6:6 However, I have chosen Jerusalem, so that my name might be there, and I have chosen David to be over my people Israel.’
2Ch 6:7 Now, it was in the heart of David my father to build a temple for the name of Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel.
2Ch 6:8 But Yehowah said to David my father, ‘In that it was in your heart to build a temple for my name, you did well for it to be in your heart.
2Ch 6:9 Nevertheless, you must not build the temple; instead, your son, one who will come from your loins, will build the temple for my name.’
2Ch 6:10 Yehowah has carried out the word that he had said, for I have arisen in the place of David my father, and I sit on the throne of Israel, as Yehowah promised. I have built the temple for the name of Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel.
2Ch 6:11 I have placed the ark there, in which is the covenant of Yehowah, which he made with the people of Israel.”
2Ch 6:12 Solomon stood before the altar of Yehowah in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread out his hands.
2Ch 6:13 For he had made a bronze platform, two and one-half meters long, two and one-half meters wide, and one and one-half meters high. He had placed it in the middle of the courtyard. He stood on it and knelt down before all the congregation of Israel, and then he spread out his hands toward Heaven.
2Ch 6:14 He prayed, “Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, there is no Almighty like you in Heaven or on the earth, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with your servants who walk before you with all their heart;
2Ch 6:15 you who have kept with your servant David my father what you promised him. Yes, you spoke with your mouth and have fulfilled it with your hand, as it is today.

2Ch 6:16 Now then Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, carry out what you have promised to your servant David my father, when you said, ‘You will not fail to have a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your descendants are careful to walk in the Way of my law, as you have walked before me.’
2Ch 6:17 Now then Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, I pray that the promise you made to your servant David will come true.
2Ch 6:18 But will the Almighty actually live with mankind on the earth? Look, the entire universe and Heaven itself cannot contain you, how much less can this temple that I have built!
2Ch 6:19 Yet please respect this prayer of your servant and his request, Yehowah my Divine One; listen to the cry and prayer that your servant prays before you.
2Ch 6:20 May your eyes be open toward this temple day and night, the place where you promised to put your name. May you listen to the prayer your servant prays toward this place.
2Ch 6:21 So listen to the requests of your servant and of your people Israel, when we pray toward this place. Yes, listen from the place where you live, from Heaven; and when you listen, forgive.
2Ch 6:22 If a man sins against his neighbor and is required to swear an oath, and if he comes and swears an oath before your altar in this temple,
2Ch 6:23 then hear from Heaven, act, and judge your servants, repaying the wicked, to bring his conduct on his own head. Declare the righteous innocent, to give him the reward for his righteousness.
2Ch 6:24 When your people Israel are defeated by an enemy, because they have sinned against you, if they turn back to you, confess your name, pray, and request forgiveness before you in this temple,
2Ch 6:25 then please listen from Heaven and forgive the sin of your people Israel; bring them back to the land that you gave to them and to their ancestors.
2Ch 6:26 When the skies are shut up and there is no rain because the people have sinned against you, if they pray toward this place, confess your name, and turn from their sin when you have afflicted them,
2Ch 6:27 then listen in Heaven and forgive the sin of your servants and of your people Israel, when you direct them to the good Way in which they should walk. Send rain on your land, which you have given to your people as an inheritance.
2Ch 6:28 Suppose there is famine in the land, or suppose that there is disease, blight or mildew, locusts or caterpillars; or suppose that its enemies attack the city gates in their land, or that there is any plague or sickness,
2Ch 6:29 and suppose then that prayers and requests are made by a person or by all your people Israel, each knowing the plague and sorrow in his own heart as he spreads out his hands toward this temple.

2Ch 6:30 Then listen from Heaven, the place where you live; forgive, and reward every person for all his ways; you know his heart, because you, and you only, know the hearts of humans.
2Ch 6:31 Do this so that they may fear you, so that they may walk in your Ways all the days that they live on the land that you gave to our ancestors.
2Ch 6:32 As for the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel, but who, because of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm, comes and prays toward this temple,
2Ch 6:33 then please listen from Heaven, the place where you live, and do all that the foreigner asks of you, so that all the people of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your own people Israel, and that they might know that this temple I have built is called by your name.
2Ch 6:34 Suppose that your people go out to battle against their enemies, by whatever way you may send them, and suppose that they pray to you toward this city that you have chosen, and toward the temple that I have built for your name.
2Ch 6:35 Then listen from Heaven to their prayer, their request, and help their cause.
2Ch 6:36 Suppose they sin against you, since there is no one who does not sin, and suppose that you are angry with them and hand them over to the enemy, so that the enemy carries them away and takes them as captives to their land, whether distant or near.
2Ch 6:37 Then suppose they realize they are in the land where they have been exiled, and suppose that they repent and seek grace from you in the land of their captivity. Suppose that they confess, 'We have acted perversely and sinned. We have behaved wickedly.'
2Ch 6:38 Suppose that they return to you with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they took them as captives, and suppose that they pray toward their land, which you gave to their ancestors, and toward the city that you chose, and toward the temple that I have built for your name.
2Ch 6:39 Then listen from Heaven, the place where you live, to their prayer and to their requests, and help their cause. Forgive your people who have sinned against you.
2Ch 6:40 Now my Divine One, I beg you, let your eyes be open, and let your ears be attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.
2Ch 6:41 Now then arise, Yehowah Almighty, to your resting place, you and the ark of your strength. Let your priests, Yehowah Almighty, be clothed with salvation, and let your saints rejoice in your goodness.
2Ch 6:42 Yehowah Almighty, do not turn the face of your anointed away from you. Keep in mind your acts of covenant loyalty for David, your servant."

2 Chronicles Chapter 7

2Ch 7:1 Now when Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from Heaven and consumed the burnt offerings and sacrifices, and the glory of Yehowah filled the temple.
2Ch 7:2 The priests could not enter the temple of Yehowah, because the glory of Yehowah filled the house of Yehowah.
2Ch 7:3 All the people of Israel looked on when the fire came down and the glory of Yehowah was on the temple. They bowed with their faces to the ground on the stone pavement, worshiped, and gave thanks to Yehowah, "For he is good, for his covenant loyalty endures forever."
2Ch 7:4 So the king and all the people offered sacrifices to Yehowah.
2Ch 7:5 King Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty-two thousand oxen and 120,000 sheep and goats. So the king and all the people dedicated the temple of the Almighty.
2Ch 7:6 The priests stood, each standing where they serve; the Levites also with instruments of music of Yehowah, which King David had made to give thanks to Yehowah in the song, "For his covenant faithfulness endures for ever." All the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.
2Ch 7:7 Solomon set apart the middle of the courtyard in front of the temple of Yehowah. There he offered the burnt offerings and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar that he had made was not able to hold the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the fat.
2Ch 7:8 So Solomon held the feast at that time for seven days, and all Israel with him, an extremely large congregation, from Lebo Hamath to the brook of Egypt.
2Ch 7:9 On the eighth day, they held a festive assembly (8th day assembly; Shemini Atzeret), for they kept the dedication of the altar for seven days, and the feast for seven days (c. 1009 BC).
2Ch 7:10 On the twenty-third day of the seventh month, Solomon sent the people away to their homes with glad and joyful hearts because of the goodness that Yehowah had shown to David, Solomon, and Israel, his people.
2Ch 7:11 Thus Solomon finished the temple of Yehowah and his own house. Everything that came into Solomon's heart to make in the temple of Yehowah and in his own house, he successfully carried out.
2Ch 7:12 Yehowah appeared to Solomon by night and said to him, "I have heard your prayer, and I have chosen this place for myself as a temple of sacrifice.
2Ch 7:13 Suppose that I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send disease among my people,

2Ch 7:14 then if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from Heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land.
2Ch 7:15 Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers that are made in this place.
2Ch 7:16 For I have now chosen and set apart this temple that my name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will be there every day.
2Ch 7:17 As for you, if you walk before me as David your father walked, obeying all that I have commanded you and keeping my statutes and my decrees,
2Ch 7:18 then I will establish the throne of your kingdom, as I said in a covenant with David your father, when I declared, 'A descendant of yours will never fail to be ruler in Israel.'
2Ch 7:19 But if you turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments that I have placed before you, and if you go worship false deities and bow down to them,
2Ch 7:20 then I will uproot them from out of my ground that I have given them. This temple that I have set apart for my name, I will cast away from before me, and I will make it a proverb and a joke among all the people.
2Ch 7:21 Even though this temple is so lofty now, everyone who passes by it will be shocked and will whistle. They will ask, 'Why has Yehowah done this to this land and to this temple?'
2Ch 7:22 Others will answer, 'Because they forsook Yehowah, their Divine One, who had brought their ancestors out of the land of Egypt, and they laid hold of false deities and bowed down to them and worshiped them. That is why Yehowah has brought all this disaster on them.'"

2 Chronicles Chapter 8

2Ch 8:1 It came about at the end of twenty years, during which Solomon had built the temple of Yehowah and his own house,
2Ch 8:2 that Solomon rebuilt the towns that Hiram had given to him, and he settled the people of Israel in them.
2Ch 8:3 Solomon attacked Hamath-Zobah and defeated it.
2Ch 8:4 He built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store cities, which he built in (the Neo-Hittite City of) Hamath.
2Ch 8:5 Also, he built Bethhoron the Upper, and Bethhoron the Lower, cities fortified with walls, gates, and bars.
2Ch 8:6 He built Baalath and all the store cities that he possessed, and all the cities for his chariots and the cities for his cavalry, and whatever he wished to build for his pleasure in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the lands under his rule.
2Ch 8:7 As for all the people who were left of the Hethites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who did not belong to Israel,
2Ch 8:8 their descendants who were left after them in the land, whom the people of Israel had not destroyed, Solomon made them into forced laborers, which they are to this day.
2Ch 8:9 However, Solomon made no forced laborers of the people of Israel. Instead, they became his soldiers, his commanders, his officers, and commanders of his chariot forces and his cavalry.
2Ch 8:10 These were also the chief officers managing the supervisors who belonged to King Solomon, 250 of them, who supervised the people who did the work.
2Ch 8:11 Solomon brought the daughter of Pharaoh out of the City of David to the house that he had built for her, for he said, “My wife must not live in the House of David king of Israel, because wherever the Ark of Yehowah has come is set apart.”
2Ch 8:12 Then Solomon offered burnt offerings to Yehowah on his altar that he had built in front of the portico.
2Ch 8:13 He offered sacrifices just as the daily schedule required; he offered them, following the directions found in the commandment of Moses, on the Sabbaths, the beginning of the months, and on the appointment calendar festivals three times every year: the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Shavuot, and the Feast of Tabernacles.
2Ch 8:14 In keeping with the decrees of his father David, Solomon appointed the divisions of the priests to their work, and the Levites to their positions, in order to praise Yehowah and to serve before the priests, as the daily schedule

required. He also appointed the gatekeepers by their divisions to every gate, for David, the man of the Almighty, had also commanded this.
2Ch 8:15 These people did not deviate from the commands of the king to the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the storerooms.
2Ch 8:16 All the work ordered by Solomon was completed, from the day the foundation of the temple of Yehowah was laid until it was finished. The temple of Yehowah was completed.
2Ch 8:17 Then Solomon went to Ezion Geber and Elath (modern Eilat), on the coast (of the Gulf of Aqaba) in the land of Edom (1 Kings 9:26).
2Ch 8:18 Hiram sent him ships commanded by officers who were experienced sailors. They sailed with Solomon's servants to Ophir. They took from there 15 metric tons of gold which they brought to King Solomon.

2 Chronicles Chapter 9

2Ch 9:1 When the Queen of Sheba heard of Solomon's fame, she came to Jerusalem to test him with hard questions. She came with a large caravan, with camels loaded with spices, much gold, and many precious gemstones. When she had come to Solomon, she told him all that was in her heart.
2Ch 9:2 Solomon answered all her questions; nothing was too difficult for Solomon; there was no question that he did not answer.
2Ch 9:3 When the Queen of Sheba saw Solomon's wisdom and the palace that he had built,
2Ch 9:4 the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the work of his servants and their clothing, also his cupbearers and their clothing, and the manner in which he offered burnt offering in the temple of Yehowah, there was no more spirit in her.
2Ch 9:5 She said to the king, "It is true, the intelligence report that I heard in my own land of your words and your wisdom.
2Ch 9:6 I did not believe what I heard, until I came here, and now my eyes have seen it. Not half was told me about your wisdom and wealth! You have exceeded the fame that I heard about.
2Ch 9:7 How blessed are your people, and how blessed are your servants who constantly stand before you, because they hear your wisdom.
2Ch 9:8 Blessed be Yehowah your Divine One, who has taken pleasure in you, who placed you on his throne, to be king for Yehowah your Divine One. Because your Divine One loved Israel, in order to establish them forever, he had made you king over them, for you to do justice and righteousness!"
2Ch 9:9 She gave the king four metric tons of gold and a large amount of spices and precious stones. No greater amount of spices as these that the Queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon was ever given to him again.
2Ch 9:10 The servants of Hiram and the servants of Solomon, who brought gold from Ophir, also brought algum wood and precious stones.
2Ch 9:11 With the algum wood, the king made steps for the temple of Yehowah and for his house, as well as harps and lyres for the musicians. No wood like this had been seen before in the land of Judah.
2Ch 9:12 King Solomon gave to the Queen of Sheba everything she wished for, whatever she asked, in addition to that which she had brought to the king. So she left and went back to her own land, she and her servants.
2Ch 9:13 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was 22 metric tons of gold,

2Ch 9:14 besides the gold that the traders and merchants brought. All the kings of Arabia and the governors in the country also brought gold and silver to Solomon.
2Ch 9:15 King Solomon made two hundred large shields of beaten gold. Six and one-half kilograms of gold went into each one.
2Ch 9:16 He also made three hundred shields of beaten gold. One and three-quarters kilograms of gold went into each shield; the king put them into the Palace of the Forest of Lebanon.
2Ch 9:17 Then the king made a great throne of ivory and overlaid it with the finest gold.
2Ch 9:18 There were six steps to the throne, and the top of the throne was round behind. There were armrests on each side of the seat, and two lions standing beside the armrests.
2Ch 9:19 Twelve lions stood on the steps, one on each side of each of the six steps. There was no throne like it in any other kingdom.
2Ch 9:20 All King Solomon's drinking cups were gold, and all the drinking cups in the House of the Forest of Lebanon were of pure gold. None were silver, because silver was not considered valuable in Solomon's days.
2Ch 9:21 The king had at sea a fleet of oceangoing ships, along with the fleet of Hiram. Once every three years the fleet brought gold, silver, and ivory, as well as apes and peacocks.
2Ch 9:22 So King Solomon exceeded all the kings of the world in riches and in wisdom.
2Ch 9:23 All the earth sought the presence of Solomon in order to hear his wisdom, which the Almighty had put in his heart.
2Ch 9:24 Those who visited brought tribute, vessels of silver and of gold, clothes, armor, and spices, as well as horses and mules, year after year.
2Ch 9:25 Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand cavalry, which he stationed in the chariot cities and with himself in Jerusalem.
2Ch 9:26 He ruled over all the kings from the Euphrates River to the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt.
2Ch 9:27 The king had silver in Jerusalem, as much as the stones on the ground. He made cedar wood to be as abundant as the sycamore fig trees that are in the lowlands.
2Ch 9:28 They brought horses for Solomon from Egypt and from all the lands.
2Ch 9:29 As for the other matters concerning Solomon, first and last, are they not written in the History of Nathan the Prophet, in the Prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the Visions of Iddo the Seer concerning Jeroboam son of Nebat?
2Ch 9:30 Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel for forty years.

2Ch 9:31 He slept with his ancestors (c. 983 BC), and the people buried him in the City of David his father. Rehoboam, his son, became king in his place.

2 Chronicles Chapter 10

2Ch 10:1 Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel was coming to Shechem to make him king.
2Ch 10:2 It happened that Jeroboam son of Nebat heard of this, for he was in Egypt, to where he had fled from the presence of King Solomon, but Jeroboam returned from Egypt.
2Ch 10:3 So they sent and called him, and Jeroboam and all Israel came; they spoke to Rehoboam,
2Ch 10:4 “Your father made our yoke difficult. Now therefore, make your father’s hard work easier, and lighten the heavy yoke that he put on us, and we will serve you.”
2Ch 10:5 Rehoboam replied to them, “Come again to me after three days.” So the people left.
2Ch 10:6 King Rehoboam consulted with the old men who had stood before Solomon his father while he was alive; he asked, “How would you advise me to bring an answer to these people?”
2Ch 10:7 They spoke to him, “If you are good to this people, please them, and say good words to them, then they will always be your servants.”
2Ch 10:8 But Rehoboam ignored the advice of the old men that they had given him, and consulted with the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him.
2Ch 10:9 He asked them, “What advice do you give me, so that we may answer the people who spoke to me, ‘Lighten the yoke that your father put on us?’”
2Ch 10:10 The young men who had grown up with Rehoboam spoke to him, “This is how you should speak to the people who told you that your father Solomon made their yoke heavy, but that you must make it lighter. This is what you should say to them, ‘My little finger is thicker than my father’s waist.
2Ch 10:11 So now, although my father burdened you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father punished you with whips, but I will punish you with scorpions.’”
2Ch 10:12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king ordered, “Come back to me on the third day.”
2Ch 10:13 Rehoboam spoke to them harshly, ignoring the advice of the old men.
2Ch 10:14 He spoke to them following the advice of the young men, “My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to it. My father punished you with whips, but I will punish you with scorpions.”
2Ch 10:15 So the king did not listen to the people, for it was a turn in events brought about by the Almighty (c. 983 BC), that Yehowah might carry out his word that Ahijah the Shilonite had spoken to Jeroboam son of Nebat.

2Ch 10:16 When all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered him, “What share do we have in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse! Each of you should go back to his tent, Israel. Now see to your own house, David!” So all Israel returned to their tents.
2Ch 10:17 But as for the people of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.
2Ch 10:18 Then King Rehoboam sent Adoniram, who was over the forced laborers, but the people of Israel stoned him to death with stones. King Rehoboam fled quickly in his chariot to Jerusalem.
2Ch 10:19 So Israel has been in rebellion against the House of David to this day.

2 Chronicles Chapter 11

2Ch 11:1 When Rehoboam arrived in Jerusalem (c. 982 BC), he assembled the house of Judah and Benjamin, 180,000 chosen men who were soldiers, to fight against Israel, to restore the kingdom to Rehoboam.
2Ch 11:2 But the Word of Yehowah came to Shemaiah, the man of the Almighty,
2Ch 11:3 “Say to Rehoboam son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin,
2Ch 11:4 ‘Yehowah commands this, “You must not attack or make war against your brothers. Everyone must return to his own house, for I have caused this to happen.”’” So they obeyed the words of Yehowah and turned back from attacking Jeroboam.
2Ch 11:5 Rehoboam lived in Jerusalem and built cities in Judah for defense.
2Ch 11:6 He built Bethlehem, Etam, Tekoa,
2Ch 11:7 Bethzur, Soco, Adullam,
2Ch 11:8 Gath, Mareshah, Ziph,
2Ch 11:9 Adoraim, Lachish, Azekah,
2Ch 11:10 Zorah, Aijalon, and Hebron. These are fortified cities in Judah and Benjamin.
2Ch 11:11 He fortified the fortresses and put commanders in them, with stores of food, oil, and wine.
2Ch 11:12 He put shields and spears in all the cities and made them extremely strong. So Judah and Benjamin belonged to him.
2Ch 11:13 The priests and the Levites who were in all Israel went over to him from within their borders.
2Ch 11:14 For the Levites left their pasturelands and property in order to come to Judah and Jerusalem, for Jeroboam and his sons had driven them away, so that they could no longer perform priestly duties for Yehowah.
2Ch 11:15 Jeroboam appointed for himself priests for the high places and the goat and calf idols he had made.
2Ch 11:16 People from all the tribes of Israel came after them, those who set their hearts to seek Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel; they came to Jerusalem to sacrifice to Yehowah, Mighty One of their fathers.
2Ch 11:17 So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah and made Rehoboam son of Solomon strong during three years, and they walked for three years in the Way of David and Solomon.
2Ch 11:18 Rehoboam took a wife for himself: Mahalath, the daughter of Jerimoth, David’s son, and of Abihail, the daughter of Eliab, Jesse’s son.
2Ch 11:19 She bore him sons: Jeush, Shemariah, and Zaham.

2Ch 11:20 After Mahalath, Rehoboam took Maacah, Absalom's daughter; she bore him Abijah, Attai, Ziza, and Shelomith.
2Ch 11:21 Rehoboam loved Maacah, Absalom's daughter, more than all his other wives and his concubines, he took eighteen wives and sixty concubines, and became the father of twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters.
2Ch 11:22 Rehoboam appointed Abijah son of Maacah to be chief, a leader among his brothers; he had the thought of making him king.
2Ch 11:23 Rehoboam ruled wisely; he scattered all his sons throughout all the land of Judah and Benjamin to every fortified city. He also gave them food in abundance and looked for many wives for them.

2 Chronicles Chapter 12

2Ch 12:1 It came about, when Rehoboam's reign was established, and he was strong, that he abandoned the Law of Yehowah, and all Israel with him.
2Ch 12:2 It happened in the fifth year of King Rehoboam (c. 978 BC), that Shishak (Shoshenq I), king of Egypt, came up (by the Way of Horus) against Jerusalem, because the people had been unfaithful to Yehowah.
2Ch 12:3 He came with twelve hundred chariots and sixty thousand cavalry. Soldiers without number came with him from Egypt: Libyans, Sukkites, and Cushites.
2Ch 12:4 He captured the fortified cities that belonged to Judah and came to Jerusalem.
2Ch 12:5 Now Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam and to the leaders of Judah who had gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak. Shemaiah said to them, "This is what Yehowah declares: You have forsaken me, so I have also given you over into Shishak's hand."
2Ch 12:6 Then the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves and declared, "Yehowah is righteous."
2Ch 12:7 When Yehowah saw that they had humbled themselves, the Word of Yehowah came to Shemaiah, "They have humbled themselves. I will not ruin them; I will rescue them to some extent, and my anger will not pour out on Jerusalem by means of Shishak's hand.
2Ch 12:8 Nevertheless, they will be his servants, so that they may understand what it is to serve me and to serve the rulers of other countries."
2Ch 12:9 So Shishak, king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem and took away the treasures in the temple of Yehowah and the treasures in the king's house. He took everything away; he also took the shields of gold that Solomon had made (c. 978 BC).
2Ch 12:10 King Rehoboam made shields of bronze in their place and entrusted them into the hands of the commanders of the guard, who guarded the doors to the king's house.
2Ch 12:11 It happened, that whenever the king entered the temple of Yehowah, the guards would carry them; then they would bring them back into the guardhouse.
2Ch 12:12 When Rehoboam humbled himself, the anger of Yehowah turned away from him, so as not to destroy him completely; besides, there was still some good to be found in Judah.
2Ch 12:13 So King Rehoboam made his kingship strong in Jerusalem, and thus he reigned. Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city that Yehowah had chosen

from all the tribes of Israel, so that he might put his name there. His mother’s name was Naamah, the Ammonitess.
2Ch 12:14 He did what was evil, because he did not fix his heart to seek Yehowah.
2Ch 12:15 As for the other matters concerning Rehoboam, first and last, are they not written in the writings of Shemaiah the prophet and of Iddo the seer, which also have records of genealogies and the constant wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam?
2Ch 12:16 Rehoboam slept with his ancestors (c. 966 BC) and was buried in the City of David; Abijah his son became king in his place.

2 Chronicles Chapter 13

2Ch 13:1 In the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam (c. 966 BC), Abijah began to reign over Judah.
2Ch 13:2 He ruled for three years in Jerusalem; his mother's name was Maacah, the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. There was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.
2Ch 13:3 Abijah went into battle with a military force of strong, courageous soldiers, 400,000 chosen men. Jeroboam placed battle lines against him with 800,000 chosen men, strong, courageous soldiers.
2Ch 13:4 Abijah stood on Mount Zemaraim, which is in the hill country of Ephraim and shouted, "Listen to me, Jeroboam and all Israel!
2Ch 13:5 Do you not know that Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, gave the rule over Israel to David forever, to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?
2Ch 13:6 Yet Jeroboam son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon son of David, rose up and rebelled against his master.
2Ch 13:7 Worthless men, base fellows, gathered to him. They came against Rehoboam son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and inexperienced and could not withstand them.
2Ch 13:8 Now you say that you can resist the ruling might of Yehowah in the hand of the descendants of David. You are a large military force, and with you are the golden calves that Jeroboam made as deities for you.
2Ch 13:9 Have you not driven out the priests of Yehowah, the descendants of Aaron, and the Levites? Have you not made for yourselves priests in the manner of the people of other lands? Whoever comes to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams may become a priest of what are no deities.
2Ch 13:10 But as for us, Yehowah is our Divine One, and we have not forsaken him. We have priests, descendants of Aaron, serving Yehowah, and the Levites, who are at their work.
2Ch 13:11 Each dawn and dusk they burn for Yehowah burnt offerings and sweet incense. They also arrange the bread of the presence on the pure table; they also tend the menorah of gold with its lamps, for them to burn each evening. We keep the commandments of Yehowah, our Divine One, but you have forsaken him.
2Ch 13:12 See, the Almighty is with us at our head, and his priests are here with the trumpets to sound an alarm against you. People of Israel, do not fight against Yehowah, Mighty One of your ancestors, for you will not succeed."
2Ch 13:13 But Jeroboam prepared an ambush behind them; his military force was in front of Judah, and the ambush was behind them.
2Ch 13:14 When Judah looked back, behold, the fighting was both in front of them and behind them. They cried out to Yehowah, and the priests blew the trumpets.

2Ch 13:15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout; as they shouted, it came about that the Almighty struck Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.
2Ch 13:16 The people of Israel fled before Judah, and the Almighty gave them into the hand of Judah.
2Ch 13:17 Abijah and his military force killed them with great slaughter; 500,000 chosen men of Israel fell dead.
2Ch 13:18 In this way, the people of Israel were subdued at that time; the people of Judah won, because they relied on Yehowah, Mighty One of their ancestors.
2Ch 13:19 Abijah pursued Jeroboam; he took cities from him: Bethel with its villages, Jeshanah with its villages, and Ephron with its villages.
2Ch 13:20 Jeroboam never recovered power again during the days of Abijah; Yehowah struck him, and he died (c. 962 BC).
2Ch 13:21 But Abijah became powerful; he took fourteen wives for himself and became the father of twenty-two sons and sixteen daughters.
2Ch 13:22 The rest of the acts of Abijah's deeds, his behavior and words are written in the Commentary of the Prophet Iddo.

2 Chronicles Chapter 14

2Ch 14:1 Abijah slept with his ancestors (c. 964 BC), and they buried him in the City of David. Asa, his son, became king in his place. In his days, the land was quiet ten years.
2Ch 14:2 Asa did what was good and right in the eyes of Yehowah his Divine One,
2Ch 14:3 for he took away the foreign altars and the high places. He broke down the stone pillars and cut down the Asherah poles.
2Ch 14:4 He commanded Judah to seek Yehowah, Mighty One of their ancestors, and to carry out the law and the commandments.
2Ch 14:5 Also, he took away the high places and the sun-pillars from all the cities of Judah. The kingdom had rest under him.
2Ch 14:6 He built fortified cities in Judah, for the land was quiet, and he had no war in those years, because Yehowah had given him peace.
2Ch 14:7 For Asa commanded Judah, “Let us build these cities and make walls around them, and towers, gates, and bars; the land is still ours, because we have sought Yehowah our Divine One. We have sought him, and he has given us peace on every side.” So they built and succeeded.
2Ch 14:8 Asa had a military force that carried shields and spears; from Judah he had 300,000 men, and from Benjamin, 280,000 men who carried shields and drew bows. All of these were strong, courageous men.
2Ch 14:9 Zerah the Cushite (Nubian General of Osorkon I) came against them with a military force of one million soldiers and three hundred chariots; he came to Mareshah.
2Ch 14:10 Then Asa went out to meet him, and they set the battle lines in order in the Valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.
2Ch 14:11 Asa cried to Yehowah, his Divine One, “Yehowah, there is no one but you to help one who has no strength, when he is facing many. Help us, Yehowah our Divine One, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this vast number. Yehowah, you are our Divine One; do not let man defeat you.”
2Ch 14:12 So Yehowah struck the Cushites before Asa and Judah; the Cushites fled.
2Ch 14:13 Asa and the soldiers with him pursued them to Gerar. So many Cushites fell that they could not recover, for they were completely destroyed before Yehowah and his military force. The army carried away a huge amount of plunder.
2Ch 14:14 The military force destroyed all the villages around Gerar, for terror of Yehowah had come on the inhabitants. The army plundered all the villages, and there was much booty in them.

2Ch 14:15 The military force also destroyed the tent settlements of the shepherding nomads; they carried away sheep in abundance, as well as camels, and then they returned to Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles Chapter 15

2Ch 15:1 The Ruach of the Almighty came on Azariah son of Oded.
2Ch 15:2 He went out to meet Asa and prophesied to him, “Listen to me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: Yehowah is with you, while you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will forsake you.
2Ch 15:3 Now for a long period, Israel was without the true Almighty, without a teaching priest, and without the law.
2Ch 15:4 But when in their distress they turned to Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, and sought him, he was found by them.
2Ch 15:5 In those times, there was no peace for him who traveled away, nor for him who traveled to here; instead, great troubles were on all the inhabitants of the lands.
2Ch 15:6 They were broken in pieces, ethnicity against ethnicity, and city against city, for the Almighty troubled them with all kinds of suffering.
2Ch 15:7 But be strong and do not let your hands be weak, for your work will be rewarded.”
2Ch 15:8 When Asa heard these words, the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage and drove away the disgusting things from all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and from the cities that he had captured from the hill country of Ephraim, and he rebuilt the altar of Yehowah, which was in front of the portico of the temple of Yehowah.
2Ch 15:9 He gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and those who stayed with them, people from Ephraim and Manasseh, and from Simeon. For they came from Israel to him in great numbers, when they saw that Yehowah his Divine One was with him.
2Ch 15:10 So they gathered together at Jerusalem in the third month (on Shavuot), in the fifteenth year of Asa’s reign (c. 949 BC).
2Ch 15:11 They sacrificed to Yehowah in that day, some of the plunder that they had brought: seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep and goats.
2Ch 15:12 They entered into a covenant to seek Yehowah, Mighty One of their ancestors, with all their heart and with all their soul.
2Ch 15:13 They agreed that whoever refused to seek Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, should be executed, whether the person was small or great, whether man or woman.
2Ch 15:14 They swore to Yehowah with a loud voice, with shouting, and with trumpets and cornets!
2Ch 15:15 All Judah rejoiced at the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart, and they sought Yehowah with their whole desire, and he was found by them. Yehowah gave them peace all around them.

2Ch 15:16 He also removed Maacah, his grandmother, from being queen, because she had made a disgusting figure out of an Asherah pole. Asa cut down the disgusting figure, ground it to dust and burned it at the brook Kidron.
2Ch 15:17 But the high places were not taken out of Israel. Nevertheless, Asa's heart was completely devoted all his days.
2Ch 15:18 He brought into the temple of the Almighty the things of his father and his own set-apart things: silver and gold objects.
2Ch 15:19 There was no more war, until thirty five years after Solomon's death (the Great Schism), in the fifteenth year of Asa's reign (c. 949 BC).

2 Chronicles Chapter 16

2Ch 16:1 Thirty six years after Solomon's death (the Great Schism), in the sixteenth year of Asa's reign (c. 948 BC), Baasha, king of Israel, acted aggressively against Judah and built up Ramah, so that he might not allow anyone to leave or enter into the land of Asa, king of Judah.
2Ch 16:2 Then Asa brought the silver and gold out of the storerooms in the temple of Yehowah and of the king's house, and sent it to Ben Hadad king of Aram, who lived in Damascus. He said,
2Ch 16:3 "Let there be a covenant between me and you, as there was between my father and your father. Look, I have sent to you silver and gold. Break your covenant with Baasha, king of Israel, so that he may leave me alone."
2Ch 16:4 Ben Hadad listened to King Asa and sent the commanders of his armed forces against the cities of Israel. They attacked Ijon, Dan, Abelmaim, and all the storage cities of Naphtali.
2Ch 16:5 It came about that when Baasha heard this, he stopped building up Ramah, and let his work cease.
2Ch 16:6 Then King Asa took all Judah with him. They carried away the stones and timbers of Ramah with which Baasha had been building up the city. Then King Asa used that building material to build up Geba and Mizpah.
2Ch 16:7 At that time Hanani the seer went to Asa, king of Judah, and said to him, "Because you have relied on the king of Aram and have not relied on Yehowah your Divine One, the military force of the king of Aram has escaped out of your hand.
2Ch 16:8 Were not the Cushites and the Libyans a huge military force, with a large number of chariots and cavalry? Yet, because you relied on Yehowah, he gave you victory over them.
2Ch 16:9 For the eyes of Yehowah run everywhere throughout the whole earth, so that he might show himself strong on behalf of those whose hearts are perfect toward him. But you have acted foolishly in this matter. From now on, you will have war."
2Ch 16:10 Then Asa was angry with the seer; he put him into prison, for he was angry with him over this matter. At the same time, Asa oppressed some of the people.
2Ch 16:11 Behold, the deeds of Asa, from first to last, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.
2Ch 16:12 In the thirty-ninth year of his reign (c. 925 BC), Asa was diseased in his feet; his disease was extremely severe. Even so, he did not seek help from Yehowah but only from physicians.

2Ch 16:13 Asa slept with his ancestors; he died in the forty-first year of his reign (c. 923 BC).
2Ch 16:14 They buried him in his own tomb, which he had dug out for himself in the City of David. They laid him on a bier that was filled with sweet fragrances and various kinds of spices prepared by skilled perfumers. Then they made an extremely great fire in his honor.

2 Chronicles Chapter 17

2Ch 17:1 Jehoshaphat son of Asa became king in his place. Jehoshaphat strengthened himself against Israel.
2Ch 17:2 He placed military forces in all the fortified cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had captured.
2Ch 17:3 Yehowah was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first Ways of his father David, and did not seek the Baals.
2Ch 17:4 Instead, he relied on the Mighty One of his father, and walked in his commandments, not after the behavior of Israel.
2Ch 17:5 So Yehowah established the rule in his hand; all Judah brought tribute to Jehoshaphat. He had riches and honor in abundance.
2Ch 17:6 His heart was committed to the Ways of Yehowah. He also removed the high places and the Asherah poles from Judah.
2Ch 17:7 In the third year of his reign (c. 920 BC), he sent his officials Benhail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel, and Micaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah.
2Ch 17:8 With them were Levites: Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobijah (Tobiyah), and Tobadonijah; and with them were the priests Elishama and Jehoram.
2Ch 17:9 They taught in Judah, having the Book of the Law of Yehowah with them. They went about throughout all the cities of Judah and taught among the people.
2Ch 17:10 Terror of Yehowah fell on all the kingdoms of the lands that were around Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.
2Ch 17:11 Some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and silver-currency as tribute. Arabians also brought him flocks, 7,700 rams and 7,700 goats.
2Ch 17:12 Jehoshaphat became quite powerful. He built fortresses and store cities in Judah.
2Ch 17:13 He had many supplies in the cities of Judah, and soldiers, strong, courageous men, in Jerusalem.
2Ch 17:14 Here is a list of them, in order by the name of their fathers' houses: From Judah, the commanders of thousands; Adnah the commander, and with him 300,000 fighting men;
2Ch 17:15 next to him Jehohanan the commander, and with him 280,000 men;
2Ch 17:16 next to him Amasiah (Amasyah) son of Zichri, who willingly offered to serve Yehowah; and with him 200,000 fighting men.
2Ch 17:17 From Benjamin: Eliada a powerful man of courage, and with him 200,000 armed with bows and shields;

2Ch 17:18 next to him Jehozabad, and with him 180,000 ready and prepared for war.
2Ch 17:19 These were those who served the king, besides those whom the king put in the fortified cities throughout all Judah.

2 Chronicles Chapter 18

2Ch 18:1 Now Jehoshaphat had great riches and honor; he allied himself with Ahab by having one of his family marry his daughter.
2Ch 18:2 After some years, he went down to Ahab in Samaria. Ahab killed many sheep and oxen for him and the people who were with him. Ahab also persuaded him to attack Ramoth Gilead with him.
2Ch 18:3 Ahab, king of Israel, asked Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, "Will you go with me to Ramoth Gilead?" Jehoshaphat answered him, "I am like you, and my people are like your people; we will be with you in the war."
2Ch 18:4 Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please first seek the Word of Yehowah for your answer."
2Ch 18:5 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, four hundred men and asked them, "Should we go to Ramoth Gilead to battle, or should I not?" They answered, "Attack, for the Almighty will give it into the hand of the king."
2Ch 18:6 But Jehoshaphat asked, "Is there not here still another prophet of Yehowah with whom we might seek advice?"
2Ch 18:7 The king of Israel answered Jehoshaphat, "There is still one man by whom we may seek the advice of Yehowah, Micaiah son of Imlah, but I hate him, because he never prophesies good concerning me but always evil." But Jehoshaphat replied, "The king should not say that."
2Ch 18:8 Then the king of Israel called an officer and ordered, "Quickly bring Micaiah son of Imlah."
2Ch 18:9 Now Ahab the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah were sitting each on a throne, clothed in their robes, in an open place at the entrance of the gate of Samaria, and all the prophets were prophesying before them.
2Ch 18:10 Zedekiah son of Kenaanah made himself horns of iron and said, "Yehowah says this: With these you will push the Arameans until they are consumed."
2Ch 18:11 All the prophets prophesied the same, "Attack Ramoth Gilead and win, for Yehowah has given it into the hand of the king."
2Ch 18:12 The messenger who went to call Micaiah spoke to him, "Now look, the words of the prophets declare good things to the king with one mouth. Please let your word be like the word of one of them and say good things."
2Ch 18:13 Micaiah replied, "As Yehowah lives, it is what my Divine One says that I will say."
2Ch 18:14 When he came to the king, the king asked him, "Micaiah, should we go to Ramoth Gilead for battle, or not?" Micaiah answered him, "Attack and be victorious! For it will be a great victory."

2Ch 18:15 Then the king asked him, “How many times must I require you to swear to tell me nothing but the truth in the name of Yehowah?”
2Ch 18:16 So Micaiah prophesied, “I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, like sheep who have no shepherd, and Yehowah commanded, ‘These have no master. Let every man return to his house in peace.’”
2Ch 18:17 So the king of Israel grumbled at Jehoshaphat, “Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy good concerning me but only disaster?”
2Ch 18:18 Then Micaiah said, “Therefore, all of you should hear the Word of Yehowah: I saw Yehowah sitting on his throne, and all the armed forces of Heaven were standing on his right hand and on his left.
2Ch 18:19 Yehowah asked, ‘Who will entice Ahab, king of Israel, so that he may go up and fall at Ramoth Gilead?’ One said this and another that.
2Ch 18:20 Then a spirit came forward, and it stood before Yehowah and said, ‘I will entice him.’ Yehowah asked him, ‘How?’
2Ch 18:21 The spirit replied, ‘I will go out, and I will become a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.’ Yehowah replied, ‘You will entice him, and you will also be successful. Go now and do so.’
2Ch 18:22 Now see, Yehowah has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these prophets of yours, and Yehowah has decreed disaster for you.”
2Ch 18:23 Then Zedekiah son of Kenaanah, came up, slapped Micaiah on the cheek and asked, “Which way did the Ruach of Yehowah take to go from me to speak to you?”
2Ch 18:24 Micaiah answered, “Look, you will know that on that day, when you run into some inner room to hide.”
2Ch 18:25 The king of Israel ordered some servants, “You people seize Micaiah and take him to Amon, the commander of the fortress, and to Joash, my son.
2Ch 18:26 You people will say to him, ‘The king commands: Put this man in prison and feed him with only a little bread and only a little water, until I return safely.’”
2Ch 18:27 Then Micaiah said, “If you return safely, then Yehowah has not spoken by me.” Then he added, “Listen to this, all you people!”
2Ch 18:28 So Ahab, the king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, went up against Ramoth Gilead.
2Ch 18:29 The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “I will disguise myself and go into the battle, but you put on your royal robes.” So the king of Israel disguised himself, and they went into the battle.
2Ch 18:30 Now the king of Aram had commanded the captains of his chariots, “Do not attack the unimportant or the important soldiers. Instead, attack only the king of Israel.”
2Ch 18:31 It came about that when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, they shouted, “That is the king of Israel!” They turned around to

attack him, but Jehoshaphat cried out, and Yehowah helped him. The Almighty turned them away from him.
2Ch 18:32 It came about that when the commanders of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back from pursuing him.
2Ch 18:33 But a certain man drew his bow at random and shot the king of Israel between the joints of his armor. Then Ahab ordered the driver of his chariot, “Turn around and carry me out of the battle, for I am badly wounded!”
2Ch 18:34 The battle grew worse that day, and the king of Israel was held up in his chariot facing the Arameans until dusk. About the time that the sun was going down, he died (Battle of Karkar, or Qarqar, c. 905 BC).

2 Chronicles Chapter 19

2Ch 19:1 King Jehoshaphat of Judah safely returned to his house in Jerusalem.
2Ch 19:2 Then Jehu son of Hanani, the seer, went out to meet him and said to King Jehoshaphat, “Should you be helping the wicked? Should you be loving those who hate Yehowah? For this deed, anger from Yehowah is on you.
2Ch 19:3 However, there is some good to be found in you, in that you have taken the Asherah poles out of the land, and you have fixed your heart to seek the Almighty.”
2Ch 19:4 Jehoshaphat lived in Jerusalem; and he went out again among the people from Beersheba to the hill country of Ephraim and brought them back to Yehowah, Mighty One of their fathers.
2Ch 19:5 He placed judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city.
2Ch 19:6 He said to the judges, “Consider what you should do, because you are not judging for man, but for Yehowah; he is with you in the act of judging.
2Ch 19:7 Now then let the fear of Yehowah be upon you. Be careful when you judge, for there is no iniquity with Yehowah our Divine One, nor is there any favoritism or bribe taking.”
2Ch 19:8 Moreover, in Jerusalem, Jehoshaphat appointed some of the Levites and the priests, and some of the heads of the ancestral houses of Israel, for carrying out judgment for Yehowah, and for the sake of disputes. They lived in Jerusalem.
2Ch 19:9 He instructed them, “You must serve in reverence for Yehowah, faithfully, and with your whole heart.
2Ch 19:10 Whenever any dispute comes to you from your brothers who live in their cities, whether concerning bloodshed, whether about law and commands, statutes or decrees, you must warn them, so they do not become guilty before Yehowah, or anger will come toward you and toward your brothers. You will do this, and you will not be guilty.
2Ch 19:11 See, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all the matters of Yehowah. Zebadiah son of Ishmael, the leader of the house of Judah, is in charge of all the matters of the king. Also, the Levites will be officers serving you. Be strong and obey your instructions, and may Yehowah be with those who are good.”

2 Chronicles Chapter 20

2Ch 20:1 It came about after this, that the people of Moab and Ammon, and with them some Meunites, came against Jehoshaphat to do battle.
2Ch 20:2 Then messengers came who told Jehoshaphat, “A large multitude is coming against you from beyond the Dead Sea, from Edom. See, they are in Hazazon Tamar,” that is, Engedi (modern Tall al-Gurn).
2Ch 20:3 Jehoshaphat became afraid and set himself to seek Yehowah. He proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.
2Ch 20:4 Judah gathered together to seek Yehowah; they came to seek Yehowah from all the cities of Judah.
2Ch 20:5 Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, at the temple of Yehowah, in front of the new courtyard.
2Ch 20:6 He prayed, “Yehowah, Mighty One of our ancestors, are you not the Almighty in Heaven? Are you not the ruler over all the kingdoms of the ethnicities? Power and might are in your hand, so no one is able to resist you.
2Ch 20:7 Our Divine One, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend?
2Ch 20:8 They lived in it and built you a Set-apart Place in it for your name, declaring,
2Ch 20:9 ‘If disaster comes on us, the sword, judgment, or disease, or famine, we will stand before this temple, and before you, for your name is in this temple, and we will cry to you in our affliction, and you will hear us and save us.’
2Ch 20:10 See now, here are the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade when they came out of the land of Egypt; instead, Israel turned away from them and did not destroy them.
2Ch 20:11 See how they are rewarding us; they are coming to drive us out of your land that you have given us to inherit.
2Ch 20:12 Our Divine One, will you not judge them? For we have no power against this great military force that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.”
2Ch 20:13 All Judah stood before Yehowah, with their little ones, wives, and children.
2Ch 20:14 Then in the middle of the congregation, the Ruach of Yehowah came on Jahaziel, son of Zechariah, son of Benaiah, son of Jeiel, son of Mattaniah, the Levite, one of the sons of Asaph.
2Ch 20:15 Jahaziel prophesied, “Listen, all Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and King Jehoshaphat. This is what Yehowah declares to you, ‘Do not

fear; do not be discouraged because of this great military force, for the battle does not belong to you but to the Almighty.
2Ch 20:16 You must go down against them tomorrow. See, they are coming up by way of the pass of Ziz. You will find them at the end of the valley, before the wilderness of Jeruel.
2Ch 20:17 You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand in your positions, stand still, and see the rescue of Yehowah with you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not fear nor be discouraged. Go out against them tomorrow, for Yehowah is with you.'"
2Ch 20:18 Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground. All Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before Yehowah, worshiping Yehowah.
2Ch 20:19 The Levites, those of the descendants of the Kohathites and Korahites, stood up to praise Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, with an extremely loud voice!
2Ch 20:20 At the crack of dawn they arose and went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. As they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and proclaimed, "Listen to me, Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem! Trust in Yehowah your Divine One, and you will be supported. Trust in his prophets, and you will succeed."
2Ch 20:21 When he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to Yehowah and give him praise for his set-apart glory, as they went out preceding the military force and shouting, "Give thanks to Yehowah, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever!"
2Ch 20:22 When they began to sing and to praise, Yehowah set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who were coming against Judah. They were defeated.
2Ch 20:23 For the people of Ammon and Moab rose to fight the inhabitants of Mount Seir, in order to completely kill them and destroy them. When they had finished with the inhabitants of Mount Seir, they all helped to destroy each other.
2Ch 20:24 When Judah came to a place overlooking the wilderness, they looked out on the military force. Behold, they were dead, fallen to the ground; none had escaped (Isa. 37:36).
2Ch 20:25 When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take plunder from them, they found among them abundant goods, clothing, and valuable articles, which they took for themselves, more than they could carry away. It took them three days to carry off the plunder, there was so much of it.
2Ch 20:26 On the fourth day, they assembled in the Valley of Beracah. There they praised Yehowah, so the name of that place is the "Valley of Blessing" to this day.
2Ch 20:27 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in their lead, to go again to Jerusalem with joy, for Yehowah had made them rejoice over their enemies.

2Ch 20:28 They came to Jerusalem and to the temple of Yehowah with lyres, harps, and trumpets.
2Ch 20:29 The terror of the Almighty was on all the kingdoms of the ethnicities when they heard that Yehowah had fought against Israel's enemies.
2Ch 20:30 So Jehoshaphat's kingdom was quiet, for his Divine One gave him peace all around him.
2Ch 20:31 Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah: He was thirty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem for twenty-five years. His mother's name was Azubah, the daughter of Shilhi.
2Ch 20:32 He walked in the ways of Asa, his father; he did not turn away from them; he did what was right in the eyes of Yehowah.
2Ch 20:33 However, the high places were not taken away. The people still had not directed their hearts to the Mighty One of their ancestors.
2Ch 20:34 As for the other matters concerning Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they are written in the history of Jehu son of Hanani, which is recorded in the Book of the Kings of Israel.
2Ch 20:35 After this, Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, allied himself with Ahaziah, king of Israel, who committed much wickedness.
2Ch 20:36 He allied himself with him to build ships to go to Tarshish. They built the ships at Ezion Geber (may be modern Haql, Saudia Arabia).
2Ch 20:37 Then Eliezer son of Dodawahu of Mareshah, prophesied against Jehoshaphat, "Because you have allied yourself with Ahaziah, Yehowah has destroyed your projects." The ships were wrecked, so that they were not able to sail.

2 Chronicles Chapter 21

2Ch 21:1 Jehoshaphat slept with his ancestors (c. 898 BC) and was buried with them in the City of David; Jehoram, his son, became king in his place.
2Ch 21:2 Jehoram had brothers, sons of Jehoshaphat: Azariah, Jehiel, Zechariah, Azaryahu, Michael, and Shephatiah. All these were sons of Jehoshaphat, king of Israel.
2Ch 21:3 Their father had given them large gifts of silver-currency, gold, and other precious things, and also fortified cities in Judah, but he gave the throne to Jehoram, because he was his firstborn.
2Ch 21:4 Now when Jehoram had risen up over his father's kingdom and had firmly established himself as king, he murdered all his brothers with the sword, and also various other leaders of Israel.
2Ch 21:5 Jehoram was thirty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for eight years in Jerusalem.
2Ch 21:6 He walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, as the house of Ahab was doing, for he had Ahab's daughter as his wife, and he did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah.
2Ch 21:7 However, Yehowah did not wish to destroy the House of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David; he had promised that he would always give life to him and his descendants.
2Ch 21:8 In Jehoram's days, Edom revolted from the control of Judah, and they set a king over themselves.
2Ch 21:9 Then Jehoram crossed over with his commanders and all his chariots. It was night when he rose up and fought against the Edomites who had surrounded him and his chariot commanders.
2Ch 21:10 So Edom has been in rebellion from the control of Judah to this present day. Libnah also revolted at the same time from his control, because Jehoram had forsaken Yehowah, Mighty One of his ancestors.
2Ch 21:11 In addition, Jehoram had also built high places in the mountains of Judah, and he made the inhabitants of Jerusalem to live like prostitutes, and he led Judah astray.
2Ch 21:12 A letter from the prophet Elijah came to Jehoram. It stated, "This is what Yehowah, Mighty One of David, your ancestor, declares: Because you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat, your father, nor in the ways of Asa, king of Judah,
2Ch 21:13 but have walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and have made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to act like a prostitute, as the house of Ahab did, and because you have also murdered your brothers in your father's family with the sword, men who were better than yourself,

2Ch 21:14 see, Yehowah will strike with a great plague your people, your children, your wives, and all your wealth.
2Ch 21:15 You yourself will have much sickness because of a disease in your intestines, until your intestines fall out because of the sickness, day after day."
2Ch 21:16 Yehowah stirred up against Jehoram the spirits of the Philistines and of the Arabians who were near the Cushites.
2Ch 21:17 They attacked Judah, invaded it, and carried away all the wealth that was found in the king's house. They also carried away his sons and his wives. No son was left to him except Jehoahaz (Ahaziah), his youngest son.
2Ch 21:18 After all this, Yehowah struck him in his intestines with an incurable disease.
2Ch 21:19 It came about in due time, at the end of two years, that his intestines fell out because of his sickness, and that he died of severe disease. His people made no fire in his honor as they had done for his ancestors.
2Ch 21:20 He had begun to reign when he was thirty-two years old; he reigned in Jerusalem for eight years, and he died unlamented (c. 893 BC; 2 Kings 8:16-17). They buried him in the City of David, but not in the royal tombs.

2 Chronicles Chapter 22

2Ch 22:1 The inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah, Jehoram's youngest son, king in his place, for the band of men that came with the Arabians into the camp had murdered all his older sons. So Ahaziah son of Jehoram, king of Judah, became king.
2Ch 22:2 Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he began to reign; he reigned for one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah; she was the daughter of Omri.
2Ch 22:3 He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother was his advisor in doing wicked things.
2Ch 22:4 Ahaziah did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah, as the house of Ahab was doing, for they were his advisors after the death of his father, to his destruction.
2Ch 22:5 He also followed their advice; he went with Joram son of Ahab, king of Israel, to fight against Hazael, king of Aram, at Ramoth Gilead. The Arameans wounded Joram.
2Ch 22:6 Joram returned to Jezreel to be healed of the wounds that they had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael, king of Aram. So Ahaziah son of Jehoram, king of Judah, went down to Jezreel to see Joram son of Ahab, because Joram had been wounded.
2Ch 22:7 Now the destruction of Ahaziah was brought about by the Almighty through Ahaziah's visit to Joram. When he had arrived, he went with Jehoram to attack Jehu son of Nimshi, whom Yehowah had chosen to destroy the house of Ahab.
2Ch 22:8 It came about, when Jehu was carrying out judgment on the house of Ahab, that he found the leaders of Judah and the sons of Ahaziah's brothers serving Ahaziah. Jehu killed them.
2Ch 22:9 Jehu looked for Ahaziah; they caught him hiding in Samaria, brought him to Jehu, and executed him (c. 893 BC). Then they buried him, for they said, "He is a son of Jehoshaphat, who sought Yehowah with all his heart." So the house of Ahaziah had no more power to rule the kingdom.
2Ch 22:10 Now when Athaliah, the mother of Ahaziah, saw that her son was dead, she arose and murdered all the royal children in the house of Judah.
2Ch 22:11 But Jehoshaba, a daughter of the king, took Joash, a son of Ahaziah, and spirited him away from among the king's sons who were killed. She put him and his nurse into a bedroom. So Jehoshaba, a daughter of King Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, for she was the sister of Ahaziah, hid him from Athaliah, so that Athaliah did not kill him.

2Ch 22:12 He was with them, hidden in the temple of the Almighty for six years, while Athaliah reigned over the land.

2 Chronicles Chapter 23

2Ch 23:1 In the seventh year (c. 887 BC), Jehoiada showed his strength and entered into a covenant with the commanders of hundreds, Azariah son of Jeroham, Ishmael son of Jehohanan, Azariah son of Obed, Maaseiah son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat son of Zichri.
2Ch 23:2 They went about in Judah and gathered the Levites from all the cities of Judah, as well as the heads of the ancestral houses of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.
2Ch 23:3 All the congregation made a covenant with the king in the temple of the Almighty. Jehoiada said to them, “See, the king’s son will reign, as Yehowah has said concerning the descendants of David.
2Ch 23:4 This is what you must do: A third of you priests and of the Levites who come to serve on the Sabbath, will be guards at the doors.
2Ch 23:5 Another third will be at the king’s house, and the other third will be at the Foundation Gate. All the people will be in the courtyard of the temple of Yehowah.
2Ch 23:6 Allow no one to come into the temple of Yehowah, except for the priests and the Levites who are serving. They may enter, because they are consecrated. But all the other people must obey the commands of Yehowah.
2Ch 23:7 The Levites must surround the king on all sides, every man with his weapons in his hand. Whoever comes into the temple, let him be executed. Stay with the king when he comes in and when he goes out.”
2Ch 23:8 So the Levites and all Judah served in every way in the manner in which Jehoiada the priest commanded. Each one took his men, those who were to come in to serve on the Sabbath, and those who were to leave off serving on the Sabbath, for Jehoiada, the priest, had not dismissed any of their divisions.
2Ch 23:9 Then Jehoiada, the priest, brought to the commanders spears and small and large shields that had been King David’s that were in the temple of the Almighty.
2Ch 23:10 Jehoiada placed all the soldiers, each man with his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and the temple, surrounding the king.
2Ch 23:11 Then they brought out the king’s son, put the crown on him, and gave him the covenant decrees. Then they made him king, and Jehoiada and his sons anointed him. Then they shouted, “Long live the king!”
2Ch 23:12 When Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people in the temple of Yehowah.
2Ch 23:13 And she looked, and behold, the king was standing by his pillar at the entrance, and the commanders and the trumpeters were by the king. All the

people of the land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets, and the singers were playing musical instruments and leading the singing of praise. Then Athaliah tore her clothes and shouted, “Treason! Treason!”
2Ch 23:14 Then Jehoiada, the priest, brought out the commanders of hundreds who were over the military force and ordered them, “Bring her out between the ranks; anyone who follows her, let him be killed with the sword.” For the priest had ordered, “Do not execute her in the temple of Yehowah.”
2Ch 23:15 So they made way for her, and she went by way of the Horse Gate to the king’s house, and there they executed her (c. 887 BC).
2Ch 23:16 Then Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, all the people, and the king, that they should be the people of Yehowah.
2Ch 23:17 So all the people went to the temple of Baal and tore it down. They smashed Baal’s altars and his images to pieces, and they killed Mattan, the priest of Baal, in front of those altars.
2Ch 23:18 Jehoiada appointed officers for the temple of Yehowah under the hand of the priests, who were Levites, whom David had assigned to the temple of Yehowah, to offer the burnt offerings to Yehowah, as it was written in the Law of Moses, together with rejoicing and singing, as David had given direction.
2Ch 23:19 Jehoiada set guards at the gates of the temple of Yehowah, so that no one that was unclean in any way should enter.
2Ch 23:20 Jehoiada took with him the commanders of hundreds, the noblemen, the governors of the people, and all the people of the land. He brought down the king from the temple of Yehowah; the people came through the Upper Gate to the king’s house and sat the king on the throne of the kingdom.
2Ch 23:21 So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet. As for Athaliah, they had executed her with the sword.

2 Chronicles Chapter 24

2Ch 24:1 Joash was seven years old when he began to reign; he reigned for forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zibiah, of Beersheba.
2Ch 24:2 Joash did what was right in the eyes of Yehowah all the days of Jehoiada, the priest.
2Ch 24:3 Jehoiada took for him two wives, and he became the father of sons and daughters.
2Ch 24:4 It came about after this, that Joash decided to restore the temple of Yehowah.
2Ch 24:5 He gathered together the priests and the Levites, and he ordered them, "Go out every year to the cities of Judah and gather from all Israel money to repair the temple of the Almighty. Make sure that you start right away." The Levites did nothing at first.
2Ch 24:6 So the king called for Jehoiada, the high priest, and asked him, "Why have you not required the Levites to bring in from Judah and Jerusalem the offering levied by Moses the servant of Yehowah and by the congregation of Israel, for the tent of the covenant decrees?"
2Ch 24:7 For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up the temple of the Almighty and had given all the set-apart things of the temple of Yehowah to the Baals.
2Ch 24:8 So the king commanded, and they made a chest and placed it outside at the entrance to the temple of Yehowah.
2Ch 24:9 Then they made a proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem, for the people to bring in for Yehowah the offering that Moses the servant of the Almighty levied on Israel in the wilderness.
2Ch 24:10 All the leaders and all the people rejoiced and brought money in and put it into the chest, until they finished filling it.
2Ch 24:11 It happened that whenever the chest was brought to the king's officials by the hand of the Levites, and whenever they saw that there was much money in it, the king's scribe and the high priest's official would come, empty the chest, and take it and carry it back to its place. They did this day after day, gathering large amounts of money.
2Ch 24:12 The king and Jehoiada gave the money to those who did the work of serving in the temple of Yehowah. These men hired stonemasons and carpenters to restore the temple of Yehowah, and also those who worked in iron and bronze to repair the temple of Yehowah.
2Ch 24:13 So the workmen labored, and the work of repairing went forward in their hands; they set up the temple of the Almighty in its original design and strengthened it.

2Ch 24:14 When they finished, they brought the rest of the money to the king and Jehoiada. This money was used to make furnishings for the temple of Yehowah, utensils with which to serve and make offerings, spoons and utensils of gold and silver. They offered burnt offerings in the temple of Yehowah continually for all the days of Jehoiada.
2Ch 24:15 Jehoiada grew old and was full of days, and then he died; he was 130 years old when he died.
2Ch 24:16 They buried him in the City of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, toward the Almighty and his temple.
2Ch 24:17 Now after the death of Jehoiada, the leaders of Judah came and did honor to the king. Then the king listened to them.
2Ch 24:18 They forsook the temple of Yehowah, Mighty One of their ancestors, and worshiped the Asherah deities and the idols. Then wrath came on Judah and Jerusalem for this wrongdoing of theirs.
2Ch 24:19 Yet he sent prophets to them to bring them again to himself, Yehowah; the prophets testified against the people, but they refused to listen.
2Ch 24:20 The Ruach of the Almighty came on Zechariah son of Jehoiada, the priest; Zechariah stood above the people and said to them, “The Almighty declares this: Why do you transgress the commandments of Yehowah, so that you cannot prosper? Since you have forsaken Yehowah, he has also forsaken you.”
2Ch 24:21 But they plotted against him; at the king’s command, they stoned him with stones in the courtyard of the temple of Yehowah.
2Ch 24:22 In this manner, King Joash ignored the kindness that Jehoiada, Zechariah’s father, had done to him. Instead, he murdered Jehoiada’s son. When Zechariah was dying, he said, “May Yehowah see this and call you to account.”
2Ch 24:23 It came about at the Spring Equinox, that the armed forces of Aram came up against Joash. They came to Judah and Jerusalem; they killed all the leaders of the people and sent all the plunder from them to the king of Damascus.
2Ch 24:24 The armed forces of the Arameans had come with a small military force, but Yehowah gave them victory over an extremely great military force, because Judah had forsaken Yehowah, Mighty One of their ancestors. In this way, the Arameans brought judgment on Joash.
2Ch 24:25 By the time that the Arameans had gone, Joash had been severely wounded. His own servants plotted against him because of the murder of the son of Jehoiada, the priest. They murdered him in his bed, and he died (c. 848 BC); they buried him in the City of David, but not in the tombs of the kings.
2Ch 24:26 These were the persons who plotted against him: Zabad son of Shimeath, the Ammonitess; and Jehozabad son of Shimrith, the Moabitess.

2Ch 24:27 Now the accounts about his sons, the important prophecies that were spoken about him, and the rebuilding of the temple of the Almighty, see, they are written in the Commentary on the Book of the Kings. Amaziah his son became king in his place.

2 Chronicles Chapter 25

2Ch 25:1 Amaziah was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jehoaddan, of Jerusalem.
2Ch 25:2 He did what was right in the eyes of Yehowah but not with a perfectly devoted heart.
2Ch 25:3 It came about that as soon as his rule was well established, he executed the servants who had murdered his father, the king.
2Ch 25:4 But he did not execute the children of the murderers but acted according to what was written in the law, in the Book of Moses, as Yehowah had commanded, "The fathers must not be executed for the children, nor must the children be executed for the fathers. Instead, every person must be executed for his own sin."
2Ch 25:5 Moreover, Amaziah gathered Judah together, and registered them by their ancestors' houses, under commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, all of Judah and Benjamin. He numbered them from twenty years old and upward, and found them to be 300,000 chosen men, able to go to war, who could handle spear and shield.
2Ch 25:6 He also hired 100,000 fighting men from Israel for 300,000-weight silver-currency.
2Ch 25:7 But a man of the Almighty came to him and prophesied, "King, do not let the military force of Israel go with you, for Yehowah is not with Israel, none of the people of Ephraim.
2Ch 25:8 But even if you do go and are courageous and strong in battle, the Almighty will throw you down before the enemy, for the Almighty has power to help and power to throw down."
2Ch 25:9 Amaziah asked the man of the Almighty, "But what will we do about the 300,000-weight silver-currency that I have given to the military force of Israel?" The man of the Almighty answered, "Yehowah is able to give you much more than that."
2Ch 25:10 So Amaziah separated the military force that had come to him from Ephraim; he sent them home again. So their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in fierce anger.
2Ch 25:11 Amaziah took courage and led his people to go out to the Valley of Salt; there he defeated ten thousand men of Seir.
2Ch 25:12 The military force of Judah carried away alive another ten thousand. They took them to the top of the cliff and threw them down from there, so that they were all broken in pieces.

2Ch 25:13 But the men of the military force which Amaziah sent back, so that they should not go with him to battle, attacked the cities of Judah from Samaria to Bethhoron. They struck down three thousand of the people and took much plunder.
2Ch 25:14 Now it came about, after Amaziah had returned from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the deities of the people of Seir, and set them up to be his own deities. He bowed down before them and burned incense to them.
2Ch 25:15 So the anger of Yehowah was kindled against Amaziah. He sent a prophet to him, who asked, “Why have you sought after the deities of a people who did not even save their own people from your hand?”
2Ch 25:16 It came about, that as the prophet was speaking with him, the king asked him, “Have we made you an advisor to the king? Stop! Why should you be killed?” Then the prophet stopped and said, “I know that the Almighty has decided to destroy you, because you have done this deed and have not listened to my advice.”
2Ch 25:17 Then King Amaziah of Judah consulted with advisors and sent messengers to Jehoash son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, “Come, let us meet each other face to face in battle.”
2Ch 25:18 But Jehoash the king of Israel sent messengers back to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, “A thistle that was in Lebanon sent a message to a cedar in Lebanon, ‘Give your daughter to my son for a wife,’ but a wild beast in Lebanon walked by and trampled down the thistle.
2Ch 25:19 You have said, ‘See, I have struck down Edom,’ and your heart has lifted you up. Take pride in your victory, but stay at home, for why should you cause yourself trouble and fall, both you and Judah with you?”
2Ch 25:20 But Amaziah would not listen, because this event was from the Almighty, so he might hand over the people of Judah into the hand of their enemies, because they had sought advice from the deities of Edom.
2Ch 25:21 So Jehoash, king of Israel, attacked; he and King Amaziah of Judah met each other face to face at Beth Shemesh, which belongs to Judah.
2Ch 25:22 Judah was struck down before Israel, and every man fled home.
2Ch 25:23 Jehoash, king of Israel, captured Amaziah son of Jehoash son of Ahaziah, king of Judah, at Beth Shemesh. He brought him to Jerusalem and tore down the wall of Jerusalem from the Ephraim Gate to the Corner Gate, two hundred meters in distance.
2Ch 25:24 He took all the gold and silver, all the objects that were found in the temple of the Almighty with Obed Edom, and the valuable things in the king’s house, with hostages also, and returned to Samaria.
2Ch 25:25 Amaziah son of Joash, king of Judah, lived fifteen years after the death of Jehoash, son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel.

2Ch 25:26 As for the other matters concerning Amaziah, first and last, behold, are they not written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel?
2Ch 25:27 Now, from the time that Amaziah turned away from following Yehowah, they began to make a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem. He fled to Lachish, but they sent men after him to Lachish and killed him there (c. 819 BC).
2Ch 25:28 They brought him back on horses and buried him with his ancestors in the City of David.

2 Chronicles Chapter 26

2Ch 26:1 All the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in place of his father Amaziah.
2Ch 26:2 It was he (Uzziah) who rebuilt Elath and restored it to Judah, after the king slept with his ancestors (c. 819 BC; 2 Kings 14:22).
2Ch 26:3 Uzziah was sixteen years old when he began to reign. He reigned for fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jechiliah; she was from Jerusalem.
2Ch 26:4 He did what was right in the eyes of Yehowah, following the example of his father, Amaziah, in everything.
2Ch 26:5 He set himself to seek the Almighty in the days of Zechariah, who gave him instructions for obeying the Almighty. As long as he sought Yehowah, the Almighty made him prosper.
2Ch 26:6 Uzziah went out and fought against the Philistines. He broke down the city walls of Gath, Jabneh (modern Yavne), and Ashdod; he built cities in the country of Ashdod and among the Philistines.
2Ch 26:7 Yehowah helped him against the Philistines, against the Arabians who lived in Gurbaal, and against the Meunites.
2Ch 26:8 The Ammonites paid tribute to Uzziah, and his fame spread, even to the entrance of Egypt, because he was becoming more powerful.
2Ch 26:9 In addition, Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate, at the Valley Gate, and at the turning of the wall, and fortified them.
2Ch 26:10 He built watchtowers in the wilderness and dug many cisterns, for he had much livestock, in the lowlands as well as in the plains. He had farmers and vine growers in the hill country and in the fruitful fields, for he loved farming.
2Ch 26:11 In addition, Uzziah had a military force of fighting men who went out to war in groups which were organized by their number that were counted by Jeiel, the scribe, and Maaseiah, the officer, under the authority of Hananiah, one of the king's commanders.
2Ch 26:12 The whole number of the heads of ancestral houses, fighting men, was 2,600.
2Ch 26:13 Under their hand was a military force of 307,500 men that made war with mighty power to help the king against the enemy.
2Ch 26:14 Uzziah prepared for them, for all the military force, shields, spears, helmets, coats of mail, bows, and stones for slinging.
2Ch 26:15 In Jerusalem, he built engines invented by skillful men, to be on the towers and on the battlements, with which to shoot arrows and large stones. His fame spread to distant lands, for he was greatly helped, until he became powerful.

2Ch 26:16 But when Uzziah had become powerful, his heart was lifted up, so that he acted corruptly; he trespassed against Yehowah, his Divine One, for he went into the temple of Yehowah to burn incense on the altar of incense.
2Ch 26:17 Azariah, the priest, went in after him, and with him eighty priests of Yehowah, who were courageous men.
2Ch 26:18 They resisted King Uzziah, and said to him, “It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to Yehowah, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Go out of the Set-apart Place, for you have been unfaithful, and you will not be honored by Yehowah Almighty.”
2Ch 26:19 Then Uzziah became angry. He was holding a censer in his hand to burn incense. While he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead before the priests in the temple of Yehowah, beside the altar of incense.
2Ch 26:20 Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and behold, he had become leprous on his forehead! They quickly drove him out of there. Indeed, he hurried to go out, because Yehowah had struck him.
2Ch 26:21 King Uzziah was a leper to the day of his death and lived in a separate house, since he was a leper, for he was cut off from the temple of Yehowah. Jotham, his son, was over the king’s household and ruled the people of the land.
2Ch 26:22 As for the other matters concerning Uzziah, first and last, are in what Isaiah, son of Amoz the prophet, wrote.
2Ch 26:23 So Uzziah slept with his ancestors (c. 755 BC); they buried him with his ancestors in a burial ground that belonged to the Kings, for they said, “He is a leper.” Jotham, his son, became king in his place.

2 Chronicles Chapter 27

2Ch 27:1 Jotham was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jerushah; she was the daughter of Zadok.
2Ch 27:2 He did what was right in the eyes of Yehowah, following the example of his father, Uzziah, in everything. He also refrained from going into the temple of Yehowah. But the people were still behaving in evil ways.
2Ch 27:3 He built the upper gate of the temple of Yehowah, and on the hill of Ophel he built much.
2Ch 27:4 Moreover he built cities in the hill country of Judah, and in the forests he built fortresses and towers.
2Ch 27:5 He fought also with the king of the people of Ammon and defeated them. In that same year, the people of Ammon gave him 300,000-weight silver-currency, 2,200 kiloliters of wheat, and 2,200 kiloliters of barley. The people of Ammon gave him the same in the second and third years.
2Ch 27:6 So Jotham became powerful, because he walked firmly before Yehowah his Divine One.
2Ch 27:7 As for the other matters concerning Jotham, all his wars, and his Ways, see, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah.
2Ch 27:8 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; he reigned for sixteen years in Jerusalem.
2Ch 27:9 Jotham slept with his ancestors (c. 735 BC), and they buried him in the City of David. Ahaz, his son, became king in his place.

2 Chronicles Chapter 28

2Ch 28:1 Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. He did not do what was right in the eyes of Yehowah, as David his ancestor had done.
2Ch 28:2 Instead, he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel; he also made cast metal figures for the Baals.
2Ch 28:3 In addition, he burned incense in the Valley of Ben Hinnom and put his children into fire, according to the idolatrous practices of the people that Yehowah forced out of their land before the people of Israel.
2Ch 28:4 He sacrificed and burned incense at the high places, on the hills, and under every green tree.
2Ch 28:5 Therefore, Yehowah, Mighty One of Ahaz, gave him into the hand of the king of Aram. The Arameans defeated him and carried away from him a great crowd of prisoners, bringing them to Damascus. Ahaz was also given into the hand of the king of Israel who defeated him in a great slaughter.
2Ch 28:6 For Pekah son of Remaliah, killed in Judah 120,000 soldiers in one day, all of them courageous men, because they had forsaken Yehowah, Mighty One of their ancestors.
2Ch 28:7 Zicri, a powerful man from Ephraim, murdered Maaseiah the king's son, Azrikam, the official over the palace, and Elkanah, who was next to the king.
2Ch 28:8 The armed forces of Israel took captive from their relatives 200,000 wives, sons, and daughters. They also took much plunder, which they carried back to Samaria.
2Ch 28:9 But a prophet of Yehowah was there, his name was Oded. He went out to meet the military force coming into Samaria. He said to them, "Because Yehowah, Mighty One of your ancestors, was angry with Judah, he gave them into your hand. But you have slaughtered them in a rage that reached up to Heaven.
2Ch 28:10 Now you intend to keep the men and women of Judah and Jerusalem as your slaves. But are you not guilty of sins of your own against Yehowah your Divine One?
2Ch 28:11 Now then listen to me: Send the prisoners back, those whom you have taken of your own brothers, for the fierce wrath of Yehowah is on you."
2Ch 28:12 Then certain leaders of the people of Ephraim, Azariah son of Johanan, Berechiah son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah son of Shallum, and Amasa son of Hadlai, stood up against those who came back from the war.
2Ch 28:13 They said to them, "You must not bring the prisoners here, for you intend something that will bring on us sin against Yehowah, to add to our sins and trespasses, for our trespass is great, and there is fierce wrath against

Israel.”
2Ch 28:14 So the armed men left the prisoners and the plunder before the leaders and all the congregation.
2Ch 28:15 The men who were assigned by name rose up and took the prisoners, and clothed all who were naked among them with the plunder. They clothed them and gave them sandals. They gave them food to eat and drink. They treated their wounds and put the weak ones on jack donkeys. They took them back to their families in Jericho, called the City of Palms. Then they returned to Samaria.
2Ch 28:16 At that time, King Ahaz sent messengers to the kings of Assyria to ask them to help him.
2Ch 28:17 For once again, the Edomites had come and attacked Judah, carrying prisoners away.
2Ch 28:18 The Philistines also invaded the cities of the lowlands and of the Negev of Judah. They took Beth Shemesh, Aijalon, Gederoth, Soco with its villages, Timnah with its villages, and also Gimzo with its villages. They went to live in those places.
2Ch 28:19 For Yehowah brought Judah low because of Ahaz, king of Israel; for he had acted wickedly in Judah and had sinned treacherously against Yehowah.
2Ch 28:20 Tiglath-Pileser III, king of Assyria, came to him and troubled him instead of strengthening him.
2Ch 28:21 For Ahaz plundered the temple of Yehowah and the houses of the king and the leaders, to give the valuable things to the kings of Assyria. But doing this did not benefit him.
2Ch 28:22 This same King Ahaz sinned even more against Yehowah in his time of suffering.
2Ch 28:23 For he sacrificed to the deities of Damascus, deities that had defeated him. He said, “Because the deities of the kings of Aram helped them, will I sacrifice to them, so that they might help me.” But they were the ruin of him and of all Israel.
2Ch 28:24 Ahaz gathered together the furnishings of the temple of the Almighty and cut them to pieces. He shut the doors of the temple of Yehowah, and he made for himself altars in every corner of Jerusalem.
2Ch 28:25 In every city of Judah, he made high places to burn sacrifices to false deities. He provoked Yehowah, Mighty One of his ancestors, to anger.
2Ch 28:26 Now the rest of his deeds, and all his ways, first and last, see, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.
2Ch 28:27 Ahaz slept with his ancestors (c. 724 BC), and they buried him in the city, in Jerusalem, but they did not bring him into the tombs of the kings of Israel. Hezekiah, his son, became king in his place.

2 Chronicles Chapter 29

2Ch 29:1 Hezekiah began to reign when he was twenty-five years old; he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abijah; she was the daughter of Zechariah.
2Ch 29:2 He did what was right in the eyes of Yehowah, just as David his father had done.
2Ch 29:3 In the first year of his reign (c. 725 BC), in the first month, Hezekiah opened the doors of the temple of Yehowah and repaired them.
2Ch 29:4 He brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the courtyard on the east side.
2Ch 29:5 He ordered them, "Listen to me, you Levites! Consecrate yourselves, and consecrate the temple of Yehowah, Mighty One of your ancestors, and carry away the filthiness from the Set-apart Place.
2Ch 29:6 For our ancestors trespassed and did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah our Divine One; they forsook him, turned away their faces from the place where Yehowah lives, and turned their backs on it.
2Ch 29:7 Also, they shut up the doors of the porch and put out the lamps; they did not burn incense or offer burnt offerings in the Set-apart Place to the Mighty One of Israel.
2Ch 29:8 Therefore, the wrath of Yehowah had fallen on Judah and Jerusalem, and he has made them to be an object of terror, of horror, and of scorn, as you can see with your own eyes.
2Ch 29:9 This is why our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons, our daughters, and our wives are in captivity for this.
2Ch 29:10 Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, so that his fierce anger may turn away from us.
2Ch 29:11 My sons, do not be lazy now, for Yehowah has chosen you to stand before him, to worship him, and that you should be his servants and burn incense."
2Ch 29:12 Then the Levites arose: Mahath son of Amasai, and Joel son of Azariah, of the people of the Kohathites; and of the people of Merari, Kish son of Abdi, and Azariah son of Jehallelel; and of the Gershonites, Joah son of Zimmah, and Eden son of Joah;
2Ch 29:13 of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeuel; and of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah;
2Ch 29:14 of the sons of Heman, Jehuel and Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel.

2Ch 29:15 They gathered their brothers, they consecrated themselves, and they went in, as the king commanded, following the words of Yehowah, to cleanse the temple of Yehowah.
2Ch 29:16 The priests went in to the inner part of the temple of Yehowah to cleanse it; they brought out all the filth that they found in the temple of Yehowah into the courtyard of the temple. The Levites took it to carry it out to the brook Kidron.
2Ch 29:17 Now they began the consecration on the first of the first month. By the eighth day of the month they reached the porch of Yehowah. Then for eight more days they consecrated the temple of Yehowah. On the sixteenth day of the first month they finished.
2Ch 29:18 Then they went to King Hezekiah inside the palace and reported, “We have cleansed all the temple of Yehowah, the altar for burnt offerings with all its implements, and the table of the bread of the presence, with all its implements.
2Ch 29:19 So we have prepared, and we have consecrated all the items that King Ahaz removed when he acted unfaithfully during his reign. See, they are in front of the altar of Yehowah.”
2Ch 29:20 Then King Hezekiah rose early in the morning and gathered the leaders of the city; he went up to the temple of Yehowah.
2Ch 29:21 They brought seven bulls, seven rams, seven lambs, and seven male goats as a sin offering for the kingdom, for the sanctuary, and for Judah. He commanded the priests, the sons of Aaron, to offer them on the altar of Yehowah.
2Ch 29:22 So they killed the bulls, and the priests received the blood and sprinkled it on the altar. They killed the rams and sprinkled the blood on the altar; they also killed the lambs and sprinkled the blood on the altar.
2Ch 29:23 They brought the male goats for the sin offering before the king and the congregation; they laid their hands on them.
2Ch 29:24 The priests killed them, and they made a sin offering with their blood on the altar to make atonement for all Israel, for the king had commanded that a burnt offering and a sin offering should be made for all Israel.
2Ch 29:25 Hezekiah placed the Levites in the temple of Yehowah with cymbals, harps, and lyres, arranging them by the command of David, Gad, the king’s seer, and Nathan, the prophet, for the command was from Yehowah by means of his prophets.
2Ch 29:26 The Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.
2Ch 29:27 Hezekiah commanded them to offer the burnt offering on the altar. When the burnt offering began, the song of Yehowah began also, with the trumpets, together with the instruments of David, king of Israel.

2Ch 29:28 All the congregation worshiped, the singers sang, and the trumpeters played; all this continued, until the burnt offering was finished.
2Ch 29:29 When they had finished the offerings, the king and all who were present with him bowed and worshiped.
2Ch 29:30 Moreover, King Hezekiah and the leaders commanded the Levites to sing praises to Yehowah with the words of David and of Asaph, the seer. They sang praises with gladness, and they bowed down and worshiped!
2Ch 29:31 Then Hezekiah commanded, “Now you have consecrated yourselves to Yehowah. Come here and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the temple of Yehowah.” The congregation brought sacrifices and thank offerings, and all who had a willing heart brought burnt offerings.
2Ch 29:32 The number of the burnt offerings that the congregation brought was seventy bulls, one hundred rams, and two hundred male lambs. All these were for a burnt offering to Yehowah.
2Ch 29:33 The consecrated offerings were six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep.
2Ch 29:34 But the priests were too few to skin all the burnt offerings, so their brothers, the Levites, helped them until the work was done, and until the priests could consecrate themselves, for the Levites had been more careful to consecrate themselves than the priests.
2Ch 29:35 In addition, there were a large amount of burnt offerings; they were performed with the fat of the peace offerings, and there were drink offerings for every burnt offering. So the service of the temple of Yehowah was set in order.
2Ch 29:36 Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people also, because of what the Almighty had prepared for the people, for the work had been done quickly!

2 Chronicles Chapter 30

2Ch 30:1 Hezekiah sent messengers to all Israel and Judah, and also wrote letters to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the temple of Yehowah in Jerusalem, to celebrate the Passover to Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel.
2Ch 30:2 For the king, his leaders, and all the congregation in Jerusalem had consulted together, deciding to celebrate the Passover in the second month.
2Ch 30:3 They could not celebrate it right away, because there were not enough priests who had consecrated themselves, nor had the people gathered together in Jerusalem.
2Ch 30:4 This proposal seemed right in the eyes of the king and of all the congregation.
2Ch 30:5 So they agreed to make a proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, that the people should come to celebrate the Passover to Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, at Jerusalem. For they had not observed it with large numbers of people, according to what was written.
2Ch 30:6 So couriers went with the letters from the king and his leaders throughout all Israel and Judah, by the command of the king. They said, “You people of Israel, turn back to Yehowah, Mighty One of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, so that he may turn back to the remnant of you who have escaped from the hand of the kings of Assyria.
2Ch 30:7 Do not be like your ancestors or your brothers, who trespassed against Yehowah, Mighty One of their ancestors, so that he gave them up to destruction, as you see.
2Ch 30:8 Now do not be stubborn, as your ancestors were; instead, give yourselves to Yehowah and come into his Set-apart Place, which he has consecrated forever, and worship Yehowah your Divine One, so that his fierce anger may turn away from you.
2Ch 30:9 For if you turn back to Yehowah, your brothers and children will find compassion before those who led them away as prisoners, and they will come back into this land. For Yehowah your Divine One is gracious and merciful, and will not turn his face away from you, if you return to him.”
2Ch 30:10 So the couriers passed from city to city throughout the regions of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the way to Zebulun, but the people laughed at them and mocked them.
2Ch 30:11 However, certain men of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem.
2Ch 30:12 The hand of the Almighty also came on Judah, to give them one heart, to carry out the command of the king and leaders by the Word of Yehowah.

2Ch 30:13 Many people, an extremely large congregation, gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the second month.
2Ch 30:14 They rose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense; they threw them into the brook Kidron.
2Ch 30:15 Then they killed the Passover lambs on the fourteenth day of the second month. The priests and Levites were ashamed, so they consecrated themselves and brought burnt offerings into the temple of Yehowah.
2Ch 30:16 They stood in their place by their divisions, following the directions given in the Law of Moses, the man of the Almighty. The priests sprinkled the blood that they received from the hand of the Levites.
2Ch 30:17 For there were many in the congregation who had not consecrated themselves. Therefore, the Levites slaughtered the Passover lambs for everyone who was not purified and could not consecrate their sacrifice to Yehowah.
2Ch 30:18 For a great many of the people, many of them from Ephraim and Manasseh, Issachar and Zebulun, had not purified themselves, yet they ate the Passover, against the written instructions. For Hezekiah had prayed for them, "May good Yehowah pardon everyone
2Ch 30:19 who sets his heart to seek Almighty Yehowah, Mighty One of his ancestors, even though he is not purified by the purification standards of the Set-apart Place."
2Ch 30:20 So Yehowah listened to Hezekiah and healed the people.
2Ch 30:21 The people of Israel who were present in Jerusalem kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days with great joy. The Levites and the priests praised Yehowah day after day, singing with loud instruments to Yehowah.
2Ch 30:22 Hezekiah spoke encouragingly to all the Levites who understood the service of Yehowah. So they ate throughout the appointment calendar festival for the seven days, offering sacrifices of peace offerings, and making confession to Yehowah, Mighty One of their ancestors.
2Ch 30:23 The whole congregation then decided to celebrate for another seven days, and they did so with joy.
2Ch 30:24 For Hezekiah king of Judah gave the congregation one thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep as an offering; and the leaders gave to the congregation one thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep and goats. A large number of priests consecrated themselves.
2Ch 30:25 All the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the people who came together from Israel, as well as the sojourning foreigners who came from the land of Israel and those who lived in Judah, they all rejoiced!
2Ch 30:26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the time of Solomon son of David, king of Israel, there had not been anything like it in Jerusalem.

2Ch 30:27 Then the priests, the Levites, rose and blessed the people. Their voice was heard, and their prayer went up to Heaven, the Set-apart Place where Yehowah lives.

2 Chronicles Chapter 31

2Ch 31:1 Now when all this was finished, all the people of Israel who were there went out to the cities of Judah and broke to pieces the stone pillars, and they cut down the Asherah poles, and they broke down the high places and the altars in all of Judah and Benjamin, and in Ephraim and Manasseh, until they had destroyed them all. Then all the people of Israel returned, every one to his own possession and his hometown.
2Ch 31:2 Hezekiah assigned the divisions of the priests and the Levites organized by their divisions, each man assigned to his work, both the priests and the Levites. He assigned them to make the burnt offerings and peace offerings, to serve, to give thanks, and to praise at the gates of the temple of Yehowah!
2Ch 31:3 He also assigned the king's portion for the burnt offerings from his own possessions, that is, for the dawn and dusk burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the Sabbaths, the beginning of the months, and the appointment calendar festivals, as it was written in the Law of Yehowah.
2Ch 31:4 Moreover, he commanded the people who lived in Jerusalem to give the portion for the priests and the Levites, so that they might concentrate on obeying the Law of Yehowah.
2Ch 31:5 As soon as the command was sent out, the people of Israel generously gave the firstfruits of grain, new wine, oil, honey, and from all their harvest of the field. They brought in a tithe of everything; which was a great quantity.
2Ch 31:6 The people of Israel and Judah who lived in the cities of Judah also brought in the tithe of cattle and sheep, and the tithe of the set-apart things that were set apart to Yehowah their Divine One, and they piled them up in heaps.
2Ch 31:7 It was in the third month when they began piling up their contribution in heaps, and they finished in the seventh month.
2Ch 31:8 When Hezekiah and the leaders came and saw the heaps, they blessed Yehowah and his people Israel.
2Ch 31:9 Then Hezekiah questioned the priests and the Levites about the heaps.
2Ch 31:10 Azariah, the chief priest, of the house of Zadok, answered him, "Since the people began to bring the offerings into the temple of Yehowah, we have eaten and had enough, and have plenty left over, for Yehowah has blessed his people. What was left over is this large amount here."
2Ch 31:11 Then Hezekiah commanded storerooms to be prepared in the temple of Yehowah, and they prepared them.
2Ch 31:12 Then they faithfully brought in the offerings, tithes, and the set-apart things. Conaniah (Konanyahu), the Levite, was the manager in charge of them, and Shimei, his brother, was second to him.

2Ch 31:13 Jehiel, Azaziah, Nahath, Asahel, Jerimoth, Jozabad, Eliel, Ismachiah (Yismakyahu), Mahath, and Benaiah were managers under the hand of Conaniah and Shimei his brother, by appointment of King Hezekiah and Azariah, the official over the temple of the Almighty.
2Ch 31:14 Kore son of Imnah the Levite, the doorkeeper at the east gate, was over the freewill offerings of the Almighty, in charge of distributing the offerings of Yehowah and the most set-apart offerings.
2Ch 31:15 Under him were Eden, Miniamin, Jeshua, Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests. They filled offices of trust, in order to give these offerings to their brothers division by division, to both the important and the unimportant.
2Ch 31:16 They also gave to those males thirty years old and up, who were listed in the records of their ancestors who entered the temple of Yehowah, as required by the daily schedule, to do the work in their offices and their divisions.
2Ch 31:17 They distributed to the priests according to the records of their ancestors, and the same to the Levites twenty years old and more, according to their offices and their divisions.
2Ch 31:18 They included all their little ones, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, through the whole congregation, for they were faithful in keeping themselves set apart.
2Ch 31:19 For the priests, the descendants of Aaron, who were in the fields of the villages belonging to their cities, or in every city, there were men assigned by name to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all who were listed in the records of their ancestors as being among the Levites.
2Ch 31:20 Hezekiah did this throughout all Judah. He accomplished what was good, right, and faithful before Yehowah, his Divine One.
2Ch 31:21 In every project that he began in the service of the temple of the Almighty, the law, and the commandments, to seek his Divine One, he performed it with all his heart, and he succeeded.

2 Chronicles Chapter 32

2Ch 32:1 After these things and these acts of faithfulness, Sennacherib, king of Assyria, came and entered Judah (c. 712 BC). He camped to attack the fortified cities, which he intended to capture for himself.
2Ch 32:2 When Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come, and that he intended to fight against Jerusalem,
2Ch 32:3 he consulted with his leaders and his powerful men to stop up the waters of the (Gihon) springs that were outside the city; they helped him do so.
2Ch 32:4 So many people gathered together and stopped up all the springs and the stream that was flowing through the middle of the land. They asked, “Why should the kings of Assyria come and find a lot of water?”
2Ch 32:5 Hezekiah took courage and built up all the wall that was broken down. He built the towers on the wall, and also the other wall outside. He also strengthened the (Gihon) Spring Tower in the City of David, and he made large amounts of weapons and shields.
2Ch 32:6 He placed military commanders over the people. He gathered them together to him in the broad place at the city gate and spoke encouragingly to them. He said,
2Ch 32:7 “Be strong and of good courage. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and all the military force that is with him, for Someone is with us who is greater than those with him.
2Ch 32:8 With him is only an arm of flesh, but with us is Yehowah, our Divine One, to help us, and to fight our battles.” Then the people comforted themselves with the words of Hezekiah, king of Judah.
2Ch 32:9 After this, Sennacherib, king of Assyria, sent his servants to Jerusalem. Now he was in front of Lachish, and all his military force was with him. To Hezekiah, king of Judah, and to all of Judah who were in Jerusalem, he said,
2Ch 32:10 “This is what Sennacherib, king of Assyria, asks: What are you relying on in order to endure a siege in Jerusalem?
2Ch 32:11 Is not Hezekiah misleading you, that he may give you over to die by famine and by thirst, when he tells you, ‘Yehowah our Divine One will rescue us from the hand of the king of Assyria?’
2Ch 32:12 Has not this same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, ‘On one altar you must worship, and on it you must burn your sacrifices?’
2Ch 32:13 Do you not know what I and my ancestors have done to all the ethnicities of other lands? Were the deities of the ethnicities of the lands able in any way to rescue their land from my power?

2Ch 32:14 Among all the deities of those ethnicities that my ancestors completely destroyed, was there any deity who could rescue his people out of my hand? Why should your Divine One be able to rescue you from my power?
2Ch 32:15 Now do not let Hezekiah deceive you or persuade you in this way. Do not believe him, for no deity of any ethnicity or kingdom has been able to rescue his people out of my hand, or out of the hand of my ancestors. How much less will your Divine One rescue you from my hand?"
2Ch 32:16 Sennacherib's servants spoke even more against Yehowah Almighty and against his servant Hezekiah.
2Ch 32:17 Sennacherib also wrote letters in order to mock Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, and to speak against him. He boasted, "As the deities of the ethnicities of the lands have not rescued their people out of my hand, so the Mighty One of Hezekiah will not rescue his people out of my hand."
2Ch 32:18 They cried out in the language of the Jews to the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to frighten them and trouble them, in order that they might capture the city.
2Ch 32:19 They spoke of the Mighty One of Jerusalem as they had spoken of the deities of the other people of the earth, which are merely the work of men's hands.
2Ch 32:20 King Hezekiah and Isaiah son of Amoz, the prophet, prayed because of this matter, and he cried out to Heaven.
2Ch 32:21 Yehowah sent an angel, who killed the fighting men, the commanders, and the officers of the king of Assyria in the camp (2 Kings 19:35; Isa. 37:36-38; 10:32). So Sennacherib returned shame-faced to his own land. When he had gone into the house of his deity, some of his own children killed him there with the sword.
2Ch 32:22 In this way, Yehowah saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all others, and gave them rest on every side.
2Ch 32:23 Many were bringing offerings to Yehowah in Jerusalem, and precious gifts to Hezekiah king of Judah, so that he was lifted up in the eyes of all ethnicities from that time forward.
2Ch 32:24 In those days, Hezekiah was sick to the point of dying (c. 712 BC). He prayed to Yehowah, who spoke to him and gave him a sign that he would be healed.
2Ch 32:25 But Hezekiah did not pay back Yehowah for the help given to him, for his heart was lifted up. So anger came on him, and on Judah and Jerusalem.
2Ch 32:26 Nevertheless, Hezekiah later humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the anger of Yehowah did not come on them during Hezekiah's days.

2Ch 32:27 Hezekiah had superabundant riches and much honor. He provided himself with storerooms for silver, gold, precious stones, and for spices, as well as for shields and for all kinds of valuable objects.
2Ch 32:28 He also had storehouses for the harvest of grain, new wine, and oil, and stalls for all kinds of animals. He also had flocks in their pens.
2Ch 32:29 In addition, he provided himself with cities, possessions of flocks, and herds in abundance, for the Almighty had given him superabundant wealth.
2Ch 32:30 It was this same Hezekiah who also stopped up the waters of the upper Gihon Spring (John 9:7; 2 Chron. 32:2-8; 2 Kings 20:20; Isa. 22:9-11; Sir. 48:17-18), and who brought them straight down (via Siloam Tunnel) on the west side of the City of David. Hezekiah succeeded in all his projects.
2Ch 32:31 However, in the matter of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent to him to ask questions of those who knew about the miraculous sign that had been done in the land, the Almighty left him to himself, in order to test him, and to know all that was in his heart (2 Kings 20:9-11; Isa. 38:8).
2Ch 32:32 As for the other matters concerning Hezekiah, including his actions of covenant loyalty, you can see that they are written in the Vision of the Prophet Isaiah son of Amoz, and in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.
2Ch 32:33 Hezekiah slept with his ancestors (c. 697 BC), and they buried him on the hill of the tombs of the descendants of David. All Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem honored him at his death. Manasseh his son became king in his place.

2 Chronicles Chapter 33

2Ch 33:1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign; he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem.
2Ch 33:2 He did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah, like the disgusting things of the ethnicities whom Yehowah had driven out before the people of Israel.
2Ch 33:3 For he rebuilt the high places that his father Hezekiah had torn down, and he built altars for the Baals, he made Asherah poles, and he bowed down to all the stars of heaven and worshiped them.
2Ch 33:4 Manasseh built pagan altars in the temple of Yehowah, although Yehowah had commanded, “It is in Jerusalem that my name will be placed forever.”
2Ch 33:5 He built altars for all the stars of heaven in the two courtyards of the temple of Yehowah.
2Ch 33:6 In the Valley of Ben Hinnom, he put his sons into the fire. He performed soothsaying and sorcery; he read omens; and he consulted with wizards and necromancers who conjured up dead spirits. He practiced much evil in the sight of Yehowah, and he provoked Yehowah to anger.
2Ch 33:7 The carved figure of Asherah that he had made, he placed it in the temple of the Almighty. It was about this temple that the Almighty had spoken to David and Solomon his son; he had said, “It is in this temple and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel, that I will put my name forever.
2Ch 33:8 I will not move the people of Israel any more out of the land that I assigned to their ancestors, if they will only be careful to keep all that I have commanded them, following all the law, statutes, and decrees which I gave them through Moses.”
2Ch 33:9 Manasseh led Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to do evil even more than the ethnicities that Yehowah had destroyed before the people of Israel.
2Ch 33:10 Yehowah spoke to Manasseh, and to his people, but they paid no attention.
2Ch 33:11 So Yehowah brought on them the commanders of the military force of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh in chains, bound him with fetters, and took him off to Babylon (c. 655 BC).
2Ch 33:12 When Manasseh was in distress, he entreated Yehowah his Divine One, and humbled himself greatly before the Mighty One of his ancestors.
2Ch 33:13 He prayed to him; and Yehowah was begged by him, and Yehowah heard his begging and brought him back to Jerusalem, into his kingship. Then Manasseh knew that Yehowah was the Almighty.

2Ch 33:14 After this, Manasseh built an outer wall to the City of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, to the entrance at the Fish Gate. He surrounded the hill of Ophel with it and raised the wall up to an extremely great height. He put courageous commanders in all the fortified cities of Judah.
2Ch 33:15 He took away the foreign deities, the idol out of the temple of Yehowah, and all the altars that he had built on the mount of the temple of Yehowah and in Jerusalem, and threw them out of the city.
2Ch 33:16 He rebuilt the altar of Yehowah and offered on it sacrifices of peace offerings and thank offerings; he commanded Judah to serve Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel.
2Ch 33:17 However, the people still sacrificed at the high places, but only to Yehowah their Divine One.
2Ch 33:18 As to the other matters concerning Manasseh, his prayer to his Divine One, and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the name of Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, behold, they are written among the deeds of the kings of Israel.
2Ch 33:19 In that account, there is history of his prayer, and how Yehowah was moved by it. There is also an account of all his sin and his trespasses, and the places where he had built high places and set up the Asherah poles and the carved figures, before he humbled himself, they are written about in the Chronicles of the Seers.
2Ch 33:20 So Manasseh slept with his ancestors (c. 642 BC), and they buried him in his own house. Amon, his son, became king in his place.
2Ch 33:21 Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign; he reigned two years in Jerusalem.
2Ch 33:22 He did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah, as Manasseh, his father, had done. Amon sacrificed to all the carved figures that Manasseh his father had made, and he worshiped them.
2Ch 33:23 He did not humble himself before Yehowah, as Manasseh his father had done. Instead, this same Amon trespassed more and more.
2Ch 33:24 His servants conspired against him and put him to death in his own house (c. 640 BC).
2Ch 33:25 But the people of the land executed all those who had conspired against King Amon, and they made Josiah, his son, king in his place.

2 Chronicles Chapter 34

2Ch 34:1 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem.
2Ch 34:2 He did what was right in the eyes of Yehowah, and walked in the Ways of David his ancestor, and did not turn away either to the right or to the left.
2Ch 34:3 For in the eighth year of his reign (c. 632 BC), while he was still young, he began to seek after the Mighty One of David, his ancestor. In the twelfth year (c. 628 BC), he began to cleanse Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, the Asherah poles, and the carved figures and the cast metal figures.
2Ch 34:4 The people broke down the altars of the Baals in his presence; he cut apart the sun-pillars that were above them. He broke the Asherah poles and the carved figures, and the cast metal figures in pieces, until they were dust. He scattered the dust on the graves of those who had sacrificed to them.
2Ch 34:5 He burned the bones of their priests on their altars. In this way, he cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.
2Ch 34:6 He did the same in the cities of Manasseh, Ephraim, and Simeon, all the way to Naphtali, and in the ruins that surrounded them.
2Ch 34:7 He broke down the altars, beat the Asherah poles and the carved images into powder, and cut apart all the sun-pillars throughout all the land of Israel; then he returned to Jerusalem.
2Ch 34:8 Now in the eighteenth year of his reign (c. 622 BC), after Josiah had cleansed the land and the temple, he sent Shaphan son of Azaliah, Maaseiah, the commander of the fortress, and Joah son of Joahaz the secretary, to repair the temple of Yehowah his Divine One.
2Ch 34:9 They went to Hilkiah, the high priest, and entrusted to him the money that had been brought into the temple of the Almighty, that the Levites, the guards of the doors, had gathered from Manasseh and Ephraim, from all the remnant of Israel, from all Judah and Benjamin, and from the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
2Ch 34:10 They entrusted the money to the men who supervised the work on the temple of Yehowah. These men paid the workers who repaired and restored the temple.
2Ch 34:11 They paid it to the carpenters and builders to buy cut stone and timber for braces, and to make beams for the structures that some kings of Judah had let fall apart.
2Ch 34:12 The men did the work faithfully. Their supervisors Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, from the sons of the Kohathites. Other Levites, all of whom were good musicians, closely directed the workmen.

2Ch 34:13 These Levites were in charge of those who carried building material and all other men who worked in any way. There were also Levites who were secretaries, administrators, and gate guards.
2Ch 34:14 When they brought out the money that was brought into the temple of Yehowah, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of Yehowah that had been given through Moses.
2Ch 34:15 Hilkiah said to Shaphan the scribe, “I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of Yehowah.” Hilkiah brought the Book to Shaphan.
2Ch 34:16 Shaphan took the Book to the king, and also reported to him, “Your servants are doing everything that has been entrusted to them.
2Ch 34:17 They have emptied out the money that was found in the temple of Yehowah, and they gave it into the hand of the supervisors and to the workmen.”
2Ch 34:18 Shaphan the scribe told the king, “Hilkiah the priest has given me a Book.” Then Shaphan read in it to the king.
2Ch 34:19 It came about that when the king had heard the words of the law, he tore his clothes.
2Ch 34:20 The king commanded Hilkiah, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Abdon son of Micah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah, his own servant,
2Ch 34:21 “Go and ask the will of Yehowah for me, and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, because of the words of the Book that has been found. For it is great, the anger of Yehowah that has been poured out on us. It is great, because our ancestors have not listened to the words of this Book so as to obey all that was written in it.”
2Ch 34:22 So Hilkiah, and those whom the king had commanded, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum son of Tokhath son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe, she lived in Jerusalem in the Second District, and they spoke with her in this way.
2Ch 34:23 She prophesied to them, “This is what Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, says: Tell the man who sent you to me,
2Ch 34:24 ‘This is what Yehowah declares: See, I am about to bring disaster on this place and on its inhabitants, all the curses that have been written in the Book that they have read before the king of Judah.
2Ch 34:25 Because they have forsaken me and have burned incense to false deities, so that they might provoke me to anger with all the deeds they have committed, therefore my anger will be poured out on this place, and it will not be extinguished.’
2Ch 34:26 But to the king of Judah, who sent you to ask Yehowah what he should do, this is what you will say to him, ‘Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel says this: About the words that you heard,

2Ch 34:27 because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before the Almighty when you heard his words against this place and its inhabitants, and because you have humbled yourself before me and have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have listened to you,' declares Yehowah.
2Ch 34:28 'See, I will gather you to your ancestors. You will be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes will not see any of the disaster I will bring on this place and its inhabitants.'" The men took this message back to the king.
2Ch 34:29 Then the king sent messengers and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.
2Ch 34:30 Then the king went up to the temple of Yehowah, and all the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, Levites, and all the people, from great to small. He then read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant that had been found in the temple of Yehowah.
2Ch 34:31 The king stood in his place and made a covenant before Yehowah, to walk after Yehowah, and to keep his commandments, his regulations, and his statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to obey the words of the covenant that were written in this Book.
2Ch 34:32 He caused all who were found in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand by the covenant. The inhabitants of Jerusalem acted in obedience to the covenant of the Almighty, the Mighty One of their ancestors.
2Ch 34:33 Josiah took away all the disgusting things from the lands that belonged to the people of Israel. He made everyone in Israel worship Yehowah their Divine One. For all of his days, they did not turn away from following Yehowah, Mighty One of their ancestors.

2 Chronicles Chapter 35

2Ch 35:1 Josiah kept a Passover to Yehowah in Jerusalem, and they killed the Passover lambs on the fourteenth of the first month.
2Ch 35:2 He placed the priests in their positions and encouraged them in the service of the temple of Yehowah.
2Ch 35:3 He said to the Levites who taught all Israel and who were set apart to Yehowah, “Put the set-apart ark in the temple built by Solomon son of David, king of Israel. Do not carry it around on your shoulders any longer. Now worship Yehowah your Divine One and serve his people Israel.
2Ch 35:4 Organize yourselves by the name of your ancestral houses and your divisions, following the written instructions of David, king of Israel, and those of Solomon, his son.
2Ch 35:5 Stand in the Set-apart Place, taking your position with your divisions within the ancestral houses of your brothers, the descendants of the people, and taking your places with your divisions within the ancestral houses of the Levites.
2Ch 35:6 Kill the Passover lambs, consecrate yourselves, prepare the lambs for your brothers, to do according to the Word of Yehowah that was given by the hand of Moses.”
2Ch 35:7 Josiah gave to all the people thirty thousand lambs and kids from flocks for the Passover offerings to all who were present. He also gave three thousand bulls; these were from the king’s possessions.
2Ch 35:8 His leaders gave a freewill offering to the people, priests, and Levites. Hilkiah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, the officials in charge of the temple of the Almighty, gave to the priests for the Passover offerings 2,900 oxen.
2Ch 35:9 Also Conaniah, and Shemaiah and Nethanel, his brothers, and Hashabiah, Jeiel, and Jozabad, the chiefs of the Levites, gave to the Levites for the Passover offerings 5,500 oxen.
2Ch 35:10 So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their places, with the Levites by their divisions, in response to the king’s command.
2Ch 35:11 They killed the Passover lambs, and the priests sprinkled the blood that they received from the Levites’ hand, and the Levites skinned the lambs.
2Ch 35:12 They removed the burnt offerings, in order to distribute them to the divisions of the ancestral houses of the people, to offer them to Yehowah, as it is written in the Book of Moses. They did the same with the bulls.
2Ch 35:13 They roasted the Passover lambs with fire following the instructions. As for the consecrated offerings, they boiled them in pots, cauldrons, and pans, and they quickly carried them to all the sons of the people.
2Ch 35:14 They later prepared offerings for themselves and for the priests, because the priests, the descendants of Aaron, were occupied in offering the

burnt offerings and the fat until nightfall, so the Levites prepared the offerings for themselves and for the priests, the descendants of Aaron.
2Ch 35:15 The singers, the descendants of Asaph, were in their place, as directed by David, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer, and the guards were at every gate. They did not have to leave their post, because their brothers the Levites made preparations for them.
2Ch 35:16 So at that time the entire service of Yehowah was carried out for the celebration of the Passover and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of Yehowah, as King Josiah commanded.
2Ch 35:17 The people of Israel who were present kept the Passover at that time, and then the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days.
2Ch 35:18 Such a Passover celebration had never been held in Israel from the days of the prophet Samuel, nor had any of the other kings of Israel ever celebrated such a Passover as Josiah did, along with the priests, Levites, and all the people of Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
2Ch 35:19 This Passover was kept in the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah (c. 622 BC).
2Ch 35:20 After all this, after Josiah had set the temple in order, Neco II, king of Egypt, went up to fight against Carchemish at the Euphrates River, and Josiah went to fight against him.
2Ch 35:21 But Neco II sent ambassadors to him, saying, "What have I to do with you, king of Judah? I am not coming against you today, but against the house with which I am making war. The Almighty has commanded me to hurry, so refrain from interfering with the Almighty, who is with me, or he might destroy you."
2Ch 35:22 However, Josiah refused to turn away from him. He disguised himself in order to fight with him. He did not listen to the words of Neco II that had come from the mouth of the Almighty; so he went to fight in the Valley of Megiddo.
2Ch 35:23 Archers shot King Josiah, and the king ordered his servants, "Take me away, for I am badly wounded!"
2Ch 35:24 So his servants took him out of the chariot and put him in his extra chariot. They took him to Jerusalem, where he died (c. 609 BC). He was buried in the tombs of his ancestors. All Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.
2Ch 35:25 Jeremiah lamented for Josiah; all the male and female singers lament about Josiah to this day. These songs became customary in Israel; behold, they are written in the Songs of Lament.
2Ch 35:26 As for the other matters concerning Josiah, and his good deeds done in obedience to what is written in the Law of Yehowah,

2Ch 35:27 and his deeds, from beginning to end, are written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

2 Chronicles Chapter 36

2Ch 36:1 Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's place in Jerusalem.
2Ch 36:2 Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem (c. 609 BC).
2Ch 36:3 The king of Egypt removed him at Jerusalem, and fined the land 300,000-weight silver-currency and 33 kilograms of gold.
2Ch 36:4 The king of Egypt made Eliakim, his brother, king over Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. Then Necho II took Eliakim's brother Jehoahaz and brought him to Egypt.
2Ch 36:5 Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. He did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah his Divine One.
2Ch 36:6 Then Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, attacked him and bound him in chains to lead him away to Babylon (c. 598 BC).
2Ch 36:7 Nebuchadnezzar also carried some of the objects in the temple of Yehowah to Babylon, and put them in his palace at Babylon.
2Ch 36:8 As for the other matters concerning Jehoiakim, the disgusting things that he did, and what was found against him, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel. Then Jehoiachin, his son, became king in his place.
2Ch 36:9 Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign; he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem. He did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah (c. 598 BC).
2Ch 36:10 After the beginning of the new year, King Nebuchadnezzar sent men and brought him to Babylon, with the valuable things from the temple of Yehowah, and made Zedekiah, his relative, king over Judah and Jerusalem.
2Ch 36:11 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign; he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.
2Ch 36:12 He did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah his Divine One. He did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet, who spoke from the mouth of Yehowah.
2Ch 36:13 Zedekiah also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear loyalty to him by the Almighty. But Zedekiah stiffened his neck and hardened his heart against turning to Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel.
2Ch 36:14 Moreover, all the leaders of the priests and the people were horribly unfaithful, and they followed the disgusting practices of the ethnicities. They polluted the temple of Yehowah which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

2Ch 36:15 Yehowah, Mighty One of their ancestors, sent word to them by his messengers again and again, because he had compassion on his people and on the place where he lives.
2Ch 36:16 But they mocked the messengers of the Almighty, despised his words, and scoffed at his prophets, until the wrath of Yehowah arose against his people, until there was no more help.
2Ch 36:17 So Yehowah brought on them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the sanctuary, and had no compassion on young men or virgins, old men or the gray-haired. Yehowah gave them all into his hand.
2Ch 36:18 All the furnishings of the temple of the Almighty, great and small, the treasures of the temple of Yehowah, and the treasures of the king and his officials, all these he took to Babylon.
2Ch 36:19 They burned down the temple of the Almighty, broke down the wall of Jerusalem, burned all its palaces, and destroyed all the beautiful things in it (c. 587 BC).
2Ch 36:20 The king carried away to Babylon those who had escaped the sword. They became servants for him and his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia.
2Ch 36:21 This happened to fulfill the Word of Yehowah by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land should have enjoyed its Sabbaths. It observed its Shabbat for as long as it lay abandoned, in order to pass seventy years in this way.
2Ch 36:22 Now in the first year (c. 536 BC) of Cyrus II, king of Persia, so that the Word of Yehowah by the mouth of Jeremiah might be carried out, Yehowah motivated the spirit of Cyrus II, king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing,
2Ch 36:23 “This is what Cyrus II, king of Persia, says: ‘Yehowah, Mighty One of Heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth. He has commanded me to build a temple for him in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you from all his people, may Yehowah your Divine One be with you. Let him go up to the land.’”

Book of Ezra

Ezra Chapter 1

Ezr 1:1 In the first year (c. 536 BC) of Cyrus II, king of Persia, Yehowah fulfilled his word that came from the mouth of Jeremiah, and Yehowah stirred Cyrus' spirit. Cyrus' voice went out over his entire kingdom. This is what was written and spoken:
Ezr 1:2 "Cyrus II, king of Persia, says: Yehowah, Mighty One of Heaven, gave me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he appointed me to build for him a temple in Jerusalem in Judea.
Ezr 1:3 Whoever is from his people, may his Divine One be with him, may go up to Jerusalem in Judah and build a temple for Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, the Almighty who is in Jerusalem.
Ezr 1:4 People of any part of the kingdom where survivors of that land are living should provide them with silver and gold, possessions and animals, as well as a freewill offering for the temple of the Almighty in Jerusalem."
Ezr 1:5 Then the heads of the ancestors' clans of Judah and Benjamin, the priests and Levites, and everyone whose spirit the Almighty stirred to go and build the temple of Yehowah in Jerusalem arose.
Ezr 1:6 Those around them supported their work with silver and gold objects, possessions, animals, valuables, and freewill offerings.
Ezr 1:7 King Cyrus II also released the objects belonging to the temple of Yehowah that Nebuchadnezzar had brought from Jerusalem and put in his own deities' houses.
Ezr 1:8 Cyrus II put them into the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, who counted them out for Sheshbazzar, Judea's leader.
Ezr 1:9 This was their number: thirty gold basins, one thousand silver basins, twenty-nine knives,
Ezr 1:10 thirty gold bowls, 410 small silver bowls, and one thousand additional objects.
Ezr 1:11 There were 5,400 gold and silver items in all. Sheshbazzar brought all of them when the exiles went from Babylon to Jerusalem.

Ezra Chapter 2

Ezr 2:1 These are the people in the province who went up from the captivity of King Nebuchadnezzar, who had exiled them in Babylon, the people who returned to each of their cities of Jerusalem and in Judea.
Ezr 2:2 They came with Zerubbabel (c. 536 BC), Jeshua, Nehemiah (Nechemyah), Seraiah, Reeliaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, and Baanah. This is the record of the men of the people of Israel.
Ezr 2:3 The descendants of Parosh: 2,172.
Ezr 2:4 The descendants of Shephatiah: 372.
Ezr 2:5 The descendants of Arach: 775.
Ezr 2:6 The descendants of Pahath Moab, through Jeshua and Joab: 2,812.
Ezr 2:7 The descendants of Elam: 1,254.
Ezr 2:8 The descendants of Zattu: 945.
Ezr 2:9 The descendants of Zaccai: 760.
Ezr 2:10 The descendants of Bani: 642.
Ezr 2:11 The descendants of Bebai: 623.
Ezr 2:12 The descendants of Azgad: 1,222.
Ezr 2:13 The descendants of Adonikam: 666.
Ezr 2:14 The descendants of Bigvai: 2,056.
Ezr 2:15 The descendants of Adin: 454.
Ezr 2:16 The men of Ater, through Hezekiah: ninety-eight.
Ezr 2:17 The descendants of Bezai: 323.
Ezr 2:18 The descendants of Jorah: 112.
Ezr 2:19 The men of Hashum: 223.
Ezr 2:20 The men of Gibbar: ninety-five.
Ezr 2:21 The men of Bethlehem: 123.
Ezr 2:22 The men of Netophah: fifty-six.
Ezr 2:23 The men of Anathoth: 128.
Ezr 2:24 The men of Azmaveth: forty-two.
Ezr 2:25 The men of Kiriath Arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth: 743.
Ezr 2:26 The men of Ramah and Geba: 621.
Ezr 2:27 The men of Michmas: 122.
Ezr 2:28 The men of Bethel and Ai: 223.
Ezr 2:29 The men of Nebo: fifty-two.
Ezr 2:30 The men of Magbish: 156.
Ezr 2:31 The men of the other Elam: 1,254.
Ezr 2:32 The men of Harim: 320.
Ezr 2:33 The men of Lod, Hadid, and Ono: 725.
Ezr 2:34 The men of Jericho: 345.

Ezr 2:35 The men of Senaah: 3,630
Ezr 2:36 The priests: descendants of Jedaiah of the house of Jeshua: 973.
Ezr 2:37 Immer's descendants: 1,052.
Ezr 2:38 Pashhur's descendants: 1,247.
Ezr 2:39 Harim's descendants: 1,017.
Ezr 2:40 The Levites: descendants of Jeshua and Kadmiel, descendants of Hodaviah: seventy-four.
Ezr 2:41 The temple singers, descendants of Asaph: 128.
Ezr 2:42 The descendants of the gatekeepers: descendants of Shallum, Ater, Talmon, Akkub, Hatita, and Shobai: 139 total.
Ezr 2:43 Those who were assigned to serve in the temple: descendants of Ziha, Hasupha, Tabbaoth,
Ezr 2:44 Keros, Siaha, Padon,
Ezr 2:45 Lebanah, Hagabah, Akkub,
Ezr 2:46 Hagab, Shalmai, and Hanan.
Ezr 2:47 The descendants of Giddel: Gahar, Reaiah,
Ezr 2:48 Rezin, Nekoda, Gazzam,
Ezr 2:49 Uzza, Paseah, Besai,
Ezr 2:50 Asnah, Meunim, and Nephisim.
Ezr 2:51 The descendants of Bakbuk: Hakupha, Harhur,
Ezr 2:52 Bazluth, Mehida, Harsha,
Ezr 2:53 Barkos, Sisera, Temah,
Ezr 2:54 Neziah, and Hatipha.
Ezr 2:55 The descendants of Solomon's servants: descendants of Sotai, Hassophereth, Peruda,
Ezr 2:56 Jaalah, Darkon, Giddel,
Ezr 2:57 Shephatiah, Hattil, Pochereth Hazzebaim, and Ami.
Ezr 2:58 There were 392 total descendants of those assigned to serve in the temple and descendants of Solomon's servants.
Ezr 2:59 Those who left Tel Melah, Tel Charsha, Kerub, Addan, and Immer, but were not able to prove their ancestry from Israel,
Ezr 2:60 included 652 descendants of Delaiah, Tobiah, and Nekoda.
Ezr 2:61 Also, from the priest's descendants: The descendants of Habaiah (Chabayah), Hakkoz, and Barzillai, who took his wife from the daughters of Barzillai of Gilead and was called by their name.
Ezr 2:62 They searched for their genealogical records, but could not find them, so they were excluded from the priesthood as unclean.
Ezr 2:63 So the governor told them they must not eat any of the set-apart sacrifices, until a priest with Urim and Thummim approved.
Ezr 2:64 The whole group totaled 42,360,

Ezr 2:65 not including their servants and their maidservants, these were 7,337, and their male and female temple singers, two hundred.
Ezr 2:66 Their horses: 736. Their mules: 245.
Ezr 2:67 Their camels: 435. Their jack donkeys: 6,720.
Ezr 2:68 When they went to the temple of Yehowah in Jerusalem, the chief patriarchs offered freewill gifts to build the temple of the Almighty.
Ezr 2:69 They gave according to their ability to the work fund: five hundred kilograms of gold, 250,000-weight of silver coins, and one hundred priestly tunics.
Ezr 2:70 So the priests and Levites, the people, the temple singers and gatekeepers, and those assigned to serve in the temple inhabited their cities. All the people in Israel were in their cities.

Ezra Chapter 3

Ezr 3:1 When the seventh month had come, after the people of Israel came back to their cities, they gathered together as one man in Jerusalem.
Ezr 3:2 Jeshua son of Jozadak (aka Jehozadak; Zech. 6:11) and his brothers the priests, and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and his brothers rose up and built the altar of the Mighty One of Israel to offer burnt offerings as commanded in the Law of Moses, the man of the Almighty.
Ezr 3:3 Then they established the altar on its stand, for dread was on them because of the people of the land. They offered burnt offerings to Yehowah at dawn and dusk.
Ezr 3:4 They also observed the Feast of Tabernacles as it is written and offered burnt offerings day by day according to the decree, each day's duty on its day.
Ezr 3:5 Accordingly, there were daily burnt offerings, and at the beginning of the months, and offerings for all the appointment calendar festivals of Yehowah, along with all the freewill offerings unto Yehowah.
Ezr 3:6 They began to offer up burnt offerings to Yehowah on the first day of the seventh month (Yom Teruah, Day of Trumpets), although the foundation of the temple of Yehowah had not been built.
Ezr 3:7 So they gave silver coins to the stonemasons and craftsmen, and they gave food, drink, and oil to the people of Sidon and Tyre, so they would bring cedar trees by sea from Lebanon to Joppa, as authorized for them by Cyrus II, king of Persia.
Ezr 3:8 Then in the second month of the second year (c. 535 BC), after they came to the temple of the Almighty in Jerusalem, Zerubbabel, Jeshua son of Jozadak, the rest of the priests, the Levites, and those who came from captivity back to Jerusalem, began the work. They assigned the Levites twenty years old and older to oversee the work of the temple of Yehowah.
Ezr 3:9 Jeshua set his sons and his brothers, Kadmiel and his sons, and the descendants of Judah to oversee the people doing the work on the temple of the Almighty. Along with them were the descendants of Henadad, their descendants, and also their fellow Levites.
Ezr 3:10 The builders laid a foundation for the temple of Yehowah. This enabled the priests to stand in their garments with trumpets, and the Levites, sons of Asaph, to praise Yehowah with cymbals, just as the hand of David, king of Israel had commanded.
Ezr 3:11 They sang with praise and thankfulness to Yehowah, "He is good! His covenant faithfulness to Israel endures forever!" All the people cried out with a great shout of joy in praise of Yehowah, because the temple's foundations had been laid!

Ezr 3:12 But many of the priests, Levites, chief patriarchs, and old people who had seen the first temple, when this temple's foundations were laid before their eyes, wept loudly. But many had shouts of joy with gladness and an excited sound!
Ezr 3:13 As a result, people were not able to distinguish the joyful and glad sounds from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people were crying out with great joy, and the sound was heard from far away.

Ezra Chapter 4

Ezr 4:1 Now some enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that the people who had been exiled were now building a temple for Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel.
Ezr 4:2 So they approached Zerubbabel and the heads of their ancestors' clans. They said to them, "Let us build with you, for like you, we seek your Divine One and have sacrificed to him, since the days when Esarhaddon, king of Assyria, brought us to this place."
Ezr 4:3 But Zerubbabel, Jeshua, and the heads of their ancestors' clans responded, "It is not you, but we who must build the temple of our Divine One, for it is we who will build for Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, just as King Cyrus II of Persia commanded."
Ezr 4:4 So the people of the land made the Judeans' hands weak; they made the Judeans afraid to build.
Ezr 4:5 They also bribed counselors to frustrate their plans. They did this during all of Cyrus' days and into the reign of Darius I, Hystaspes, king of Persia.
Ezr 4:6 Then at the beginning of Ahasuerus' reign (Pseudo-Smerdis, aka Guamate; c. 522 BC) they wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.
Ezr 4:7 It was during the days of Artaxerxes that Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and their companions wrote to Artaxerxes king of Persia. The letter was written in Aramaic and translated.
Ezr 4:8 Rehum the commander and Shimshai the scribe wrote this way to King Artaxerxes about Jerusalem.
Ezr 4:9 Then Rehum, Shimshai, and their companions, who were judges and other officers in the government, from Erech, Babylon, and Susa in Elam, they wrote a letter,
Ezr 4:10 and they were joined by the people whom the great and noble Ashurbanipal forced to settle in Samaria, along with the rest who were in the Province Beyond the Euphrates River.
Ezr 4:11 This is a copy of the letter that they sent to King Artaxerxes: "Your servants, men of the Province Beyond the Euphrates River, write this:
Ezr 4:12 Let the king know that the Jews who went from Cyrus II have come against us in Jerusalem to build a rebellious city. They have completed the walls and repaired the foundations.
Ezr 4:13 Now let the king know that if this city is built, and the wall is completed, they will not pay any tribute, tax, or customs duty, but they will harm the kings.
Ezr 4:14 Surely, because we have eaten the palace salt, it is not fitting for us to see any dishonor happen to the king. It is because of this, that we are informing the king,

Ezr 4:15 to search your father's record and to verify that this is a rebellious city that will harm kings and provinces. It has caused many problems to the kings and provinces. It has been a center for rebellion from long ago. It was for this reason that the city was destroyed.
Ezr 4:16 We are informing the king that if this city and wall are built, then there will be nothing remaining for you in the Province Beyond the River."
Ezr 4:17 So the king sent out a reply to Rehum and Shimshai and their companions in Samaria and the rest who were in the Province Beyond the River: "May peace be yours.
Ezr 4:18 The letter that you sent me has been translated and read to me.
Ezr 4:19 So I ordered an investigation and discovered that in previous days, they had rebelled and revolted against kings.
Ezr 4:20 Mighty kings have ruled over Jerusalem and had power over everything in the Province Beyond the River. Toll, tribute, and taxes were paid to them.
Ezr 4:21 Now make a decree for these men to stop and not build this city, until I make a decree (Ezra 7:21).
Ezr 4:22 Be careful not to neglect this. Why allow this threat to grow and cause more loss for the royal interests?
Ezr 4:23 When King Artaxerxes' decree was read before Rehum, Shimshai, and their companions, they went out quickly to Jerusalem and forced the Jews to stop building.
Ezr 4:24 So the work on the temple of the Almighty in Jerusalem stopped until the second year of the reign of Darius I, Hystaspes (c. 520 BC), king of Persia.

Ezra Chapter 5

Ezr 5:1 Then Haggai the prophet and Zechariah, grandson of Iddo the prophet, prophesied in the name of the Mighty One of Israel to the Jews in Judah and Jerusalem.
Ezr 5:2 Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Jeshua son of Jozadak rose up and began to build the temple of the Almighty in Jerusalem with the prophets of the Almighty who encouraged them.
Ezr 5:3 Then Tattenai the governor of the Province Beyond the River, Shethar Bozenai, and his associates came and asked them, “Who gave you a decree to build this temple and complete these walls?”
Ezr 5:4 They also asked, “What are the names of the men building this structure?”
Ezr 5:5 But the eye of the Almighty was on the Jewish elders, and their enemies did not stop them. They were waiting for a letter to be sent to King Darius and for a decree to be returned to them concerning this.
Ezr 5:6 This is a copy of the letter of Tattenai, governor of the Province Beyond the River, and Shethar Bozenai and his associates in the Province Beyond the River, which they sent to King Darius.
Ezr 5:7 They sent a report, writing this to King Darius, “May all peace be yours.
Ezr 5:8 Let the king know that we went to Judah to the temple of the great Almighty. It is being built with large stones and timbers set in the walls. This work is being done thoroughly and is going forward well in their hands.
Ezr 5:9 We asked the elders, ‘Who gave you a decree to build this temple and these walls?’
Ezr 5:10 We also asked them their names, so you might know the name of each man who led them.
Ezr 5:11 They replied, ‘We are servants of the One who is the Mighty One of Heaven and earth, and we are rebuilding this temple that had been built many years ago when the great king of Israel built it and completed it.
Ezr 5:12 However, when our ancestors enraged the Mighty One of Heaven, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this temple and took the people into exile in Babylon.
Ezr 5:13 Nevertheless, in the first year (c. 536 BC), when Cyrus II was king of Babylon, Cyrus issued a decree to rebuild the temple of the Almighty.
Ezr 5:14 King Cyrus II also returned the gold and silver objects belonging to the temple of the Almighty that Nebuchadnezzar had brought from the temple in Jerusalem to the temple in Babylon. He restored them to Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor.

Ezr 5:15 He commanded him, “Take these objects. Go and put them in the temple in Jerusalem. Let the temple of the Almighty be rebuilt there.”
Ezr 5:16 Then this Sheshbazzar came and laid the foundation for the temple of the Almighty in Jerusalem; and it is being constructed, but is not yet complete.’
Ezr 5:17 Now if it pleases the king, may it be investigated in the house of archives in Babylon if a judgment from King Cyrus II exists there to build this temple of the Almighty in Jerusalem. Then let the king send his decision to us.

Ezra Chapter 6

Ezr 6:1 So King Darius I, Hystaspes, ordered an investigation in the house of archives and treasures in Babylon (c. 520 BC).
Ezr 6:2 In the fortified city of Ecbatana in Media a scroll was found; this was its record:
Ezr 6:3 “In the first year of King Cyrus II (c. 536 BC), Cyrus issued a decree about the temple of the Almighty in Jerusalem: ‘Let the temple be rebuilt as a place for sacrifice, let its foundations be laid, let its height be thirty meters, and its width thirty meters,
Ezr 6:4 with three rows of large stones and a row of new timber, and let the cost be paid by the king’s house.
Ezr 6:5 Now bring back the gold and silver objects belonging to the temple of the Almighty, which Nebuchadnezzar brought to Babylon from the temple in Jerusalem and send them back to the temple in Jerusalem. You are to put them in the temple of the Almighty.’”
Ezr 6:6 “Now Tattenai, the governor of the Province Beyond the River, Shethar Bozenai, and associates who are in the Province Beyond the River, keep away!
Ezr 6:7 Leave the work of this temple of the Almighty alone. The governor and Jewish elders will build this temple of the Almighty at that place.
Ezr 6:8 I am ordering that you must do this for these Jewish elders who build this temple of the Almighty: Funds from the king’s tribute beyond the River will be used to pay these men, so they do not have to stop their work.
Ezr 6:9 Whatever is needed, young bulls, rams, or lambs for the burnt offerings to the Mighty One of Heaven, grain, salt, wine, or oil according to the command of the priests in Jerusalem, give these things to them every day without fail.
Ezr 6:10 Do this, so they will bring the offering in to the Mighty One of Heaven and pray for me, the king, and my sons.
Ezr 6:11 I am ordering that if anyone violates this decree, a beam must be pulled from his house, and he must be impaled on it. His house must then be turned into a rubbish heap because of this.
Ezr 6:12 May the Almighty who has caused his name to dwell there overthrow any king or people who lifts a hand to change this decree, or to destroy this temple of the Almighty in Jerusalem. I, Darius, am ordering this. Let it be done with diligence!”
Ezr 6:13 Then because of the decree sent by Darius I, Hystaspes, the king, Tattenai, the governor of the Province Beyond the River, and Shethar Bozenai and his associates, did everything that King Darius had ordered.
Ezr 6:14 So the Jewish elders built in the way that Haggai the prophet and Zechariah, grandson of Iddo, had instructed by prophesying. They built and

completed it, according to the decree of the Mighty One of Israel, and according to the decree of Cyrus II, Darius, and Artaxerxes, kings of Persia.
Ezr 6:15 The temple was completed on the third day of the month of Adar, in the sixth year of King Darius' reign (c. 515 BC).
Ezr 6:16 The Israeli people, priests, Levites, and the rest of the captives celebrated the dedication of this temple of the Almighty with joy.
Ezr 6:17 They offered one hundred bulls, one hundred rams, and four hundred lambs for the dedication of the temple of the Almighty. Twelve male goats were also offered as a sin offering for all Israel, one for each tribe in Israel.
Ezr 6:18 They also assigned the priests and Levites to work divisions for the service of the Almighty in Jerusalem, as it was written in the Book of Moses.
Ezr 6:19 So those who had been in exile celebrated the Passover on the fourteenth of the first month (c. 515 BC).
Ezr 6:20 The priests and Levites all purified themselves and slaughtered the Passover sacrifices for all those who had been in exile, including themselves.
Ezr 6:21 The Israeli people who ate some of the Passover meat were those who had returned from exile and had separated themselves from the uncleanness of the people of the land and sought Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel.
Ezr 6:22 They joyfully celebrated the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days, for Yehowah had brought them joy and turned the heart of Assyria's king to strengthen their hands in the work of the temple of the Almighty, the temple of the Mighty One of Israel.

Ezra Chapter 7

Ezr 7:1 Now (about 58 years) after this, during the reign of Artaxerxes I Longimanus, king of Persia, Ezra came up from Babylon. Ezra's ancestors were Seraiah, Azariah, Hilkiah,
Ezr 7:2 Shallum, Zadok, Ahitub,
Ezr 7:3 Amariah, Azariah, Meraioth,
Ezr 7:4 Zerahiah, Uzzi, Bukki,
Ezr 7:5 Abishua, Phinehas, Eleazar, who was son of Aaron the high priest.
Ezr 7:6 Ezra came up from Babylon, and he was a skilled scribe in the Law of Moses that Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, had given. The king gave him anything he asked since the hand of Yehowah his Divine One was with him.
Ezr 7:7 Some of the descendants of Israel and the priests, Levites, temple singers, gatekeepers, and those assigned to serve in the temple also went up to Jerusalem in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes (c. 457 BC).
Ezr 7:8 He arrived in Jerusalem in the fifth month of the same year.
Ezr 7:9 He left Babylon on the first of the first month. It was on the first of the fifth month that he arrived in Jerusalem, since the good hand of the Almighty was with him.
Ezr 7:10 Ezra had established his heart to study, carry out, and teach the statutes and decrees of the Law of Yehowah.
Ezr 7:11 This was the decree that King Artaxerxes gave Ezra the priest and scribe of the words of the commandments and statutes of Yehowah for Israel:
Ezr 7:12 "King of kings Artaxerxes, to the priest Ezra, a scribe of the law of the Mighty One of Heaven:
Ezr 7:13 I am ordering that anyone from Israel in my kingdom along with their priests and Levites who desires to go to Jerusalem, may go with you.
Ezr 7:14 I, the king, and my seven counselors, send you all out to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem according to the law of the Almighty, which is in your hand.
Ezr 7:15 You are to bring the silver and gold that the king and his counselors have freely offered to the Mighty One of Israel, whose dwelling is in Jerusalem.
Ezr 7:16 Freely give all the silver and gold that all of Babylon has given along with what is freely offered by the people and the priests for the temple of their Divine One in Jerusalem.
Ezr 7:17 So buy in full the oxen, rams and lambs, and grain and drink offerings. Offer them on the altar that is in the temple of your Divine One in Jerusalem.
Ezr 7:18 Do with the rest of the silver and gold whatever seems good to you and your brothers, to please your Divine One.

Ezr 7:19 Place the objects that were freely given to you before the Almighty for the service of the temple of your Divine One in Jerusalem.
Ezr 7:20 Anything else that is needed for the temple of your Divine One that you require, take its cost from my treasury.
Ezr 7:21 I, King Artaxerxes, make a decree to all the treasurers in the Province Beyond the River (Ezra 4:21), that anything that Ezra the priest, the scribe of the Law of the Mighty One of Heaven, asks from you should be given in full,
Ezr 7:22 up to 300,000-weight of silver coins, 17.6 kiloliters of wheat, 2.20 kiloliters of wine, and 2.20 kiloliters of oil, also salt without limit.
Ezr 7:23 Anything that comes from the decree of the Mighty One of Heaven, do it with devotion for the temple of the Almighty. For why should his wrath come upon the kingdom of me and my sons?
Ezr 7:24 We are informing them about you not to impose any tribute or taxes on any of the priests, Levites, musicians, gatekeepers, or on the people assigned to the service of the temple and servants of this temple of the Almighty.
Ezr 7:25 Ezra, with the wisdom that the Almighty has given you, you must appoint judges and discerning men to serve all the people in the Province Beyond the River, and to serve anyone who knows the law of your Divine One. You must also teach those who do not know the law.
Ezr 7:26 Punish anyone who does not fully obey the law of the Almighty or the king's law, whether by execution, banishment, confiscation of their goods, or imprisonment."
Ezr 7:27 Praise Yehowah, our ancestors' Divine One, who placed all this into the king's heart to glorify the temple of Yehowah in Jerusalem,
Ezr 7:28 and who extended covenant faithfulness to me before the king, his counselors, and all his powerful officials. I have been strengthened by the hand of Yehowah my Divine One, and I gathered leaders from Israel to go with me.

Ezra Chapter 8

Ezr 8:1 These are the leaders of their ancestors' families who left Babylon with me during the reign of King Artaxerxes.
Ezr 8:2 Of the descendants of Phinehas, Gershom. Of the descendants of Ithamar, Daniel. Of the descendants of David, Hattush,
Ezr 8:3 who was of the descendants of Shecaniah, who was from the descendants of Parosh; and Zechariah, and with him there were 150 males listed in the record of his genealogy.
Ezr 8:4 Of the descendants of Pahath Moab, Eliehoenai son of Zerahiah and with him were two hundred males.
Ezr 8:5 Of the descendants of Shecaniah, Ben Jahaziel and with him were three hundred males.
Ezr 8:6 Of the descendants of Adin, Ebed son of Jonathan and with him were listed fifty males.
Ezr 8:7 Of the descendants of Elam, Jeshaiah son of Athaliah and with him were listed seventy males.
Ezr 8:8 Of the descendants of Shephatiah, Zebadiah son of Michael and with him were listed eighty males.
Ezr 8:9 Of the descendants of Joab, Obadiah son of Jehiel and with him were listed 218 males.
Ezr 8:10 Of the descendants of Shelomith son of Josiphiah (Yosiphyah) and with him were listed 160 males.
Ezr 8:11 Of the descendants of Bebai, Zechariah son of Bebai and with him were listed twenty-eight males.
Ezr 8:12 Of the descendants of Azgad, Johanan son of Hakkatan and with him were listed 110 males.
Ezr 8:13 Those of the descendants of Adonikam came later. These were their names: Eliphelet, Jeuel, and Shemaiah and with them came sixty males.
Ezr 8:14 Of the descendants of Bigvai, Uthai and Zaccur and with them were listed seventy males.
Ezr 8:15 I gathered the travelers at the canal that goes to Ahava, and we camped there three days. I examined the people and priests, but could not find any descendants of Levi there.
Ezr 8:16 So I sent for Eliezer, Ariel, Shemaiah, Elnathan, Jarib, and Elnathan and Nathan, Zechariah, and Meshullam, who were leaders, and for Joarib and Elnathan, who were teachers.
Ezr 8:17 Next, I sent them to Iddo, the leader in Casiphia. I told them what to say to Iddo and his relatives, the temple servants living in Casiphia, that is, to send to us servants for the temple of the Almighty.

Ezr 8:18 So they sent us by the good hand of our Divine One a man named Sherebiah (Sherebeyah), a prudent man. He was a descendant of Mahli son of Levi son of Israel. He came with eighteen sons and brothers.
Ezr 8:19 With him came Hashabiah. There also were Jeshaiah, one of the sons of Merari, with his brothers and their sons, twenty men in all.
Ezr 8:20 Of those assigned to serve in the temple, whom David and his officials gave to serve the Levites: 220, each of them assigned by name.
Ezr 8:21 Then I proclaimed a fast at the Ahava River to humble ourselves before our Divine One, to seek a straight path from him for us, our little ones, and all our possessions.
Ezr 8:22 I was ashamed to ask the king for a military force or cavalry to protect us against enemies along the way, since we had said to the king, 'The hand of our Divine One is on all who seek him for good, but his might and wrath are on all who forget him.'
Ezr 8:23 So we fasted and sought our Divine One about this, and we entreated him.
Ezr 8:24 Next, I selected twelve men from the priestly officials: Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brothers.
Ezr 8:25 I weighed out for them silver, gold, and the objects and offerings for the temple of the Almighty that the king, his counselors and officials, and all Israel had freely offered.
Ezr 8:26 So I weighed into their hand 1,950,000-weight of silver coins, 3.333 metric tons of silver objects, 3.333 metric tons of gold,
Ezr 8:27 twenty gold bowls that were together valued at eight and one-half kilograms of gold, and two well-polished bronze vessels as precious as gold.
Ezr 8:28 Then I said to them, "You are consecrated to Yehowah, and these objects also, and the silver and gold are a freewill offering to Yehowah, Mighty One of your ancestors.
Ezr 8:29 Watch over them and keep them, until you weigh them out before the priestly officials, Levites, and leaders of the ancestors' clans of Israel in Jerusalem in the rooms of the temple of Yehowah."
Ezr 8:30 The priests and the Levites accepted the weighed silver, gold, and the objects in order to take them to Jerusalem, to the temple of our Divine One.
Ezr 8:31 We went out from the Ahava River on the twelfth of the first month to go to Jerusalem. The hand of our Divine One was on us; he protected us from the hand of the enemy and the ones who wished to ambush us along the road.
Ezr 8:32 So we entered Jerusalem and stayed there for three days.
Ezr 8:33 Then on the fourth day the silver, gold, and objects were weighed out in the temple of our Divine One into the hand of Meremoth son of Uriah the priest, and with him were Eleazar son of Phinehas, Jozabad son of Jeshua, and Noadiah (Noadyah) son of Binnui the Levite.

Ezr 8:34 The number and weight of everything was determined. All the weight was written down at that time.
Ezr 8:35 The ones who came back from the captivity, the people of exile, offered burnt offerings to the Mighty One of Israel: twelve bulls for all of Israel, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven lambs, and twelve male goats as a sin offering. All were a burnt offering for Yehowah.
Ezr 8:36 Then they gave the king's decrees to the king's high officials and the governors in the Province Beyond the River, and they helped the people and the temple of the Almighty.

Ezra Chapter 9

Ezr 9:1 When these things were done, the officials approached me and said, “The people of Israel, the priests, and the Levites have not separated themselves from the people of the other lands and their abominations: Canaanites, Hethites, Perizzites, Jebusites, Ammonites, Moabites, Egyptians, and Amorites.
Ezr 9:2 For they have taken some of their daughters and sons, and have mixed the set-apart people with the people of other lands, and the officials and leaders have been first in this faithlessness.”
Ezr 9:3 When I heard this, I tore apart my clothing and robe and pulled out hair from my head and beard, and I sat down, devastated.
Ezr 9:4 All those who trembled at the words of the Mighty One of Israel about this faithlessness gathered to me, while I was sitting ashamed, until the offering at dusk.
Ezr 9:5 But at the dusk offering, I arose from my position of humiliation in my torn clothes and robe, and knelt down and spread my hands to Yehowah my Divine One.
Ezr 9:6 I prayed, “My Divine One, I am ashamed and disgraced to raise my face to you, my Divine One, for our iniquities increase over our head, and our guilt grows to Heaven.
Ezr 9:7 From the days of our ancestors until now, we have been in great guilt. In our iniquities we, our kings, and our priests were given into the hand of kings of this world, to the sword, to captivity, and to plunder and ashamed faces, as we are today.
Ezr 9:8 Yet now for a short time, grace from Yehowah our Divine One has come to leave us a few survivors and to give us a foothold in his Set-apart Place. This was for our Divine One to enlighten our eyes and to give us a little relief in our slavery.
Ezr 9:9 For we are slaves, but our Divine One has not forgotten us but has extended covenant faithfulness to us. He has done this in the sight of the kings of Persia in order to give us new strength, so we could rebuild the temple of our Divine One and raise its ruins. He did this, so that he could give us a wall of safety in Judah and Jerusalem.
Ezr 9:10 But now, our Divine One, what can we say after this? We have forgotten your commands,
Ezr 9:11 the commands that you gave to your servants the prophets, when you said, “This land that you are entering to possess is an unclean land. It is contaminated by the people of the lands with their abominations. They have filled it from one end to the other with their uncleanness.

Ezr 9:12 So now, do not give your daughters to their sons; do not take their daughters for your sons, and do not seek their ongoing peace and welfare, so that you will be strong and eat the good of the land, so you will cause your children to possess it for all time."
Ezr 9:13 Yet after everything that came on us for our evil practices and our great guilt, since you, our Divine One, have held back what our iniquities deserve and left us survivors,
Ezr 9:14 should we again break your commandments and intermarry with these abominable people? Will you not be angry and annihilate us, so there will be no one left, no one to escape?
Ezr 9:15 Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, you are righteous, for we have remained as a few survivors at this day. Look! We are here before you in our guilt, for there is no one who can stand before you because of this.

Ezra Chapter 10

Ezr 10:1 As Ezra prayed and confessed, he wept and threw himself down before the temple of the Almighty. An extremely great congregation of Israeli men, women, and children gathered to him, for the people loudly wept bitterly.
Ezr 10:2 Shekaniah son of Jehiel of the descendants of Elam said to Ezra, “We have been unfaithful to our Divine One and have married foreign women from the people of the other lands. But in spite of this, there is still hope for Israel.
Ezr 10:3 So now let us make a covenant with our Divine One to send out all the women and their children according to my master’s instructions and the instructions of those who tremble at the commandments of our Divine One, and let it be done according to the law.
Ezr 10:4 Arise, for this thing is for you to carry out, and we are with you. Be strong and do this.”
Ezr 10:5 So Ezra rose and made the priestly officials, the Levites, and all of Israel promise to act in this Way. So they all took a solemn oath.
Ezr 10:6 Then Ezra rose from before the temple of the Almighty and went to the rooms of Jehohanan son of Eliashib. He did not eat any bread or drink any water, since he was mourning concerning the faithlessness of those who had been in captivity.
Ezr 10:7 So they sent word in Judah and Jerusalem to all the people back from exile to assemble in Jerusalem.
Ezr 10:8 Anyone who did not come in three days according to the instructions from the officials and elders forfeited all of his possessions and would be excluded from the great congregation of the people who had come back from exile.
Ezr 10:9 So all the men of Judah and Benjamin assembled in Jerusalem in three days. It was the twentieth of the ninth month. All the people stood in the square before the temple of the Almighty and trembled because of the word and the rain.
Ezr 10:10 Ezra the priest arose and said, “You yourselves have committed treason. You lived with foreign women so as to increase Israel’s guilt.
Ezr 10:11 But now give praise to Yehowah, your ancestors’ Divine One, and do his will. Separate from the people of the land and from the foreign women.”
Ezr 10:12 All the congregation answered in a loud voice, “We will do as you have said!
Ezr 10:13 However, there are many people, and it is the rainy season. We have no strength to stand outside, and this is not only one or two days of work, since we have greatly transgressed in this matter.

Ezr 10:14 So let our officials represent all the congregation. Let all who have allowed foreign women to live in our cities come at the time that will be fixed with the city elders and the city judges, until the raging wrath of our Divine One goes away from us."
Ezr 10:15 Jonathan son of Asahel and Jahzeiah (Yachzeyah) son of Tikvah opposed this, and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite supported them.
Ezr 10:16 So the people who returned from exile did this. Ezra the priest selected men, the leaders in their ancestors' clans and households, all of them by name, and they looked into the matter on the first day of the tenth month.
Ezr 10:17 By the first day of the first month, they had finished discovering which men had lived with foreign women.
Ezr 10:18 Among the descendants of the priests there were those who had lived with foreign women. Among the descendants of Jeshua son of Jozadak and his brothers there were Maaseiah, Eliezer, Jarib, and Gedaliah.
Ezr 10:19 So they determined to send their wives away. Since they were guilty, they offered a ram from the flock for their guilt.
Ezr 10:20 Among the descendants of Immer: Hanani and Zebadiah.
Ezr 10:21 Among the descendants of Harim: Maaseiah, Elijah, Shemaiah, Jehiel, and Uzziah.
Ezr 10:22 Among the descendants of Pashhur: Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel, Jozabad, and Elasah.
Ezr 10:23 Among the Levites: Jozabad, Shimei, Kelaiah, that is, Kelita, Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.
Ezr 10:24 Among the singers: Eliashib. Among the gatekeepers: Shallum, Telem, and Uri.
Ezr 10:25 Among the rest of the Israelis, among the descendants of Parosh: Ramiah (Ramyah), Izziah (Yizziyah), Malchijah, Mijamin, Eleazar, Malchijah, and Benaiah.
Ezr 10:26 Among the descendants of Elam: Mattaniah, Zechariah, Jehiel, Abdi, Jeremoth, and Elijah.
Ezr 10:27 Among the descendants of Zattu: Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, Jeremoth, Zabad, and Aziza.
Ezr 10:28 Among the descendants of Bebai: Jehochanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai.
Ezr 10:29 Among the descendants of Bani: Meshullam, Malluch, Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal Jeremoth.
Ezr 10:30 Among the descendants of Pahath Moab: Adna, Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezalel, Binnui, and Manasseh.
Ezr 10:31 Among the descendants of Harim: Eliezer, Isshijah, Malchijah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,
Ezr 10:32 Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah.

Ezr 10:33 Among the descendants of Hashum: Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei.
Ezr 10:34 Among the descendants of Bani: Maadai, Amram, Uel,
Ezr 10:35 Benaiah, Bedeiah (Bedeyah), Cheluhi,
Ezr 10:36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,
Ezr 10:37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasu.
Ezr 10:38 Among the descendants of Bani, Binnui, Shimei,
Ezr 10:39 Shelemiah, Nathan, Adaiah,
Ezr 10:40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,
Ezr 10:41 Azarel, Shelemiah, Shemariah,
Ezr 10:42 Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph.
Ezr 10:43 Among the descendants of Nebo: Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Iddo, Joel, and Benaiah.
Ezr 10:44 All of these had taken foreign wives and had children with some of them.

Book of Nehemiah

Nehemiah Chapter 1

Neh 1:1 The words of Nehemiah (Nechemyah) son of Hacaliah (Chakalyah): Now it happened in the month of Kislev, in the twentieth year (c. 445 BC), as I was in the fortress city of Susa (modern Shush),
Neh 1:2 that one of my brothers, Hanani, came with some people from Judah, and I asked them about the Jews who had escaped, the remnant of the Jews who were there, and about Jerusalem.
Neh 1:3 They said to me, “Those in the province who survived the captivity are in great trouble and disgrace, because the wall of Jerusalem has been broken open, and its gates have been set on fire.”
Neh 1:4 As soon as I heard these words, I sat down and wept, and for days I continued grieving, fasting, and praying before the Mighty One of Heaven.
Neh 1:5 Then I professed, “You are Yehowah, Mighty One of Heaven, the Almighty who is great and awesome, who keeps the covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments.
Neh 1:6 Listen to my prayer and open your eyes, so you may hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants. I am confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Both I and my father’s household have sinned.
Neh 1:7 We have acted wickedly against you, and we have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules you commanded your servant Moses.
Neh 1:8 Please call to mind the word you commanded your servant Moses, ‘If you act unfaithfully, I will scatter you among the ethnicities,
Neh 1:9 but if you return to me and follow my commandments and do them, though your people were scattered under the farthest skies, I will gather them from there and bring them to that place where I have chosen to make my name remain.’
Neh 1:10 Now they are your servants and your people, whom you have rescued by your great power and by your strong hand.
Neh 1:11 O Lord, I beg you, listen now to the prayer of your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight to honor your name. Now give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.” I served as cupbearer to the king.

Nehemiah Chapter 2

Neh 2:1 In the month of Nisan (Abib), in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes I Longimanus (c. 444 BC), he selected wine, and I took the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had never before been sad in his presence.
Neh 2:2 But the king said to me, “Why is your face so sad? You do not appear to be ill. This must be sadness of heart.” Then I became deathly afraid.
Neh 2:3 I replied to the king, “May the king live forever! Why should not my face be sad? The city, the place of my fathers’ tombs, lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire.”
Neh 2:4 Then the king asked me, “What do you want me to do?” So I prayed to the Mighty One of Heaven.
Neh 2:5 I replied to the king, “If it seems good to the king, and if your servant has done well in your sight, you could send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers’ tombs, that I may rebuild it.”
Neh 2:6 The king asked me, and the queen was also sitting beside him, “How long will you be away, and when will you return?” The king was glad to send me when I gave him the dates.
Neh 2:7 Then I entreated the king, “If it pleases the king, may letters be given to me for the governors in the Province Beyond the River, so that they may permit me to pass through their territories on my way to Judah.
Neh 2:8 May there also be a letter for Asaph the keeper of the king’s forest, so that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress next to the temple, and for the wall of the city, and for the house in which I will live.” So because the good hand of my Divine One was on me, the king granted me my requests.
Neh 2:9 I came to the governors in the Province Beyond the River and gave them the king’s letters. Now the king had sent with me officers of the army and cavalry.
Neh 2:10 When Sanballat I, the Horonite, and Tobiah the Ammonite servant heard this, they were greatly displeased that someone had come who was seeking to help the people of Israel.
Neh 2:11 So I came to Jerusalem and was there three days.
Neh 2:12 I arose in the night, I and a few men with me. I did not tell anyone what my Divine One had put into my heart to do for Jerusalem. There was no animal with me, other than the one I was riding.
Neh 2:13 I went out by night by the Valley Gate, toward the Jackal’s Well and to the Dung Gate, and inspected the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken open, and the wooden gates were destroyed by fire.

Neh 2:14 Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool. The place was too narrow for the animal I was riding to pass through.
Neh 2:15 So I went up that night by the valley and inspected the wall, and I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned.
Neh 2:16 The rulers did not know where I went or what I did, and I had not yet informed the Jews, nor the priests, nor the nobles, nor the rulers, nor the rest who did the work.
Neh 2:17 I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins and its gates have been destroyed by fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, so we will no longer be in disgrace."
Neh 2:18 I told them that the good hand of my Divine One was on me, and also about the king's words that he had spoken to me. They said, "Let us rise up and build." So they strengthened their hands for the good work.
Neh 2:19 But when Sanballat I, the Horonite, and Tobiah the Ammonite servant, and Geshem the Arabian heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us, and they asked, "What are you doing? Are you rebelling against the king?"
Neh 2:20 Then I answered them, "The Mighty One of Heaven will give us success. We are his servants, and we will arise and build. But you have no share, no right, and no historic claim in Jerusalem."

Nehemiah Chapter 3

Neh 3:1 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brother priests, and they built the Sheep Gate. They consecrated it and set its doors in place. They consecrated it as far as the Tower of the Hundred and as far as the Tower of Hananel.
Neh 3:2 Next to him the men of Jericho worked, and next to them Zaccur son of Imri worked.
Neh 3:3 The sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate. They put its beams in place and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars.
Neh 3:4 Meremoth repaired the next section. He is the son of Uriah son of Hakkoz. Next to them Meshullam repaired. He is the son of Berechiah son of Meshezabel. Next to them Zadok repaired. He is the son of Baana.
Neh 3:5 Next to them the Tekoites repaired, but their leaders refused to do the work ordered by their supervisors.
Neh 3:6 Joiada son of Paseah and Meshullam son of Besodeiah repaired the Old Gate. They set the beams, and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars.
Neh 3:7 Next to them Melatiah (Melatyah) the Gibeonite and Jadon the Meronothite, who were men from Gibeon and Mizpah, made repairs on the portion where the governor of the Province Beyond the River lived.
Neh 3:8 Next to him Uzziel son of Harhaiah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired, and next to him was Hananiah, a maker of perfumes. They rebuilt Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall.
Neh 3:9 Next to them Rephaiah son of Hur repaired. He was the ruler of half the district of Jerusalem.
Neh 3:10 Next to them Jedaiah son of Harumaph repaired next to his house. Next to him Hattush son of Hashabneiah (Chashabneyah) repaired.
Neh 3:11 Malchijah son of Harim and Hasshub son of Pahath Moab repaired another section along with the Tower of the Ovens.
Neh 3:12 Next to them Shallum son of Hallohesh, the ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, repaired, along with his daughters.
Neh 3:13 Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate. They rebuilt it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars. They repaired five hundred meters as far as the Dung Gate.
Neh 3:14 Malchijah son of Rechab, the ruler of the district of Beth Hakkerem, repaired the Dung Gate. He built it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars.
Neh 3:15 Shallun son of Col Hozeh, the ruler of the district of Mizpah, rebuilt the Fountain Gate. He built it, and put a cover on it, and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars. He also rebuilt the wall of the Pool of Siloam (aka Silwan) by the king's garden, as far as the stairs leading down from the City of David.

Neh 3:16 Nehemiah son of Azbuk, the ruler of half the district of Bethzur, repaired to the place across from the tombs of David, to the man-made pool, and to the house of the mighty men.
Neh 3:17 After him the Levites repaired, including Rehum son of Bani and next to him, Hashabiah, the ruler of half the district of Keilah, for his district.
Neh 3:18 After him their countrymen repaired, including Bavvai son of Henadad, the ruler of half the district of Keilah.
Neh 3:19 Next to him, Ezer son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, repaired another section that faced the ascent to the armory at the corner of the wall.
Neh 3:20 After him Baruch son of Zabbai zealously repaired another section, from the corner of the wall to the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest.
Neh 3:21 After him Meremoth son of Uriah son of Hakkoz repaired another section, from the door of the house of Eliashib to the end of the house of Eliashib.
Neh 3:22 Next to him the priests, the men from the disk-shaped Valley, repaired.
Neh 3:23 After them Benjamin and Hasshub repaired opposite their own house. After them Azariah son of Maaseiah son of Ananiah repaired next to his own house.
Neh 3:24 After him Binnui son of Henadad repaired another section, from the house of Azariah to the corner of the wall.
Neh 3:25 Palal son of Uzai repaired over against the corner of the wall and the tower that extends upward from the upper house of the king at the court of the guard. After him Pedaiah son of Parosh repaired.
Neh 3:26 Now the temple servants living in Ophel repaired to the point opposite the Water Gate on the east and the projecting tower.
Neh 3:27 After him the Tekoites repaired another section that was opposite the great projecting tower as far as the wall of Ophel.
Neh 3:28 The priests repaired above the Horse Gate, each opposite his own house.
Neh 3:29 After them Zadok son of Immer repaired the section opposite his own house. Then after him Shemaiah son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the East Gate, repaired.
Neh 3:30 After him Hananiah son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, repaired another section. After him Meshullam son of Berechiah repaired opposite his living chambers.
Neh 3:31 After him Malchijah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired to the house of the temple servants and the merchants that was opposite the Appointment Gate and the upper living chambers on the corner.
Neh 3:32 The goldsmiths and the merchants repaired between the upper chamber of the corner and the Sheep Gate.

Nehemiah Chapter 4

Neh 4:1 Now when Sanballat heard we were building the wall, it burned within him, and he was furiously angry, and he mocked the Jews.
Neh 4:2 In the presence of his brothers and the military force of Samaria, he asked, “What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they restore the city for themselves? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they finish the work in a day? Will they bring to life the stones from the piles of rubble after they were burned?
Neh 4:3 Tobiah the Ammonite was with him, and he said, “If only a jackal went up on what they are building, it would break down their stone wall!”
Neh 4:4 Hear, our Divine One, for we are despised. Turn back their taunts on their own heads and give them up to be plundered in a land where they are prisoners.
Neh 4:5 Do not cover over their iniquity and do not erase their sin from before you, for they have provoked the builders to anger.
Neh 4:6 So we built the wall, and all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a desire to work.
Neh 4:7 But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabians, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the work of repairing the walls of Jerusalem was going forward, and that the broken places in the wall were being closed up, a great anger burned within them.
Neh 4:8 They all conspired together, and they came to fight against Jerusalem and to cause confusion in it.
Neh 4:9 But we prayed to our Divine One and set a guard as protection against them day and night because of their threat.
Neh 4:10 Then the people of Judah said, “The strength of those who carry the burdens is failing. There is too much rubble, and we are not able to rebuild the wall.”
Neh 4:11 Our enemies said, “They will not know or see, until we come among them and murder them, and stop the work.”
Neh 4:12 At that time, the Jews who lived near them came from all directions and spoke to us ten times, warning us about the schemes they were making against us.
Neh 4:13 So I positioned people in the lowest parts of the wall in the exposed areas. I positioned each family with their swords, spears, and bows.
Neh 4:14 Then I looked, and stood up, and I said to the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, “Do not be afraid of them. Call to mind the Lord, who is great and awesome. Fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives, and your homes.”
Neh 4:15 It came about when our enemies heard that their plans were known to

us, and the Almighty had frustrated their plans, all of us returned to the wall, each one to his work.
Neh 4:16 So from that time, half of my servants worked only on rebuilding the wall, and half of them held spears, shields, bows, and wore armor, while the leaders stood behind all the people of Judah.
Neh 4:17 The same workers who were building the wall and carrying loads were also guarding their positions. Everyone worked with one hand, and with the other hand he held his weapon.
Neh 4:18 Every builder wore his sword on his side, and that is how he worked. The one who sounded the trumpet stayed beside me.
Neh 4:19 I said to the nobles, to the officials, and to the rest of the people, “The work is great and extensive, and we are separated on the wall, far from one another.
Neh 4:20 You must rush to the place where you hear the trumpet sound and assemble there. Our Divine One will fight for us.”
Neh 4:21 So we were doing the work. Half of them were holding spears from the break of dawn until the coming out of the stars.
Neh 4:22 Moreover, I also said to the people at that time, “Let every man and his servant spend the night in the middle of Jerusalem, so they may be for us a guard during the night and a worker in the day.”
Neh 4:23 So neither I, nor my brothers, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us changed our clothes, and each of us carried his weapon, even if he went for water.

Nehemiah Chapter 5

Neh 5:1 Then the men and their wives raised a great outcry against their fellow Jews.
Neh 5:2 For there were some who said, “With our sons and daughters we are many. So let us get grain that we may eat and stay alive.”
Neh 5:3 There were also some who said, “We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards, and our houses to get grain during the famine.”
Neh 5:4 Some also said, “We have borrowed money to pay the king’s tax on our fields and our vineyards.
Neh 5:5 Yet now our flesh and blood is the same as our brothers, and our children are the same as their children. We are forced to sell our sons and our daughters to become slaves. Some of our daughters have already been enslaved. But it is not in our power to help it, because other men now own our fields and our vineyards.”
Neh 5:6 I was extremely angry when I heard their outcry and these words.
Neh 5:7 Then I thought about this and brought charges against the nobles and officials. I accused them, “You are exacting interest, each from his own brother.” I held a great assembly against them,
Neh 5:8 and said to them, “We, as much as we are able, have bought back from slavery our Jewish brothers who had been sold to the ethnicities, but you even sell your brethren and sistren that they may be sold back to us!” They were silent and never found a word to say.
Neh 5:9 Also I said, “What you are doing is not good. Should you not walk in the fear of our Divine One to prevent the taunts of the ethnicities that are our enemies?
Neh 5:10 I, my brothers, and my servants are lending them money and grain. But we must stop charging interest on these loans.
Neh 5:11 Return to them this day their fields, their vineyards, their olive orchards, and their houses and the percentage of the money, the grain, the new wine, and the oil that you exacted from them.”
Neh 5:12 Then they said, “We will return what we took from them and will require nothing from them. We will do as you say.” Then I called the priests and made them swear to do as they had promised.
Neh 5:13 I shook out the fold of my robe and said, “So may the Almighty shake out of his household and possessions every man who does not keep his promise. So may he be shaken out and emptied.” All the congregation said, “Amein,” and they praised Yehowah, and the people did as they had promised.
Neh 5:14 So from the time I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year (c. 444 BC) until the thirty-second year (c. 432

BC) of King Artaxerxes I Longimanus, twelve years, neither I nor my brothers ate the food provided for the governor.
Neh 5:15 But the former governors who were before me laid heavy burdens on the people and took from them 40-weight of silver coins for their daily food and wine. Even their servants oppressed the people. But I did not do so because of the fear of the Almighty.
Neh 5:16 I also continued to work on the wall, and we bought no land, and all my servants were gathered there for the work.
Neh 5:17 At my table were the Jews and the officials, 150 men, besides those who came to us from among the ethnicities who were around us.
Neh 5:18 Now what was prepared each day was one ox, six choice sheep, and also birds, and every ten days all kinds of wine in abundance, yet for all this, I did not demand the food allowance of the governor, because the demands were too heavy on the people.
Neh 5:19 Call me to mind, my Divine One, for good, because of all that I have done for this people.

Nehemiah Chapter 6

Neh 6:1 Now when Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies heard that I had rebuilt the wall, and that there were no longer any sections left broken open, although I had not yet set up the doors in the gates,
Neh 6:2 Sanballat and Geshem sent to me saying, “Come, let us meet together somewhere in the plain of Ono.” But they intended to do harm to me.
Neh 6:3 I sent messengers to them, saying, “I am doing a great work, and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop, while I leave it and come down to you?”
Neh 6:4 They sent me the same message four times, and I answered them the same way each time.
Neh 6:5 Sanballat sent his servant to me in the same way the fifth time, with an open letter in his hand.
Neh 6:6 In it was written, “It is reported among the ethnicities, and Geshem also says it, that you and the Jews are planning to rebel, for that is why you are rebuilding the wall. From what these intelligence reports say, you are about to become their king.
Neh 6:7 You have also appointed prophets to make this proclamation about you in Jerusalem, ‘There is a king in Judah!’ You can be sure the king will hear these intelligence reports. Therefore, come, let us speak with one another.”
Neh 6:8 Then I sent word to him, “No such things have occurred as you say, for within your heart you invented them.”
Neh 6:9 For they all wanted to make us afraid, thinking, “They will drop their hands from doing the work, and it will not be done.” But now, Almighty, please strengthen my hands.
Neh 6:10 I went to the house of Shemaiah son of Delaiah son of Mehetabel, who was confined in his home. He said, “Let us meet together in the temple of the Almighty, inside the temple, and let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you. At night they are coming to kill you.”
Neh 6:11 I replied, “Would a man like me run away? Would a man like me go into the temple, just so he could save his own life? I will not go in!”
Neh 6:12 I realized that it was not the Almighty who sent him, but that he had prophesied against me. Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.
Neh 6:13 They hired him to make me afraid, so that I might do what he said and sin, so they could give me a bad name in order to humiliate me.
Neh 6:14 Call to mind Tobiah and Sanballat, my Divine One, and all that they did. Also, call to mind the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets who tried to make me be afraid.

Neh 6:15 So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month of Elul, after fifty-two days.
Neh 6:16 When all our enemies heard of it, all the ethnicities around us, they became afraid, and they fell greatly in their own esteem. For they knew the work was done with the help of our Divine One.
Neh 6:17 At this time, the nobles of Judah sent many letters to Tobiah, and Tobiah's letters came to them.
Neh 6:18 For there were many in Judah who were bound by an oath to him, because he was the son-in-law of Shecaniah son of Arah. His son Jehohanan had taken as his wife the daughter of Meshullam son of Berechiah.
Neh 6:19 They also spoke to me about his good deeds and reported my words back to him. Letters were sent to me from Tobiah to frighten me.

Nehemiah Chapter 7

Neh 7:1 When the wall was finished, and I had set up the doors in place, and the gatekeepers, singers, and Levites had been appointed,
Neh 7:2 I gave my brother Hanani charge over Jerusalem, along with Hananiah who had oversight of the citadel, for he was a faithful man and feared the Almighty more than many.
Neh 7:3 I ordered them, “Do not open the gates of Jerusalem until the sun is hot. While the gatekeepers are on guard, you may shut the doors and bar them. Appoint guards from those who live in Jerusalem, some at the place of their guard station and some in front of their own homes.”
Neh 7:4 Now the city was wide and large, but there were few people within it, and no houses had yet been rebuilt.
Neh 7:5 My Divine One put into my heart to gather together the nobles, the officials, and the people to enroll them by their families. I found the Book of the Genealogy of those who returned at the first and found the following written in it:
Neh 7:6 “These are the people of the province who went up out of the captivity of those exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon took into exile. They returned to Jerusalem and to Judah, each to his city.
Neh 7:7 They came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah (Raamyah), Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, and Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel included the following:
Neh 7:8 The descendants of Parosh, 2,172.
Neh 7:9 The descendants of Shephatiah, 372.
Neh 7:10 The descendants of Arah, 652.
Neh 7:11 The descendants of Pahath Moab, through the descendants of Jeshua and Joab, 2,818.
Neh 7:12 The descendants of Elam, 1,254.
Neh 7:13 The descendants of Zattu, 845.
Neh 7:14 The descendants of Zaccai, 760.
Neh 7:15 The descendants of Binnui, 648.
Neh 7:16 The descendants of Bebai, 628.
Neh 7:17 The descendants of Azgad, 2,322.
Neh 7:18 The descendants of Adonikam, 667.
Neh 7:19 The descendants of Bigvai, 2,067.
Neh 7:20 The descendants of Adin, 655.
Neh 7:21 The descendants of Ater, of Hezekiah, 98.
Neh 7:22 The descendants of Hashum, 328.
Neh 7:23 The descendants of Bezai, 324.

Neh 7:24 The descendants of Hariph, 112.
Neh 7:25 The descendants of Gibeon, 95.
Neh 7:26 The men from Bethlehem and Netophah, 188.
Neh 7:27 The men from Anathoth, 128.
Neh 7:28 The men of Beth Azmaveth, 42.
Neh 7:29 The men of Kiriath Jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, 743.
Neh 7:30 The men of Ramah and Geba, 621.
Neh 7:31 The men of Michmas, 122.
Neh 7:32 The men of Bethel and Ai, 123.
Neh 7:33 The men of the other Nebo, 52.
Neh 7:34 The people of the other Elam, 1,254.
Neh 7:35 The men of Harim, 320.
Neh 7:36 The men of Jericho, 345.
Neh 7:37 The men of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, 721.
Neh 7:38 The men of Senaah, 3,930.
Neh 7:39 The priests: the descendants of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, 973.
Neh 7:40 The descendants of Immer, 1,052.
Neh 7:41 The descendants of Pashhur, 1,247.
Neh 7:42 The descendants of Harim, 1,017.
Neh 7:43 The Levites: the descendants of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, of Binnui, and of Hodewah, 74.
Neh 7:44 The singers: the descendants of Asaph, 148.
Neh 7:45 The gatekeepers of the descendants of Shallum, the descendants of Ater, the descendants of Talmon, the descendants of Akkub, the descendants of Hatita, the descendants of Shobai, 138.
Neh 7:46 The temple servants: the descendants of Ziha, the descendants of Hasupha, the descendants of Tabbaoth,
Neh 7:47 the descendants of Keros, the descendants of Sia, the descendants of Padon,
Neh 7:48 the descendants of Lebana, the descendants of Hagaba, the descendants of Shalmai,
Neh 7:49 the descendants of Hanan, the descendants of Giddel, the descendants of Gahar.
Neh 7:50 The descendants of Reaiah, the descendants of Rezin, the descendants of Nekoda,
Neh 7:51 the descendants of Gazzam, the descendants of Uzza, the descendants of Paseah,
Neh 7:52 the descendants of Besai, the descendants of Meunim, the descendants of Nephushesim.
Neh 7:53 The descendants of Bakbuk, the descendants of Hakupha, the descendants of Harhur,

Neh 7:54 the descendants of Bazlith, the descendants of Mehida, the descendants of Harsha,
Neh 7:55 the descendants of Barkos, the descendants of Sisera, the descendants of Temah,
Neh 7:56 the descendants of Neziah, the descendants of Hatipha.
Neh 7:57 The descendants of Solomon's servants: the descendants of Sotai, the descendants of Sophereth, the descendants of Perida,
Neh 7:58 the descendants of Jaala, the descendants of Darkon, the descendants of Giddel,
Neh 7:59 the descendants of Shephatiah, the descendants of Hattil, the descendants of Pochereth Hazzebaim, the descendants of Amon.
Neh 7:60 All the temple servants, and the descendants of Solomon's servants, were 392.
Neh 7:61 These were the people who went up from Tel Melah, Tel Charsha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer. But they could not prove that they or their ancestors' families were descendants from Israel:
Neh 7:62 the descendants of Delaiah, the descendants of Tobiah, and the descendants of Nekoda, 642.
Neh 7:63 Those who were from the priests: The descendants of Habaiah, Hakkoz, and Barzillai, who took his wife from the daughters of Barzillai of Gilead and was called by their name.
Neh 7:64 These sought their records among those enrolled by their genealogy, but they could not be found, so they were excluded from the priesthood as unclean.
Neh 7:65 Then the governor said to them that they should not be allowed to eat the priests' set-apart food from the sacrifices, until there rose up a priest with Urim and Thummim.
Neh 7:66 The whole congregation together was 42,360,
Neh 7:67 besides their male servants and their female servants, of whom there were 7,337. They had 245 singing men and women.
Neh 7:68 Their horses were 736 in number, their mules, 245,
Neh 7:69 their camels, 435, and their jack donkeys, 6,720.
Neh 7:70 Some from among the heads of ancestors' families gave gifts for the work. The governor gave to the treasury eight and one-half kilograms of gold, 50 basins, and 530 priestly garments.
Neh 7:71 Some of the heads of ancestors' families gave into the treasury for the work 170 kilograms of gold and 110,000-weight of silver coins.
Neh 7:72 The rest of the people gave 170 kilograms of gold, and 100,000-weight of silver coins, and sixty-seven robes for the priests.

Neh 7:73 So the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, some of the people, the temple servants, and all Israel lived in their cities. By the seventh month, the people of Israel were settled in their cities.”

Nehemiah Chapter 8

Neh 8:1 All the people gathered as one man in the open area in front of the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses, which Yehowah had commanded Israel.
Neh 8:2 On the first day of the seventh month (Festival of Trumpets), Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation, both men and women, and all who could hear and understand.
Neh 8:3 He faced the open area in front of the Water Gate, and he read from it from sunrise until midday, before men and women, and any who could understand, and all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.
Neh 8:4 Then Ezra the scribe stood on a high wooden platform which the people had made for the purpose. Standing beside him were Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right side; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam were standing on his left side.
Neh 8:5 Ezra opened the Book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above the people, and when he opened it, all the people stood up.
Neh 8:6 Ezra gave thanks to Yehowah, the great Almighty, and all the people lifted up their hands and answered, “Amein! Amein!” Then they bowed their heads and worshiped Yehowah with their faces to the ground.
Neh 8:7 Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people understand the law, while the people remained in their place.
Neh 8:8 They read in the Book, the Law of the Almighty, making it clear with interpretation and explaining the meaning, so the people understood the reading.
Neh 8:9 Nehemiah the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who were interpreting to the people, said to all the people, “This day is set apart to Yehowah your Divine One. Do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.
Neh 8:10 Then Nehemiah said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and have something sweet to drink, and send some of it to one who has nothing prepared, for this day is set apart to our Lord. Do not be grieved, for the joy of Yehowah is your strength!”
Neh 8:11 So the Levites made the people be quiet, ordering, “Hush! For this day is set apart. Do not be grieved.”
Neh 8:12 Then all the people went their way to eat, to drink, to share food, and to celebrate with great joy, because they had understood the words that were made known to them.

Neh 8:13 On the second day, the leaders of the ancestors' families from all the people, the priests and the Levites, came together to Ezra the scribe to gain insight from the words of the law.
Neh 8:14 They found written in the law how Yehowah had commanded through Moses that the people of Israel should live in shelters during the feast of the seventh month (Festival of Tabernacles).
Neh 8:15 They should make a proclamation in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, "Go out into the hill country, and bring back branches from olive and wild olive trees, and from myrtle, palms and shade trees, to make temporary shelters, as it is written."
Neh 8:16 So the people went out and brought the branches back and made themselves shelters, each on their own roofs, in their courtyards, in the courts of the temple of the Almighty, in the open place by the Water Gate, and in the square at the Gate of Ephraim.
Neh 8:17 All the congregation of those who had returned from captivity made shelters and lived in them. For since the days of Joshua (Y'shua, # H3442; H3091; Num. 13:16), son of Nun, to that day, the people of Israel had not celebrated this festival, and so their joy was extremely great!
Neh 8:18 Also, day by day, from the first day to the last, Ezra read from the Book of the Law of the Almighty. They kept the feast for seven days, and on the eighth day was a festive assembly in obedience to the decree (8th day assembly; Shemini Atzeret; Lev. 23:39).

Nehemiah Chapter 9

Neh 9:1 Now on the twenty-fourth day of the same month the people of Israel were assembled, and they were fasting, and they were wearing sackcloth, and they put dust on their heads.
Neh 9:2 The descendants of Israel separated themselves from all the foreigners. They stood and confessed their own sins and the evil actions of their ancestors.
Neh 9:3 They stood up in their places, and for one-fourth of the day, they read from the Book of the Law of Yehowah their Divine One. For another fourth of the day, they were confessing and bowing down before Yehowah their Divine One.
Neh 9:4 The Levites, Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani, stood on the stairs, and they called out with a loud voice to Yehowah their Divine One.
Neh 9:5 Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah said, “Stand up and give praise to Yehowah your Divine One forever and ever!” “May they bless your glorious name, and may it be exalted above every blessing and praise!
Neh 9:6 You are Yehowah. You alone. You have made the heavens, the highest Heaven, with all their armed forces, and the earth and everything on it, and the seas and all that is in them. You give life to them all, and the armed forces of Heaven worship You.
Neh 9:7 You are Yehowah, the Almighty who chose Abram, and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gave him the name Abraham.
Neh 9:8 You found his heart was faithful before you, and you made with him the covenant to give to his descendants the land of the Canaanites, the Hethites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, and the Girgashites. You have kept your promise, because you are righteous.
Neh 9:9 You saw the affliction of our forefathers in Egypt, and you heard their cry by the SEA.
Neh 9:10 You gave signs and wonders against Pharaoh, and all his servants, and on all the people of his land, for you knew that the Egyptians acted with arrogance against them. But you made a name for yourself which stands to this day.
Neh 9:11 Then you divided the SEA before them, so that they went through the middle of the SEA on the dry land; and threw those who pursued them into the depths, as a stone into deep waters.
Neh 9:12 You led them by a pillar of cloud during the day, and by a pillar of fire during the night to light the way for them to go.

Neh 9:13 On Mount Sinai you came down, and you spoke with them from the sky and gave to them righteous decrees and the law of truth, good statutes and commandments.
Neh 9:14 You made your set-apart Sabbath known to them, and you gave them commandments, statutes, and a law through Moses your servant.
Neh 9:15 You gave them bread from Heaven for their hunger, and water from a rock for their thirst, and you said to them to go in to possess the land you swore on oath to give them.
Neh 9:16 But they and our ancestors acted disrespectfully, and they were stubborn and did not listen to your commandments.
Neh 9:17 They refused to listen, and they did not think about the wonders that you had done among them, but became stubborn, and in their rebellion they appointed a leader to return to their slavery. But you are an Almighty who is full of forgiveness, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. You did not abandon them.
Neh 9:18 Even when they had cast a calf out of molten metal, and said, 'This is your Divine One who brought you up out of Egypt,' and had committed great blasphemies,
Neh 9:19 you, in your compassion, did not abandon them in the wilderness. The pillar of cloud to lead them on the way did not leave them during the day, neither did the pillar of fire by night to light the way for them to go.
Neh 9:20 Your good Ruach you gave them to instruct them, and your manna you did not withhold from their mouths, and water you gave them for their thirst.
Neh 9:21 For forty years you provided for them in the wilderness (c. 1650 – 1611 BC), and they lacked nothing. Their clothes did not wear out, and their feet did not swell.
Neh 9:22 You gave them kingdoms and people, assigning to them every corner of the land. Then they took possession of the land of Sihon king of Heshbon and the land of Og king of Bashan.
Neh 9:23 You made their children as numerous as the stars of heaven, and you brought them into the land that you told their ancestors to go in and possess.
Neh 9:24 So the people went in and possessed the land, and you subdued before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites. You gave them into their hands, with their kings and the people of the land, that Israel might do with them as they pleased.
Neh 9:25 They captured the fortified cities and a productive land, and they captured houses full of all good things, cisterns already cut out, vineyards and olive orchards, and fruit trees in abundance. So they ate and were satisfied, grew fat, and enjoyed themselves in your great goodness.

Neh 9:26 Then they became disobedient, and they rebelled against you. They threw your law behind their backs. They murdered your prophets who had warned them to turn back to you, and they committed great blasphemies.
Neh 9:27 So you gave them into the hand of their enemies, who made them suffer. In the time of their suffering, they cried out to you, and you heard them from Heaven, and because of your great mercies, you sent them rescuers who rescued them out of the hand of their enemies.
Neh 9:28 But after they had rest, they did evil again before you, and you abandoned them to the hand of their enemies, so their enemies ruled over them. Yet when they returned and cried out to you, you heard from Heaven, and many times because of your compassion you rescued them.
Neh 9:29 You warned them, so they might turn back to your law. Yet they acted arrogantly and did not listen to your commands. They sinned against your decrees which give life to anyone who obeys them. They gave the stubborn shoulder blade, stiffened their neck, and refused to listen.
Neh 9:30 For many years you put up with them and warned them by your Ruach through your prophets. Yet they did not listen. So you gave them into the hand of the neighboring people.
Neh 9:31 But in your great mercies you did not make a complete end of them, or forsake them, for you are a gracious and merciful Almighty.
Neh 9:32 Now therefore, our Divine One, you great, powerful, and awesome Almighty who keeps your covenant and steadfast love, do not let all this hardship seem little to you that has come on us, on our kings, on our princes, on our priests, on our prophets, on our ancestors, and on all your people from the days of the kings of Assyria until today.
Neh 9:33 You are just in everything that has come on us, for you have dealt faithfully, but we have acted wickedly.
Neh 9:34 Our kings, our princes, our priests, and our ancestors have not kept your law, nor paid attention to your commandments or your covenant decrees by which you warned them.
Neh 9:35 Even in their own kingdom, while they enjoyed your great goodness to them, in the large and productive land you set before them, they did not serve you or turn away from their evil ways.
Neh 9:36 Now we are slaves in the land you gave our ancestors to enjoy its fruit and its good gifts, and behold, we are slaves in it!
Neh 9:37 The rich yield from our land goes to the kings you have set over us because of our sins. They rule over our bodies and over our livestock as they please. We are in great distress.
Neh 9:38 Because of all this, we make a firm covenant in writing. On the sealed document are the names of our princes, Levites, and priests."

Nehemiah Chapter 10

Neh 10:1 On the sealed documents were Nehemiah, the governor, son of Hacaliah and Zedekiah,
Neh 10:2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,
Neh 10:3 Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah,
Neh 10:4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,
Neh 10:5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,
Neh 10:6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,
Neh 10:7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,
Neh 10:8 Maaziah, Bilgai, and Shemaiah. These were the priests.
Neh 10:9 The Levites were: Jeshua son of Azaniah (Azanyah), Binnui of the family of Henadad, Kadmiel,
Neh 10:10 and their fellow Levites, Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,
Neh 10:11 Mica, Rehob, Hashabiah,
Neh 10:12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,
Neh 10:13 Hodiah, Bani, and Beninu.
Neh 10:14 The leaders of the people were: Parosh, Pahath Moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani,
Neh 10:15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,
Neh 10:16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,
Neh 10:17 Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur,
Neh 10:18 Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai,
Neh 10:19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,
Neh 10:20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,
Neh 10:21 Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua,
Neh 10:22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,
Neh 10:23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub,
Neh 10:24 Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek,
Neh 10:25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,
Neh 10:26 Ahiah (Achiyah), Hanan, Anan,
Neh 10:27 Malluch, Harim, and Baanah.
Neh 10:28 As for the rest of the people, who were priests, Levites, gatekeepers, singers, temple servants, and all who had separated themselves from the people of the neighboring lands and pledged themselves to the law of the Almighty, including their wives, their sons and their daughters, all who have knowledge and understanding:
Neh 10:29 They joined together with their brothers, their nobles, and bound themselves with both a curse and an oath to walk in the law of the Almighty,

which was given by Moses the servant of the Almighty, and to observe and obey all the commandments of Yehowah our Lord, his decrees, and his statutes.
Neh 10:30 We promised that we would not give our daughters to the people of the land or take their daughters for our sons.
Neh 10:31 We also promised that if the people of the land bring goods or any grain to sell on the Sabbath day, we would not buy from them on the Sabbath or on any set-apart day. Every seventh year we will let our fields rest, and we will cancel all debts.
Neh 10:32 We accepted the commands to give one third-weight silver coin each year for the service of the temple of our Divine One,
Neh 10:33 to provide for the bread of the presence, and for the regular grain offering, the burnt offerings on the Sabbaths, the beginning of the months and appointment calendar festivals, and for the set-apart offerings, and for the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, as well as for all the work of the temple of our Divine One.
Neh 10:34 The priests, the Levites, and the people cast lots for the wood offering. The lots would select which of our families would bring wood into the temple of our Divine One at the appointed times each year, to be burned on the altar of Yehowah our Divine One, as it is written in the law.
Neh 10:35 We promised to bring to the temple of Yehowah the firstfruits grown from our soil, and the firstfruits of every tree each year.
Neh 10:36 As it is written in the law, we promised to bring to the temple of the Almighty and to the priests who serve in the temple of the Almighty, the firstborn of our sons and of our herds and flocks.
Neh 10:37 We will bring the first of our dough and our grain offerings, and the fruit of every tree, and the new wine and the oil we will bring to the priests, to the storerooms of the temple of our Divine One. We will bring to the Levites the tithes from our soil, because the Levites collect the tithes in all the towns where we work.
Neh 10:38 A priest, a descendant of Aaron, must be with the Levites when they receive the tithes. The Levites must bring a tenth of the tithes to the temple of our Divine One to the storerooms of the treasury.
Neh 10:39 For the people of Israel and the descendants of Levi are to bring the contributions of grain, new wine, and oil to the storerooms where the articles of the sanctuary are kept, and where the priests who are serving, and the gatekeepers and the singers stay. We will not neglect the temple of our Divine One.

Nehemiah Chapter 11

Neh 11:1 The leaders of the people lived in Jerusalem, and the rest of the people cast lots to bring one of ten to live in Jerusalem, the set-apart city, and the other nine remained in other towns.
Neh 11:2 Then the people blessed all those who willingly offered to live in Jerusalem.
Neh 11:3 These are the provincial officials who lived in Jerusalem. However, in the towns of Judah everyone lived on his own land, including some Israelis, priests, Levites, temple servants, and descendants of Solomon's servants.
Neh 11:4 In Jerusalem lived some of the descendants of Judah and some of the descendants of Benjamin. The people from Judah included: Athaiah son of Uzziah son of Zechariah son of Amariah son of Shephatiah son of Mahalalel, a descendant of Perez.
Neh 11:5 There was Maaseiah son of Baruch son of Col Hozeh son of Hazaiah (Chazayah) son of Adaiah son of Joiarib son of Zechariah, the son of the Shilonite.
Neh 11:6 All the sons of Perez who lived in Jerusalem were 468. They were outstanding men.
Neh 11:7 These are the descendants of Benjamin: Sallu son of Meshullam son of Joed son of Pedaiah son of Kolaiah (Qolayah) son of Maaseiah son of Ithiel son of Jeshaiah,
Neh 11:8 and those following him, Gabbai and Sallai, 928 men.
Neh 11:9 Joel son of Zichri was their overseer, and Judah son of Hassenuah was second in command over the city.
Neh 11:10 From the priests: Jedaiah son of Joiarib, Jachin,
Neh 11:11 Seraiah son of Hilkiah son of Meshullam son of Zadok son of Meraioth son of Ahitub, the chief official of the temple of the Almighty,
Neh 11:12 and their associates who did the work for the temple, 822 men, along with Adaiah son of Jeroham son of Pelaliah (Pelalyah) son of Amzi son of Zechariah son of Pashhur son of Malchijah.
Neh 11:13 His brothers were heads of clans, 242 men; and Amashsai son of Azarel son of Ahzai son of Meshillemoth son of Immer,
Neh 11:14 and their brothers, 128 courageous fighting men; their overseer was Zabdiel son of Haggedolim.
Neh 11:15 From the Levites: Shemaiah son of Hasshub son of Azrikam son of Hashabiah son of Bunni,
Neh 11:16 and Shabbethai and Jozabad, who were from the leaders of the Levites and were in charge of the outside work of the temple of the Almighty.

Neh 11:17 There was Mattaniah son of Mica son of Zabdi, a descendant of Asaph, who was the director who began the thanksgiving in prayer, and Bakbukiah (Baqbuqyah), the second among his brothers, and Abda son of Shammua son of Galal son of Jeduthun.
Neh 11:18 All the Levites in the set-apart city numbered 284.
Neh 11:19 The gatekeepers: Akkub, Talmon, and their associates, who kept watch at the gates, 172 men.
Neh 11:20 The remainder of Israel and of the priests and the Levites were in all the towns of Judah. Everyone lived on his own inherited property.
Neh 11:21 The temple workers lived in Ophel, and Ziha and Gishpa were in charge of them.
Neh 11:22 The chief officer over the Levites in Jerusalem was Uzzi son of Bani son of Hashabiah son of Mattaniah son of Mica, of the descendants of Asaph, singers over the work in the temple of the Almighty.
Neh 11:23 They were under orders from the king, and firm orders were given for the singers as every day required.
Neh 11:24 Then Pethahiah son of Meshezabel, a descendant of Zerah son of Judah, was at the king's side in all matters concerning the people.
Neh 11:25 As for the villages and their fields, some of the people of Judah lived in Kiriath Arba (Hebron) and its villages, and in Dibon and its villages, and in Jekabzeel and its villages,
Neh 11:26 and in Jeshua, Moladah, Beth Pelet,
Neh 11:27 Hazar Shual, and Beersheba and its villages.
Neh 11:28 Some of the people of Judah lived in Ziklag, Meconah and its villages,
Neh 11:29 Enrimmon, Zorah, Jarmuth,
Neh 11:30 Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages, and in Lachish its fields and Azekah (aka Moresheth Gath) and its villages. So they lived from Beersheba to the Valley of Hinnom.
Neh 11:31 The people of Benjamin also lived from Geba onward, at Michmash and Aija, at Bethel and its villages,
Neh 11:32 at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,
Neh 11:33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,
Neh 11:34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,
Neh 11:35 Lod, and Ono, the valley of craftsmen.
Neh 11:36 Some of the Levites who lived in Judah were assigned to the people of Benjamin.

Nehemiah Chapter 12

Neh 12:1 These were the priests and Levites who came up with Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and with Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,
Neh 12:2 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,
Neh 12:3 Shecaniah, Rehum, and Meremoth.
Neh 12:4 There were Iddo, Ginnethon, Abijah,
Neh 12:5 Mijamin, Moadiah, Bilgah,
Neh 12:6 Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah,
Neh 12:7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, and Jedaiah. These were the leaders of the priests and their associates in the days of Jeshua.
Neh 12:8 The Levites were Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah, who was in charge of the thanksgiving songs, along with his associates.
Neh 12:9 Bakbukiah and Unni, their associates, stood opposite them during the service.
Neh 12:10 Jeshua was the father of Joiakim, Joiakim was the father of Eliashib, Eliashib was the father of Joiada,
Neh 12:11 Joiada was the father of Jonathan, and Jonathan was the father of Jaddua.
Neh 12:12 In the days of Joiakim these were the priests, the leaders of the families: Meraiah was the leader of Seraiah, Hananiah was the leader of Jeremiah,
Neh 12:13 Meshullam was the leader of Ezra, Jehohanan was the leader of Amariah,
Neh 12:14 Jonathan was the leader of Malluch, and Joseph was the leader of Shebaniah.
Neh 12:15 Adna was the leader of Harim, Helkai was the leader of Meraioth,
Neh 12:16 Zechariah was the leader of Iddo, Meshullam was the leader of Ginnethon, and
Neh 12:17 Zichri was the leader of Abijah, of Miniamin. Piltai was the leader of Moadiah.
Neh 12:18 Shammua was the leader of Bilgah, Yehonathan was the leader of Shemaiah,
Neh 12:19 Mattenai was the leader of Joiarib, Uzzi was the leader of Jedaiah,
Neh 12:20 Kallai was the leader of Sallai, Eber was the leader of Amok,
Neh 12:21 Hashabiah was the leader of Hilkiah, and Nethanel was the leader of Jedaiah.

Neh 12:22 In the days of Eliashib, the Levites Eliashib, Joiada, Johanan, and Jaddua were recorded as the heads of families, and the priests were recorded during the reign of Darius the Persian.
Neh 12:23 The descendants of Levi, their leaders of families, were recorded in the Book of the Annals up to the days of Johanan son of Eliashib.
Neh 12:24 The leaders of the Levites were Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua son of Kadmiel, with their associates, who stood opposite them to give praise and to give thanks, responding section by section, in obedience to the command of David, the man of the Almighty.
Neh 12:25 Mattaniah, Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, and Akkub were gatekeepers standing guard at the storerooms by the gates.
Neh 12:26 They served in the days of Joiakim son of Jeshua son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor and of Ezra the priest and scribe.
Neh 12:27 At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, the people sought out the Levites wherever they lived, to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with joy, with thanksgivings and singing with cymbals, harps, and with lyres!
Neh 12:28 The fellowship of singers gathered together from the district around Jerusalem and from the villages of the Netophathites.
Neh 12:29 They also came from Beth Gilgal and from the fields of Geba and Azmaveth, for the singers had built for themselves villages around Jerusalem.
Neh 12:30 The priests and the Levites purified themselves, and then they purified the people, the gates, and the wall.
Neh 12:31 Then I had the leaders of Judah go up to the top of the wall, and I appointed two large choirs who gave thanks. One went to the right on the wall toward the Dung Gate.
Neh 12:32 Hoshaiah (Hoshayah) and half the leaders of Judah followed them,
Neh 12:33 and after them went Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam,
Neh 12:34 Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah, Jeremiah,
Neh 12:35 and some of the priests' sons with trumpets, and Zechariah son of Jonathan son of Shemaiah son of Mattaniah son of Micaiah son of Zaccur son of Asaph.
Neh 12:36 There also were Zechariah's relatives, Shemaiah, Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of the Almighty. Ezra the scribe was in front of them.
Neh 12:37 By the Fountain Gate they went straight up on the stairs of the City of David, by the stairway to the wall above David's palace, to the Water Gate on the east.
Neh 12:38 The other choir of those who gave thanks went in the other direction. I followed them on the wall with half the people, above the Tower of Ovens, to the Broad Wall,

Neh 12:39 above the Gate of Ephraim, by the Old Gate, by the Fish Gate, the Tower of Hananel, and the Tower of the Hundred, to the Sheep Gate, and they stopped at the Gate of the Guard.
Neh 12:40 So both choirs of those who gave thanks took their place in the temple of the Almighty, and I also took my place with half of the officials with me.
Neh 12:41 Then the priests took their place: Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with the trumpets,
Neh 12:42 Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malchijah, Elam, and Ezer. The singers made themselves heard with Jezrahiah (Yizrachyah) as director.
Neh 12:43 They offered great sacrifices that day, and rejoiced, for the Almighty had made them rejoice with great joy! Also the women and the children rejoiced! So the joy of Jerusalem could be heard far away.
Neh 12:44 On that day, men were appointed to be in charge of the storerooms for the contributions, the firstfruits, and the tithes, to gather into them the portions required by the law for the priests and for the Levites. Each was assigned to work the fields near the towns. For Judah rejoiced over the priests and the Levites who were standing before them.
Neh 12:45 They performed the service of their Divine One, and the service of purification, and so did the singers and the gatekeepers, in keeping with the command of David and of Solomon his son.
Neh 12:46 For long ago, in the days of David and Asaph, there were directors of singers, and there were songs of praise and thanksgiving to the Almighty.
Neh 12:47 In the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, all Israel gave the daily portions for the singers and the gatekeepers. They set aside the portion that was for the Levites, and the Levites set aside a portion for the descendants of Aaron.

Nehemiah Chapter 13

Neh 13:1 On that day, they read the Book of Moses in the hearing of the people. It was found written in it that no Ammonite or Moabite should come into the congregation of the Almighty, forever.
Neh 13:2 This was because they had not come to the people of Israel with bread and water, but they had hired Balaam to curse Israel. However, our Divine One turned the curse into a blessing.
Neh 13:3 As soon as they heard the law, they separated out from Israel every person of foreign pagan lineage.
Neh 13:4 Now before this, Eliashib the priest was appointed over the storerooms of the temple of our Divine One. He was related to Tobiah.
Neh 13:5 Eliashib prepared for Tobiah a large storeroom, where previously they kept the grain offering, the incense, the articles, and the tithes of the grain, new wine, and the oil, which were designated for the Levites, the singers, the gatekeepers, and the contributions for the priests.
Neh 13:6 But in all this time, I was not in Jerusalem. For in the thirty-second year (c. 432 BC) of Artaxerxes I Longimanus, king of Babylon, I went to the king. After some time, I asked the king for permission to leave,
Neh 13:7 and I returned to Jerusalem. I understood the evil that Eliashib had done by giving Tobiah a storeroom in the courts of the temple of the Almighty.
Neh 13:8 I was extremely angry, and I threw all Tobiah's household articles out of the storeroom.
Neh 13:9 I ordered that they purify the storerooms, and I put back in them the articles of the temple of the Almighty, the grain offerings, and the incense.
Neh 13:10 I learned that the Levites' portions had not been given to them, and they had run away, each to his own field, the Levites and the singers who did the work.
Neh 13:11 So I confronted the officials and asked, "Why is the temple of the Almighty neglected?" I gathered them together and stationed them at their posts.
Neh 13:12 Then all Judah brought in the tithe of the grain, the new wine, and the oil to the storerooms.
Neh 13:13 I appointed as treasurers over the storehouses Shelemiah the priest and Zadok the scribe, and from the Levites, Pedaiah. Next to them was Hanan son of Zaccur son of Mattaniah, for they were counted as trustworthy. Their duties were to distribute the supplies to their associates.
Neh 13:14 Call me to mind, my Divine One, concerning this, and do not wipe out the good deeds that I have done for the temple of my Divine One and its services.

Neh 13:15 In those days, I saw in Judah people treading about their farmsteads on the Sabbath, bringing in heaps of grain, and loading them on jack donkeys, and also wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of heavy loads, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. I protested that they were selling food on that day.
Neh 13:16 Men from Tyre living in Jerusalem brought in fish and all kinds of goods, and they sold them on the Sabbath to the people of Judah and in Jerusalem!
Neh 13:17 Then I confronted the leaders of Judah, “What is this evil thing you are doing, profaning the Sabbath day?
Neh 13:18 Did not your fathers do this? Did not our Divine One bring all this evil on us and on this city? Now you are bringing more wrath on Israel by profaning the Sabbath!”
Neh 13:19 As soon as it became dark at the gates of Jerusalem before the Sabbath, I commanded that the doors be shut, and that they should not be opened until after the Sabbath. I stationed some of my servants at the gates, so no load could be brought in on the Sabbath day.
Neh 13:20 The merchants and sellers of all kinds of wares camped outside Jerusalem once or twice.
Neh 13:21 But I warned them, “Why do you camp outside the wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands on you!” From that time on, they did not come on the Sabbath.
Neh 13:22 Then I commanded the Levites to purify themselves, and come and guard the gates, to sanctify the Sabbath day. Call me to mind for this also, my Divine One, and have mercy on me, because of the covenant loyalty you have toward me.
Neh 13:23 In those days, I also saw Jews that had married women of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab.
Neh 13:24 Half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod. None of them could speak the language of Judah, but only the language of one of the other people.
Neh 13:25 I confronted them, and I cursed them, and I hit some of them and pulled out their hair. I made them swear by the Almighty, “You will not give your daughters to their sons, or take their daughters for your sons, or for yourselves.
Neh 13:26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin on account of these women? Among many ethnicities there was no king like him, and he was loved by his Divine One, and the Almighty made him king over all Israel. Nevertheless, his foreign wives caused him to sin.
Neh 13:27 Should we then listen to you and do all this great evil, and act treacherously against our Divine One by marrying women of foreign pagan lineage?”

Neh 13:28 One of the sons of Joiada son of Eliashib the high priest was son-in-law to Sanballat I, the Horonite. Therefore, I caused him to flee from my presence.
Neh 13:29 Call them to mind, my Divine One, because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood and Levites.
Neh 13:30 Thus I cleansed them from everything foreign, and established the duties of the priests and the Levites, each to his own task.
Neh 13:31 I provided for the wood offering at the appointed times and for the firstfruits. Call me to mind, my Divine One, for good.

Book of Esther

Esther Chapter 1

Est 1:1 In the days of Ahasuerus (Xerxes I), this is Ahasuerus who reigned from India as far as Cush, over 127 provinces:
Est 1:2 In those days, King Ahasuerus sat on his royal throne in the fortress of Susa.
Est 1:3 In the third year of his reign (c. 483 BC), he gave a feast to all his officials and his servants. The military force of Persia and Media, the noblemen, and governors of the provinces were in his presence.
Est 1:4 He displayed the wealth of the splendor of his kingdom and the honor of the glory of his greatness for many days, for 180 days.
Est 1:5 When these days were completed, the king gave a feast lasting seven days. It was for all the people in the palace of Susa, from the greatest to the least significant. It was held in the courtyard of the garden of the king's palace.
Est 1:6 The courtyard of the garden was decorated with curtains of white linen and violet, with cords of white cotton and purple, hung on silver rings from pillars of marble. There were couches of gold and silver on a mosaic pavement of porphyry, marble, mother-of-pearl, and colored paving stones.
Est 1:7 Drinks were served in golden cups. Each cup was unique, and there was much royal wine that came because of the king's generosity.
Est 1:8 The drinking was carried out in keeping with the decree, "There must be no compulsion." The king had given orders to all the staff of his palace to do for them whatever each guest desired.
Est 1:9 Also, Queen Vashti gave a feast for the women in the royal palace of King Ahasuerus.
Est 1:10 On the seventh day, when the king's heart was feeling happy because of the wine, he told Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven eunuchs who served before him,
Est 1:11 to bring Queen Vashti before him with her royal crown. He wanted to show the people and the officials her beauty, for her features were exquisite.
Est 1:12 But Queen Vashti refused to come at the word of the king that had been brought to her by the eunuchs. Then the king became extremely angry; his rage burned within him.

Est 1:13 So the king conferred with the men who were known to be wise, who understood the times, for this was the king's procedure toward all who were expert in law and judgment.
Est 1:14 Now the ones close to him were Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, seven princes of Persia and Media. They had access to the king, and they held the highest offices within the kingdom.
Est 1:15 "In compliance with the law, what is to be done to Queen Vashti, because she did not obey the command of King Ahasuerus, which was brought to her by the eunuchs?"
Est 1:16 Memucan said in the presence of the king and the officials, "Not only against the king has Vashti the queen done wrong, but also against all the officials and all the people who are in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus.
Est 1:17 For the matter of the queen will become known to all women. It will cause them to treat their husbands with contempt. They will say, 'King Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought before him, but she refused.'
Est 1:18 Before the end of this day, the noble women of Persia and Media who have heard of the matter of the queen will say the same thing to all the king's officials. There will be much contempt and anger.
Est 1:19 If it pleases the king, let a royal decree be sent out from him, and let it be written in the laws of the Persians and the Medes, which cannot be repealed, that Vashti may no longer come before him. Let the king give her position as queen to another who is better than she.
Est 1:20 When the king's decree is proclaimed throughout all his vast kingdom, all the wives will honor their husbands, from the greatest to the least significant."
Est 1:21 The king and his noblemen were pleased with this advice, and the king did as Memucan proposed.
Est 1:22 He sent out letters to all the royal provinces, to each province in its own writing, and to every ethnicity in their own language. He ordered that every man should be master of his own household. This decree was published in the language of every ethnicity in the empire.

Esther Chapter 2

Est 2:1 After these things, when the anger of King Ahasuerus subsided, he thought about Vashti and what she had done. He also thought about the decree that he had made against her.
Est 2:2 Then the king's young men who served him advised, "Let a search be made on the king's behalf for beautiful young virgins.
Est 2:3 Let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, to gather together all the beautiful young virgins to the harem in the palace in Susa. Let them be put under the care of Hegai, the king's eunuch, who is in charge of the women, and let him give them their cosmetics.
Est 2:4 Let the young girl who pleases the king become queen in the place of Vashti." This advice pleased the king, and he did so.
Est 2:5 There was a certain Jew (Yehudi) in the city of Susa whose name was Mordecai, son of Jair son of Shimei son of Kish, who was a Benjamite.
Est 2:6 He (Kish) had been taken away from Jerusalem with the exiles along with those taken with Jehoiachin, king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylonia carried away (c. 598 BC).
Est 2:7 He (Mordecai) was caring for Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter, because she had neither father nor mother. The young woman had a beautiful figure and was lovely in appearance. Mordecai took her as his own daughter.
Est 2:8 When the king's order and decree were proclaimed, many young women were brought to the palace in Susa. They were put under Hegai's care. Esther also was taken into the king's palace and put under the care of Hegai, the overseer of the women.
Est 2:9 The young girl pleased him, and she found grace with him. Immediately, he provided her with cosmetics and her portion of food. He assigned to her seven servant girls from the king's palace, and he moved her and the servant girls to the best place in the house of the women.
Est 2:10 Esther had not told anyone who her people or relatives were, for Mordecai had instructed her not to tell.
Est 2:11 Every day, Mordecai walked back and forth in front of the courtyard outside the house of the women, to learn about Esther's welfare and what would be done with her.
Est 2:12 When the turn came for each girl to go to King Ahasuerus, complying with the regulations for the women, each girl had to complete twelve months of beauty treatments, six months with oil of myrrh, and six with perfumes and cosmetics.

Est 2:13 When a young woman went to the king, whatever she desired was given to her from the house of the women, for her to take to the palace.
Est 2:14 At dusk she would go in, and at dawn she would return to the second house of the women, and to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's eunuch, who was in charge of the concubines. She would not return to the king again, unless he had taken great pleasure in her and called for her again.
Est 2:15 Now when the time came for Esther, daughter of Abihail, the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her as his own daughter, to go in to the king, she did not ask for anything but what Hegai the king's eunuch, who was in charge of the women, suggested. Now Esther received the grace of all who saw her.
Est 2:16 Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus (Xerxes I) into the royal residence in the tenth month, which is the month of Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign (c. 479 BC).
Est 2:17 The king loved Esther more than all the other women, and she received acceptance and grace before him, more than all the other virgins. So he set the royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.
Est 2:18 The king gave a great feast for all his officials and his servants (for seven days, per LXX), "Esther's feast," and he granted relief from taxation to the provinces. He also gave gifts with royal generosity.
Est 2:19 Now when the virgins had been gathered together a second time, Mordecai was sitting at the king's gate.
Est 2:20 Esther had not yet told anyone about her relatives or her people, as Mordecai had instructed her. Esther continued to follow Mordecai's advice, as she had done when she was raised by him.
Est 2:21 In those days, while Mordecai was sitting at the king's gate, two of the king's officials, Bigthan and Teresh, who guarded the doorway, became angry and sought to do harm to King Ahasuerus.
Est 2:22 When the matter was revealed to Mordecai, he told Queen Esther, and Esther spoke to the king in the name of Mordecai.
Est 2:23 The intelligence report was investigated and confirmed, and both the men were executed by hanging from a gallows. This account was written in the Book of The Chronicles in the presence of the king.

Esther Chapter 3

Est 3:1 After these things, King Ahasuerus promoted Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and placed his seat of authority above all the officials who were with him.
Est 3:2 All the king's servants who were at the king's gate always knelt and prostrated themselves to Haman, as the king had ordered them to do. But Mordecai neither knelt nor prostrated himself.
Est 3:3 Then the king's servants who were at the king's gate asked Mordecai, "Why do you disobey the king's command?"
Est 3:4 They spoke with him day after day, but he refused to comply with their demands. So they spoke with Haman to see if the matter about Mordecai would remain like that, for he had told them that he was a Jew.
Est 3:5 When Haman saw that Mordecai did not kneel and bow down to him, Haman was filled with rage.
Est 3:6 He had contempt for the idea of killing only Mordecai, for the king's servants had told him who Mordecai's people were. Haman wanted to exterminate all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, who were in the entire kingdom of Ahasuerus.
Est 3:7 In the first month, which is the month of Nisan (Abib), in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus (c. 474 BC), the Pur, that is the lot, was thrown before Haman, to select a day and month. They cast the lot over and over, until the lot fell on the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar.
Est 3:8 Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered and distributed among all the provinces of your kingdom. Their laws are different from those of other people, and they do not keep the king's laws, so it is not suitable for the king to let them stay.
Est 3:9 If it please the king, give a command to kill them, and I will weigh out 30,000,000-weight of silver coins into the hands of those who are in charge of the king's business, for them to put it into the king's treasury."
Est 3:10 Then the king took the signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews.
Est 3:11 The king said to Haman, "I will see that the money is given back to you and your people. You will do with it whatever you wish."
Est 3:12 Then the king's scribes were summoned on the thirteenth day of the first month, and a decree containing all that Haman had commanded was written to the king's provincial governors, those who were over all the provinces, to the governors of all the various ethnicities, and to the officials of all the people, to every province in their own writing, and to every ethnicity in their own language. It was written in the name of King Ahasuerus and was sealed with his ring.

Est 3:13 Documents were hand-delivered by couriers to all the king's provinces, to annihilate, kill, and destroy all Jews, from young to old, children and women, in one day, on the thirteenth of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, and to plunder their possessions.
Est 3:14 A copy of the letter was made law in every province. In every province it was made known to all the people that they should prepare for this day.
Est 3:15 The couriers went out and hurried to distribute the king's order. The decree was also distributed within the palace of Susa. The king and Haman sat down to drink, but the city of Susa was in turmoil.

Esther Chapter 4

Est 4:1 When Mordecai learned of all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes. He went out into the middle of the city and cried out with a loud and a bitter cry.
Est 4:2 He went up only as far as the king's gate, because no one was allowed to go through it clothed in sackcloth.
Est 4:3 In every province, wherever the king's command and decree reached, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping, and lamenting. Many of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.
Est 4:4 When Esther's young women and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was in great distress. She sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so he could take off his sackcloth, but he would not accept them.
Est 4:5 Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs who had been assigned to serve her. She ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what had happened and what it meant.
Est 4:6 So Hathach went to Mordecai in the city square in front of the king's gate.
Est 4:7 Mordecai reported to him all that had happened to him, and the total amount of silver coins that Haman had promised to weigh out and put into the king's treasuries in order to exterminate the Jews.
Est 4:8 He also gave him a copy of the decree that was issued in Susa for the Jews' destruction. He did this, so that Hathach could show it to Esther, and that he should give her the responsibility of going to the king to beg for his grace, and to plead with him on behalf of her people.
Est 4:9 So Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said.
Est 4:10 Then Esther spoke to Hathach and told him to go back to Mordecai.
Est 4:11 She said, "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner courtyard without being summoned, there is only one law: That he must be executed, except for anyone to whom the king holds out the golden scepter, so that he may live. I have not been called to come to the king these thirty days."
Est 4:12 So Hathach reported Esther's words to Mordecai.
Est 4:13 Mordecai sent back this message to Esther: "You must not think that in the king's palace, you will escape any more than all the other Jews.
Est 4:14 If you remain silent at this time, relief and rescue will rise up for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Who knows whether you have come to this royal position for such a time as this?"
Est 4:15 Then Esther sent this message to Mordecai,

Est 4:16 “Go, gather together all the Jews who live in Susa and fast for me. Do not eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My young girls and I will fast in the same way. Then I will go to the king, even though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish.”
Est 4:17 Mordecai went and did all that Esther told him to do.

Esther Chapter 5

Est 5:1 On the third day, Esther put on royal robes and went to stand in the inner courtyard of the king's palace, in front of the king's house. The king was sitting on his royal throne in the royal house, facing the entrance to the house.
Est 5:2 When the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, she received approval in his eyes. He held out to Esther the golden scepter in his hand. So Esther approached and touched the tip of the scepter.
Est 5:3 Then the king asked her, "What do you want, Queen Esther? What is your request? Up to half of my kingdom, it will be given to you."
Est 5:4 Esther replied, "If it pleases the king, let the king and Haman come today to a feast that I have prepared for him."
Est 5:5 Then the king ordered, "Bring Haman quickly, to do what Esther has said." So the king and Haman went to the feast that Esther had prepared.
Est 5:6 When the wine was being served at the feast, the king asked Esther, "What is your petition? It will be granted you. What is your request? Up to half of the kingdom, it will be granted."
Est 5:7 Esther responded, "My petition and my request is this:
Est 5:8 If I have found grace in the eyes of the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my petition and to honor my request, let the king and Haman come to the feast that I will prepare for you tomorrow, and I will answer the king's question."
Est 5:9 Haman went out that day joyful and glad at heart. But when Haman saw Mordecai at the king's gate, that Mordecai neither rose up nor trembled before him with any fear, Haman was filled with rage against Mordecai.
Est 5:10 Nevertheless, Haman restrained himself and went to his own house. He sent for his friends and gathered them together, with Zeresh his wife.
Est 5:11 Haman recounted to them the splendor of his riches, the number of his many sons, all the promotions by which the king honored him, and how he had advanced above all the officials and the servants of the king.
Est 5:12 Haman said, "Queen Esther invited no one else but me to come with the king to the feast she prepared. Even tomorrow, I am again invited by her along with the king.
Est 5:13 But all this is worth nothing to me, as long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate."
Est 5:14 Then Zeresh his wife said to him and all his friends, "Let them make a gallows twenty-five meters high. At dawn, speak to the king for them to hang Mordecai on it. Then go joyfully with the king to the feast." This pleased Haman, and he had the gallows constructed.

Esther Chapter 6

Est 6:1 That night the king could not sleep. He commanded servants to bring the written records of the events of his reign, and they were being read aloud to the king.
Est 6:2 It was found recorded there that Mordecai had told about Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's officials who guarded the entrance, who had tried to harm King Ahasuerus.
Est 6:3 The king asked, "What was done to give honor or recognition to Mordecai for doing this?" Then the king's young men, his servants, answered, "Nothing was done for him."
Est 6:4 The king asked, "Who is in the courtyard?" Now Haman had entered the outer courtyard of the king's house to speak to him about hanging Mordecai on the gallows he set up for him.
Est 6:5 The king's servants answered him, "Haman is standing in the courtyard." The king ordered, "Let him come in."
Est 6:6 When Haman entered, the king asked him, "What should be done for the man whom the king takes pleasure in honoring?" Now Haman thought in his heart, "Whom would the king take pleasure in honoring more than me?"
Est 6:7 Haman answered the king, "For the man whom the king takes pleasure in honoring,
Est 6:8 let royal robes be brought, robes that the king has worn, and a horse that the king has ridden, and on whose head is the royal crest.
Est 6:9 Then let the robes and the horse be given to one of the king's most noble officials. Let them dress the man whom the king takes pleasure in honoring, and let them lead him on the horse through the city streets. Let them proclaim before him, 'This is what is done to the one whom the king takes pleasure in honoring!'"
Est 6:10 Then the king ordered Haman, "Hurry, take the robes and the horse, as you have said, and do this for Mordecai the Jew who sits at the king's gate. Do not fail in a single matter of what you have said."
Est 6:11 Then Haman took the robe and the horse. He dressed Mordecai and led him on the horse through the city streets. He proclaimed before him, "This is what is done for a man whom the king takes pleasure in honoring!"
Est 6:12 Mordecai returned to the king's gate. But Haman hurried to his house, mourning, with his head covered.
Est 6:13 Haman told Zeresh his wife and all his friends everything that happened to him. Then his men who were known for their wisdom, and Zeresh his wife, said to him, "If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is Jewish, you will not overcome him, but you will certainly fall before him."

Est 6:14 While they were talking with him, the king’s eunuchs arrived. They hurried to bring Haman to the feast that Esther had prepared.

Esther Chapter 7

Est 7:1 So the king and Haman went to feast with Queen Esther.
Est 7:2 On this second day, while they were serving wine, the king asked Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It will be granted to you. What is your request? Up to half of the kingdom, and it will be granted.”
Est 7:3 Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have found grace in your eyes, king, and if it pleases you, let my life be given to me, this is my petition, and I request this also for my people.
Est 7:4 For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, murdered, and annihilated. If we had only been sold into slavery, as male and female slaves, I would have kept quiet, for no such distress as this would justify disturbing the king.”
Est 7:5 Then King Ahasuerus asked Queen Esther, “Who is he? Where is the one who has filled his heart to do such a thing?”
Est 7:6 Esther answered, “The hostile man, that enemy, is this evil Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.
Est 7:7 The king rose up in a rage from the wine-drinking at the feast and went into the palace garden, but Haman stayed to beg for his life from Queen Esther. He saw that disaster was being decided against him by the king.
Est 7:8 Then the king returned from the palace garden into the room where the wine had been served. Haman had just fallen on the couch where Esther was. The king asked, “Will he assault the queen in my presence in my own house?” As soon as this sentence came out of the king’s mouth, the servants covered Haman’s face.
Est 7:9 Then Harbona, one of the officials who served the king, said, “A gallows twenty-five meters tall stands beside Haman’s house. Haman set it up for Mordecai, the one who spoke up to protect the king.” The king ordered, “Hang him on it!”
Est 7:10 So they executed Haman by hanging him on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the king’s rage died down.

Esther Chapter 8

Est 8:1 On that day, King Ahasuerus gave Queen Esther the property of Haman, the enemy of the Jews, and Mordecai began to serve before the king, for Esther told the king how Mordecai was related to her.
Est 8:2 The king took off his signet ring, which he had taken back from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. Esther designated Mordecai to be in charge of Haman's estate.
Est 8:3 Then Esther spoke again to the king. She lay facedown on the ground and wept, as she pleaded with him to put an end to the evil plan of Haman the Agagite, to the scheme that he had devised against the Jews.
Est 8:4 Then the king held out the golden scepter to Esther, so Esther arose and stood before the king.
Est 8:5 She entreated, "If it pleases the king, and if I have found grace in your sight, if the thing seems right before the king, and I am pleasing in your eyes, let a decree be written to revoke the letters written by Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the letters that he wrote to destroy the Jews who are in all the king's provinces.
Est 8:6 For how could I bear to see disaster fall on my people? How could I endure watching the destruction of my relatives?"
Est 8:7 King Ahasuerus spoke to Queen Esther and to Mordecai the Jew, "Look, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and they have hanged him on the gallows, because he was going to attack the Jews.
Est 8:8 Write another decree for the Jews in the name of the king and seal it with the king's ring. For the decree that has already been written in the king's name and sealed with the king's ring cannot be revoked."
Est 8:9 Then the king's scribes were called at that time, on the twenty-third of the third month, which is the month of Sivan. A decree was written containing all that Mordecai was commanding concerning the Jews. It was written to the provincial governors, the governors and officials of the provinces that were located from India to Cush, 127 provinces, to every province written in their own writing, and to every ethnicity in their language, and to the Jews in their writing and language.
Est 8:10 Mordecai wrote in the name of King Ahasuerus and sealed it with the king's signet ring. He sent the documents by couriers riding on fast horses, mules, camels, and young female dromedaries.
Est 8:11 The king gave to the Jews who were in every city permission to gather together and to make a stand to protect their lives: To annihilate, to kill, and to destroy any armed force from any people or province that might attack them, children and women included, or to plunder their possessions.

Est 8:12 This was to be in effect in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, on the thirteenth of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar.
Est 8:13 A copy of the decree was to be issued as a law and publicly displayed to all the people. The Jews were to be ready on that day to take vengeance on their enemies.
Est 8:14 So the couriers rode on the royal horses, mules, and camels that were used in the king's service. They went without delay. The king's decree was also issued from the palace in Susa.
Est 8:15 Then Mordecai left the king's presence wearing royal clothes of blue and white linen, with a great crown of gold and a purple robe of fine linen, and the city of Susa shouted and rejoiced!
Est 8:16 The Jews had light and gladness, and joy and honor.
Est 8:17 In every province and in every city, wherever the king's decree reached, there was gladness and joy among the Jews, a feast and a holiday. Many from among the variety of people of the land became Jews, because the fear of the Jews had fallen on them.

Esther Chapter 9

Est 9:1 Now on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, when the king's law and decree were about to be carried out, on the day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to gain power over them, it was reversed. The Jews gained power over those who hated them.
Est 9:2 The Jews assembled in their cities throughout all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, to lay hands on those who tried to bring disaster on them. No one could stand against them, for the fear of them had fallen on all the people.
Est 9:3 All the officials of the provinces, the provincial governors, the governors, and the king's administrators, helped the Jews, because the fear of Mordecai had fallen on them.
Est 9:4 For Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame spread throughout all the provinces, for the man Mordecai was becoming great.
Est 9:5 The Jews attacked their enemies with the sword, killing and destroying them, and did as they pleased to those who hated them.
Est 9:6 In Susa, the fortress itself, the Jews killed and destroyed five hundred men.
Est 9:7 They killed Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha,
Est 9:8 Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha,
Est 9:9 Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai, Vaizatha,
Est 9:10 and the ten sons of Haman son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews. But they did not take any plunder.
Est 9:11 That day the number of those killed in Susa, the fortified city, was reported to the king.
Est 9:12 The king said to Queen Esther, "The Jews have killed five hundred men in the city of Susa, including the ten sons of Haman. What then have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? Now what is your petition? It will be granted you. What is your request? It will be granted to you."
Est 9:13 Esther answered, "If it pleases the king, let the Jews who are in Susa be permitted to carry out this day's decree tomorrow also, and let the bodies of Haman's ten sons be hanged on gallows."
Est 9:14 So the king commanded that this be done. A decree was issued in Susa, and they hanged the ten sons of Haman.
Est 9:15 The Jews who were in Susa came together on the fourteenth day of the month of Adar, and killed three hundred more men in Susa, but laid no hands on the plunder.
Est 9:16 The rest of the Jews who were in the king's provinces came together to defend their lives, and they got relief from their enemies and killed seventy-five

thousand of those who hated them, but they did not lay their hands on the valuables of those they killed.
Est 9:17 This happened on the thirteenth day of the month of Adar. On the fourteenth day they rested and made that a day of feasting and gladness.
Est 9:18 But the Jews who were in Susa assembled together on the thirteenth and the fourteenth days. On the fifteenth day they rested and made it a day of feasting and gladness.
Est 9:19 That is why the Jews of the villages, who make their homes in the rural towns, observe the fourteenth day of the month of Adar as a day of gladness and feasting, and as a day on which they send gifts of food to one another.
Est 9:20 Mordecai recorded these things and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far,
Est 9:21 obligating them to keep the fourteenth and the fifteenth day of Adar every year (Feast of Purim).
Est 9:22 These were the days when the Jews got relief from their enemies, and the month when their sorrow turned to joy and mourning into a day of celebration! They were to make them days of feasting and gladness, and of sending gifts of food to one another, and gifts to the poor.
Est 9:23 So the Jews continued the celebration they had begun, doing what Mordecai had written to them.
Est 9:24 At that time, Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to destroy them, and he threw Pur, that is, he threw lots, to crush and destroy them.
Est 9:25 But when the matter came before the king, he gave orders by letters that the wicked plan Haman developed against the Jews should come back on his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.
Est 9:26 Therefore, they called these days Purim, after the name of Pur. Because of everything that was written in this letter, and everything that they had seen and that had happened to them,
Est 9:27 the Jews accepted a new custom and duty. This custom would be for themselves, their descendants, and everyone who joined them. It would be that they would celebrate these two days every year. They would celebrate them in a certain way and at the same time each year.
Est 9:28 These days were to be celebrated and observed in every generation, every family, every province, and every city. These Jews and their descendants would never cease to faithfully observe these days of Purim, so that they should never forget them.
Est 9:29 Queen Esther, daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with full authority and confirmed this second letter about Purim.
Est 9:30 Letters were sent to all the Jews in the 127 provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, wishing the Jews safety and truth.

Est 9:31 These letters confirmed the days of Purim at their appointed times, as Mordecai the Jew and Queen Esther obligated the Jews. The Jews accepted this obligation for themselves and their descendants, just as also they accepted times of fasting and lamenting.
Est 9:32 The command of Esther confirmed these regulations regarding Purim, and it was written in the Book.

Esther Chapter 10

Est 10:1 Then King Ahasuerus imposed a tax on the land and on the coastlands along the sea.
Est 10:2 All the achievements of his power and might, together with the full account of the greatness of Mordecai to which the king had raised him, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Media and Persia.
Est 10:3 Mordecai the Jew was second in rank to King Ahasuerus (Xerxes I). He was great among the Jews and popular with his many Jewish brothers, for he sought the welfare of his people, and he spoke for the peace of all his posterity.

Book of Job

Job Chapter 1

Job 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job (Gen. 46:13); and Job was blameless and upright, one who feared the Almighty and turned from evil.
Job 1:2 There were born to him seven sons and three daughters.
Job 1:3 He possessed seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred pairs of oxen, and five hundred jenny donkeys, and a great many servants. He was the man who was the greatest of all the people of the East.
Job 1:4 On each son's assigned day, he would give a feast in his house. They would send and call for their three sisters to eat and drink with them.
Job 1:5 When the days of the feast were over, Job would send for them, and he would consecrate them. He would rise at dawn and offer burnt offerings for each of his children, for he would say, "It may be that my children have sinned and cursed the Almighty in their hearts." Job always did this.
Job 1:6 Then it was the day when the sons of the Almighty came to present themselves before Yehowah. Satan also came with them.
Job 1:7 Yehowah asked Satan, "From where have you come?" Then Satan answered Yehowah, "From wandering on the earth, from going back and forth on it."
Job 1:8 Yehowah said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears the Almighty and turns from evil."
Job 1:9 Then Satan answered Yehowah, "Does Job fear the Almighty without reason?
Job 1:10 Have you not put a barrier around him, around his house, and around all that is his from every side? You have blessed the deeds of his hands, and his livestock have burst forth in the land.
Job 1:11 But now stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and see if he does not curse you to your face."
Job 1:12 Yehowah said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him himself do not stretch out your hand." Then Satan went away from the presence of Yehowah.
Job 1:13 It came about that on a certain day, his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house.

Job 1:14 A messenger came to Job and announced, “The oxen were plowing, and the jenny donkeys were feeding beside them.
Job 1:15 Sheba fell on them and took them away. As for the servants, they have struck them with the mouth of the sword. I alone have escaped to tell you.”
Job 1:16 While he was still speaking, another also came and announced, “The fire of deities fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants. I alone have escaped to tell you.”
Job 1:17 While he was still speaking, another also came and announced, “The Chaldeans formed three groups, attacked the camels and have taken them away. As for the servants, they have struck them with the mouth of the sword. I alone have escaped to tell you.”
Job 1:18 While he was yet speaking, another also came and announced, “Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house.
Job 1:19 A strong wind came from the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house. It fell on the young people, and they died. I alone have escaped to tell you.”
Job 1:20 Then Job rose, tore his robe, shaved his head, lay facedown on the ground, and worshiped Yehowah.
Job 1:21 He said, “It was naked that I came out of my mother’s womb, and it is naked that I will depart. It is Yehowah who gave, and it is Yehowah who has taken away. May the name of Yehowah be blessed.”
Job 1:22 In all this matter, Job did not sin, nor did he accuse the Almighty of wrongdoing.

Job Chapter 2

Job 2:1 Then it was the day when the sons of the Almighty came to present themselves before Yehowah. Satan also came with them to present himself before Yehowah.
Job 2:2 Yehowah asked Satan, “From where have you come?” Then Satan answered Yehowah, “From wandering on the earth, from going back and forth on it.”
Job 2:3 Yehowah said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears the Almighty and turns away from evil. He still holds fast to his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him without cause.”
Job 2:4 Satan answered Yehowah, “Skin for skin, indeed; a man will give all he has for his life.
Job 2:5 But stretch out your hand now and touch his bones and his flesh, and see if he does not curse you to your face.”
Job 2:6 Yehowah said to Satan, “See, he is in your hand; it is only his life that you must spare.”
Job 2:7 Then Satan went away from the presence of Yehowah. He struck Job with severe boils from the sole of his feet to his head.
Job 2:8 Job took a potsherd to scrape himself with, and he sat down in the middle of ashes.
Job 2:9 Then his wife said to him, “Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse the Almighty and die!”
Job 2:10 But he responded to her, “You talk as a foolish woman talks. Should we receive the good from the Almighty and not receive the bad?” In all this matter, Job did not sin with his lips.
Job 2:11 Now when Job’s three friends heard of all this evil that had come on him, each of them came from his own place: Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They set a time to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.
Job 2:12 When they lifted up their eyes at a distance, they did not recognize him. They raised their voices and wept; each tore his robe and threw dust into the air and upon his own head.
Job 2:13 Then they sat with him on the ground for seven days and seven nights. No one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was extremely severe.

Job Chapter 3

Job 3:1 After this, Job opened his mouth and cursed the day he was born.
Job 3:2 Job said,
Job 3:3 “May the day on which I was born perish, the night that said, ‘A boy has been conceived.’
Job 3:4 May that day be dark; may not the Almighty from above call it to mind, neither may the sun shine on it.
Job 3:5 May darkness and the shadow of death claim it for their own. May a cloud live over it; may everything that makes the day black truly terrify it.
Job 3:6 As for that night, may thick darkness seize it. May it not rejoice among the days of the year; may it not come into the number of the months.
Job 3:7 See, may that night be barren; may no joyful voice come into it.
Job 3:8 May they curse that day, those who know how to wake up Leviathan.
Job 3:9 May the stars of that day’s dawn be dark. May that day look for light, but find none; neither may it see the eyelashes of the dawn,
Job 3:10 because it did not shut up the doors of my mother’s womb, and because it did not hide trouble from my eyes.
Job 3:11 Why did I not die when I came out from the womb? Why did I not give up my spirit when my mother bore me?
Job 3:12 Why did her knees welcome me? Why did her breasts receive me, so that I should nurse?
Job 3:13 For now I would have been lying down quietly. I would have slept and been at rest
Job 3:14 with kings and counselors of the earth, who built up tombs for themselves that are now in ruins.
Job 3:15 Or I would have been lying with princes who once had gold, who had filled their houses with silver.
Job 3:16 Or perhaps I would have been stillborn, like infants that never see the light.
Job 3:17 There the wicked cease from trouble; there the weary are at rest.
Job 3:18 There the prisoners are at ease together; they do not hear the voice of the slave driver.
Job 3:19 Both small and great people are there; the servant is free from his master there.
Job 3:20 Why is light given to him who is in misery? Why is life given to the one who is bitter in soul,
Job 3:21 to one who longs for death without it coming; to one who digs for death more than for hidden treasure?

Job 3:22 Why is light given to one who rejoices heartily and is glad, when he finds the grave?
Job 3:23 Why is light given to a man whose way is hidden, a man whom the Almighty has hedged in?
Job 3:24 For my sighing happens instead of eating; my groaning is poured out like water.
Job 3:25 For the thing that I feared has come on me; what I was afraid of has come to me.
Job 3:26 I am not at ease, I am not quiet, and I have no rest; trouble comes instead.”

Job Chapter 4

Job 4:1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered,
Job 4:2 “If anyone tries to speak with you, will you be impatient? But who can stop himself from speaking?
Job 4:3 See, you have instructed many; you have strengthened weak hands.
Job 4:4 Your words have supported him who was falling; you have made feeble knees firm.
Job 4:5 But now trouble has come to you, and you are weary; it touches you, and you are troubled.
Job 4:6 Is not your fear your confidence, and the integrity of your Ways your hope?
Job 4:7 Think about this, please: Who has ever perished when innocent? Or when were the upright people ever cut off?
Job 4:8 According to what I have seen, those who plow iniquity and sow trouble reap it.
Job 4:9 By the breath of the Almighty they perish; by the blast of his anger they are consumed.
Job 4:10 The roaring of the lion, the voice of the fierce lion, the teeth of the young lions, they are broken.
Job 4:11 The old lion perishes for lack of victims; the cubs of the lioness are scattered everywhere.
Job 4:12 Now a certain matter was secretly brought to me, and my ear received a whisper about it.
Job 4:13 Then came thoughts from visions in the night, when deep sleep falls on people.
Job 4:14 It was at night when fear and trembling came upon me, and all my bones shook.
Job 4:15 Then a spirit passed before my face, and the hair of my flesh stood up.
Job 4:16 The spirit stood still, but I could not discern its appearance. A form was before my eyes; there was silence, and I heard a voice that asked,
Job 4:17 ‘Can a mortal man be more righteous than the Almighty? Can a man be more pure than his Maker?
Job 4:18 See, if Yehowah puts no trust in his servants; if he accuses his angels of folly,
Job 4:19 how much more is this true of those who live in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, who are crushed sooner than a moth?
Job 4:20 Between dawn and dusk they are destroyed; they perish forever without anyone noticing them.

Job 4:21 Are not their tent cords plucked up among them? They die; they die without wisdom.

Job Chapter 5

Job 5:1 Call out now; is there anyone who will answer you? To which of the set-apart ones will you turn?
Job 5:2 For anger kills the foolish man; jealousy kills the silly one.
Job 5:3 I have seen a foolish person taking root, but suddenly I cursed his home.
Job 5:4 His children are far from safety; they are crushed in the city gate. There is no one to rescue them.
Job 5:5 The hungry eat up their harvest; they even take it from among the thorns. The thirsty pant for their wealth.
Job 5:6 For difficulties do not come out from the soil; neither does trouble sprout from the ground.
Job 5:7 Instead, mankind is born for trouble, just as sparks fly upward.
Job 5:8 But as for me, I would turn to the Almighty himself, and to the Almighty I would commit my cause,
Job 5:9 he who does great and unsearchable things, marvelous things without number.
Job 5:10 He gives rain on the earth and sends water on the fields.
Job 5:11 He does this in order to set up on high those who are low; to raise to safety those who mourn.
Job 5:12 He breaks the plans of the crafty people, so that their hands cannot achieve success.
Job 5:13 He traps wise people in their own crafty actions; the plans of twisted people are hurried to their end.
Job 5:14 They encounter darkness in the daytime, and grope at noonday as if it were night.
Job 5:15 But he saves the poor person from the sword in their mouths and the needy person from the hand of mighty people.
Job 5:16 So the poor person has hope, and injustice shuts her own mouth.
Job 5:17 See, blessed is the man whom the Almighty corrects; therefore, do not despise the chastening of the Most Powerful.
Job 5:18 For he wounds and then binds up; he wounds, and then his hands heal.
Job 5:19 He will rescue you out of six troubles; indeed, in seven troubles, no evil will touch you.
Job 5:20 In famine he will rescue you from death, and in war from the hands of those who use the sword.
Job 5:21 You will be hidden from the scourge of the tongue; and you will not be afraid of destruction when it comes.
Job 5:22 You will laugh at destruction and famine, and you will not be afraid of wild beasts.

Job 5:23 For you will have a covenant with the stones in your field; you will be at peace with the wild beasts.
Job 5:24 You will know that your tent is in safety; you will visit your sheepfold and find nothing missing.
Job 5:25 You will also know that your posterity will be great, that your offspring will be like the grass on the ground.
Job 5:26 You will come to your grave at a full age, like a stack of grain sheaves that is carried up to the threshing floor.
Job 5:27 See, we have examined this matter; it is like this; listen to it and know it for yourself.'"

Job Chapter 6

Job 6:1 Then Job answered,
Job 6:2 “Oh, if only my anguish were weighed; if only all my calamity were laid in the balance!
Job 6:3 For now it would be heavier than the sand of the seas. That is why my words were reckless.
Job 6:4 For the arrows of the Most Powerful are in me, my spirit drinks up the poison; the terrors of the Almighty have arranged themselves in array against me.
Job 6:5 Does the wild donkey bray in despair when he has grass? Or does the ox low in hunger when it has fodder?
Job 6:6 Can that which has no taste be eaten without salt? Or is there any flavor in mallow juice?
Job 6:7 I refuse to touch them; they are like disgusting food to me.
Job 6:8 Oh, that I might have my request; oh, that the Almighty would grant me the thing I long for:
Job 6:9 That it would please the Almighty to crush me once, that he would let loose his hand and cut me off from this life!
Job 6:10 May this still be my consolation, even if I exult in pain that does not lessen: That I have not denied the words of the Set-apart One.
Job 6:11 What is my strength, that I should try to wait? What is my end, that I should prolong my life?
Job 6:12 Is my strength the strength of stones? Or is my flesh made of bronze?
Job 6:13 Is it not true that I have no help in myself, and that wisdom has been driven out of me?
Job 6:14 To the person who is about to faint, faithfulness should be shown by his friend; even to him who forsakes the fear of the Most Powerful.
Job 6:15 But my brothers have been as faithful to me as a desert streambed, as channels of water that pass away to nothing,
Job 6:16 which are darkened because of ice over them, and because of the snow that hides itself in them.
Job 6:17 When they thaw out, they vanish; when it is hot, they melt out of their place.
Job 6:18 The caravans that travel by their way turn aside for water; they wander into barren land and then perish.
Job 6:19 Caravans from Tema looked there, while companies of Sheba hoped in them.
Job 6:20 They were disappointed because they had been confident of finding water. They went there, but they were deceived.

Job 6:21 For now you friends are nothing to me; you see my dreadful situation and are afraid.
Job 6:22 Did I beg you, ‘Give something to me?’ Or, ‘Offer me a gift from your wealth?’
Job 6:23 Or, ‘Save me from my adversary’s hand?’ Or, ‘Ransom me from the hand of my oppressors?’
Job 6:24 Teach me, and I will hold my peace; make me understand where I have been wrong.
Job 6:25 How painful are truthful words! But your arguments, how do they actually rebuke me?
Job 6:26 Do you plan to ignore my words, treating the words of a desperate man like the wind?
Job 6:27 Indeed, you cast lots for a fatherless child and haggle over your friend like merchandise.
Job 6:28 Now therefore, please look at me, for surely I would not lie to your face.
Job 6:29 Relent, I beg you; let there be no injustice with you; indeed, relent, for my cause is just.
Job 6:30 Is there evil on my tongue? Cannot my mouth detect malicious things?

Job Chapter 7

Job 7:1 Is there not hard labor for every person on earth? Are not his days like the days of a hired man?
Job 7:2 Like a slave earnestly desires the shadows of evening, like a hired man looks for his wages,
Job 7:3 so I have been made to endure months of misery; I have been given trouble-filled nights.
Job 7:4 When I lie down, I ask myself, 'When will I get up, and when will the night be gone?' I am full of tossing to and fro until the day's dawning.
Job 7:5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; the sores in my skin harden up and then dissolve and run afresh.
Job 7:6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they pass without hope.
Job 7:7 Almighty, call to mind that my life is only a breath; my eye will no more see good.
Job 7:8 The eye of the Almighty, who sees me, will see me no more; Your eyes will be on me, but I will not exist.
Job 7:9 As a cloud is consumed and vanishes away, so he who goes down to the place of the dead will come up no more.
Job 7:10 He will return no more to his house; neither will his place know him again.
Job 7:11 Therefore, I will not restrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.
Job 7:12 Am I the sea or a sea monster that you place a guard over me?
Job 7:13 When I say, 'My bed will comfort me, and my couch will ease my complaint,'
Job 7:14 then you scare me with dreams and terrify me through visions,
Job 7:15 so that I would choose strangling and death rather than preserving these bones of mine.
Job 7:16 I loathe my life; I would not wish to always be alive; let me alone for my days are useless.
Job 7:17 What is man that you should pay attention to him, that you should set your mind on him,
Job 7:18 that you should observe him each dawn and test him every moment?
Job 7:19 How long will it be before you look away from me, before you let me alone long enough for me to swallow down my own saliva?
Job 7:20 Even if I have sinned, what would that do to you, you who watch men? Why have you made a target of me, so that I am a burden for you?

Job 7:21 Why do you not pardon my transgression and take away my iniquity? For now will I lie down in the dust; you will seek me carefully, but I will not exist.”

Job Chapter 8

Job 8:1 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered,
Job 8:2 “How long will you say these things? How long will the words of your mouth be a mighty wind?
Job 8:3 Does the Almighty pervert justice? Does the Most Powerful pervert righteousness?
Job 8:4 Your children have sinned against him; we know this, for he gave them into the hand of their sins.
Job 8:5 But suppose you diligently sought Him at dawn and presented your request to the Most Powerful.
Job 8:6 Suppose that you were pure and upright; then he surely would act for you and reward you with a home that truly belonged to you.
Job 8:7 Even though your beginning was small, still your final condition would be much greater.
Job 8:8 Please ask the former generations, and give your attention to what our ancestors learned.
Job 8:9 We were only born yesterday and know nothing, because our days on earth are a shadow.
Job 8:10 Will they not teach you and tell you? Will they not speak words from their hearts?
Job 8:11 Can papyrus grow without a marsh? Can reeds grow without water?
Job 8:12 While they are still green and not cut down, they wither before any other plant.
Job 8:13 So also are the paths of all who forget the Almighty, the hope of the hypocrite will perish.
Job 8:14 His confidence will break apart, and his trust is as weak as a spider’s web.
Job 8:15 He leans on his house, but it will not support him; he takes hold of it, but it does not stand.
Job 8:16 Under the sun he is green, and his shoots go out over his entire garden.
Job 8:17 His roots are wrapped about the heaps of stone; they look for good places among the rocks.
Job 8:18 But if this person is destroyed out of his place, then that place will deny him and say, ‘I never saw you.’
Job 8:19 See, this is the “joy” of such a person’s behavior; other plants will sprout out of the same soil in his place.
Job 8:20 See, the Almighty will not cast away an innocent man; neither will he take the hand of evildoers.
Job 8:21 He will yet fill your mouth with laughter, your lips with shouting!

Job 8:22 Those who hate you will be clothed with shame; the tent of the wicked will be no more.”

Job Chapter 9

Job 9:1 Then Job answered,
Job 9:2 “I truly know that this is so. But how can a person be in the right with the Almighty?
Job 9:3 If he wants to argue with Yehowah, he cannot answer him once in a thousand times.
Job 9:4 Yehowah is wise in heart and mighty in strength; who has ever hardened himself against him and succeeded?
Job 9:5 He who removes the mountains without warning anyone, when he overturns them in his anger,
Job 9:6 he who shakes the earth out of its place and sets its supports trembling.
Job 9:7 It is the same Almighty who tells the sun not to rise, and it does not, and who covers up the stars,
Job 9:8 who by himself stretches out the heavens and tramples down the waves of the sea,
Job 9:9 who makes the Bear, Orion, the Pleiades, and the constellations of the south.
Job 9:10 It is the same Almighty who does great things, incomprehensible things, indeed, marvelous things without number.
Job 9:11 See, he goes by me, and I do not see him; he passes on also, but I do not perceive him.
Job 9:12 If he takes something away, who can stop him? Who can ask him, ‘What are you doing?’
Job 9:13 The Almighty will not withdraw his anger; the helpers of Rahab bow beneath him.
Job 9:14 How much less could I answer him, could I choose words to reason with him?
Job 9:15 Even if I were righteous, I could not answer him; I could only plead for mercy with my judge.
Job 9:16 Even if I called, and he answered me, I would not believe that he was listening to my voice.
Job 9:17 For he breaks me with a tempest and multiplies my wounds without cause.
Job 9:18 He does not even allow me to catch my breath; instead, he fills me with bitterness.
Job 9:19 If it is a matter of strength, behold! He is mighty! If it is a matter of justice who can summon him?
Job 9:20 Though I am in the right, my own mouth would condemn me; and though I am blameless, my words would prove me to be guilty.

Job 9:21 I am blameless, but I do not care any more about myself; I despise my own life.
Job 9:22 It makes no difference, which is why I say that he destroys blameless people and wicked people together.
Job 9:23 If a plague should suddenly kill, he would laugh at the afflictions of innocent people.
Job 9:24 The earth is given into the hand of wicked people; Yehowah covers the faces of its judges. If it is not he who does it, then who is it?
Job 9:25 My days are swifter than a running messenger; my days flee away; they see no good anywhere.
Job 9:26 They are as fast as papyrus reed boats, and as fast as the eagle that swoops down on its victim.
Job 9:27 If I said that I would forget about my complaints, that I would take off my sad face and be happy,
Job 9:28 I would be afraid of all my sorrows, because I know that you will not consider me innocent.
Job 9:29 I will be condemned; why, then, should I try in vain?
Job 9:30 If I washed myself with snow water and made my hands ever so clean,
Job 9:31 Yehowah would plunge me in a ditch, and my own clothes would be disgusted with me.
Job 9:32 For Yehowah is not a man, as I am, that I could answer him, that we could come together in court.
Job 9:33 There is no judge between us who might lay his hand upon us both.
Job 9:34 There is no other judge who could take the rod of the Almighty off me, who could keep his terror from frightening me.
Job 9:35 Then would I speak up and not fear him. But as things are now, I cannot do that.

Job Chapter 10

Job 10:1 I am weary of my life; I will give free expression to my complaint; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.
Job 10:2 I will say to the Almighty, ‘Do not merely condemn me; show me why you accuse me.
Job 10:3 Is it good to you that you should oppress me, to despise the work of your hands, while you smile on the plans of the wicked?
Job 10:4 Do you have eyes of flesh? Do you see like a man sees?
Job 10:5 Are your days like the days of mankind or your years like the years of people,
Job 10:6 that you inquire after my iniquity and search after my sin,
Job 10:7 although you know I am not guilty, and there is no one who can rescue me from your hand?
Job 10:8 Your hands have framed and fashioned me together round about, yet you are destroying me.
Job 10:9 Call to mind, I beg you, that you have fashioned me like clay; will you bring me into dust again?
Job 10:10 Have you not poured me out like milk and curdled me like cheese?
Job 10:11 You have clothed me with skin and flesh and knit me together with bones and sinews.
Job 10:12 You have granted me life and covenant faithfulness; your help has guarded my spirit.
Job 10:13 Yet these things you hid in your heart, I know that this is what you were thinking:
Job 10:14 That if I sinned, you would notice it; you would not acquit me of my iniquity.
Job 10:15 If I am wicked, woe to me; even if I were righteous, I could not lift up my head, since I am filled with disgrace and am looking at my own suffering.
Job 10:16 If my head lifts itself, you hunt me down like a lion; once again you show yourself powerful to me.
Job 10:17 You bring new witnesses against me and increase your anger against me; you attack me with fresh armed forces.
Job 10:18 Why, then, have you brought me out of the womb? I wish I had given up my spirit, and that no eye had ever seen me.
Job 10:19 I would have been as though I had never existed; I would have been carried from the womb to the grave.
Job 10:20 Are not my days only a few? Stop, then let me alone, so that I may have a little rest,
Job 10:21 before I go from where I will not return, to the land of darkness and of

the shadow of death,
Job 10:22 the land that is as dark as midnight, the land of the shadow of death, without any order, where the light is like midnight.’”

Job Chapter 11

Job 11:1 Then Zophar the Naamathite answered and asked,
Job 11:2 “Should not such a multitude of words be answered? Should this man, so full of talk, be believed?
Job 11:3 Should your boasting make others remain silent? When you mock our teaching, will no one make you feel ashamed?
Job 11:4 For you say to Yehowah, ‘My beliefs are pure, I am blameless in your eyes.’
Job 11:5 But, oh, that the Almighty would speak and open his lips against you;
Job 11:6 that he would show you the secrets of wisdom! For he is great in understanding. Know then that the Almighty demands from you less than your iniquity deserves.
Job 11:7 Can you understand the Almighty by searching for him? Can you comprehend the Most Powerful perfectly?
Job 11:8 The matter is as high as Heaven; what can you do? It is deeper than the place of the dead; what can you know?
Job 11:9 Its measure is longer than the earth and wider than the sea.
Job 11:10 If he passes through and shuts anyone up, if he calls anyone to judgment, then who can stop him?
Job 11:11 For he knows false people; when he sees iniquity, does he not notice it?
Job 11:12 But foolish people have no understanding; they will get it when a wild donkey gives birth to a man.
Job 11:13 But suppose that you had set your heart right and had reached out with your hands toward Yehowah;
Job 11:14 suppose that iniquity were in your hand, but that then you put it far away from you, and did not let unrighteousness live in your tents.
Job 11:15 Then you would certainly lift up your face without a sign of shame; indeed, you would be steadfast and would not fear.
Job 11:16 You would forget your misery; you would remember it only like waters that have flowed away.
Job 11:17 Your life would be brighter than the noonday; though there were darkness, it would become like the dawn.
Job 11:18 You would be secure because there is hope; indeed, you would find safety about you and would take your rest in safety.
Job 11:19 Also, you would lie down in rest, and none would make you afraid; indeed, many would seek your grace.
Job 11:20 But the eyes of wicked people will fail; they will have no way to flee; their only hope will be a last gasp of life.”

Job Chapter 12

Job 12:1 Then Job answered,
Job 12:2 “No doubt you are the people; wisdom will die with you.
Job 12:3 But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you. Indeed, who does not know such things as these?
Job 12:4 I am something for my neighbor to laugh at, I, one who called on the Almighty, and who was answered by him! I, a just and blameless man, I am now something to laugh at.
Job 12:5 In the thought of someone who is at ease, there is contempt for misfortune; he thinks in a way that brings more misfortune to those whose foot is slipping.
Job 12:6 The tents of robbers prosper, and those who provoke the Almighty feel secure; their own hands are their deities.
Job 12:7 But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you; ask the birds of the sky, and they will tell you.
Job 12:8 Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; the fish of the sea will declare to you.
Job 12:9 Which animal among all these does not know that the hand of Yehowah has done this?
Job 12:10 In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind.
Job 12:11 Does not the ear test words just as the palate tastes its food?
Job 12:12 With aged men is wisdom; in length of days is understanding.
Job 12:13 With Yehowah are wisdom and might; he has counsel and understanding.
Job 12:14 See, he breaks down, and it cannot be built again; if he imprisons someone, there can be no release.
Job 12:15 See, if he withholds the waters, they dry up; and if he sends them out, they overwhelm the land.
Job 12:16 With him are strength and wisdom; people who are deceived and the deceiver are both in his power.
Job 12:17 He leads counselors away barefoot in sorrow; he turns judges into fools.
Job 12:18 He takes off the chain of authority from kings; he wraps a cloth about their waists.
Job 12:19 He leads priests away barefoot in sorrow and overthrows mighty people.
Job 12:20 He removes the speech of those who had been trusted and takes away the understanding of the elders.

Job 12:21 He pours contempt upon princes and unfastens the belt of strong people.
Job 12:22 He reveals deep things from darkness and brings out to light the shadows where dead people are.
Job 12:23 He makes ethnicities strong, and he also destroys them; He enlarges ethnicities, and he also leads them along as prisoners.
Job 12:24 He takes away understanding from the leaders of the people of the earth; he causes them to wander in a wilderness where there is no path.
Job 12:25 They grope in the dark without light; he makes them stagger like a drunk man.

Job Chapter 13

Job 13:1 See, my eye has seen all this; my ear has heard and understood it.
Job 13:2 What you know, the same I also know; I am not inferior to you.
Job 13:3 However, I would rather speak with the Most Powerful; I wish to reason with the Almighty.
Job 13:4 But you whitewash the truth with lies; you are all physicians of no value.
Job 13:5 Oh, that you would altogether hold your peace! That would be your wisdom.
Job 13:6 Hear now my own reasoning; listen to the pleading of my own lips.
Job 13:7 Will you speak unrighteously for the Almighty, and will you talk deceitfully for him?
Job 13:8 Would you really show kindness to him? Would you really argue in court as attorneys for the Almighty?
Job 13:9 Would it really be good for you when he searches you out? Could you deceive him as you might deceive men?
Job 13:10 He would surely reprove you, if in secret you showed partiality.
Job 13:11 Would not his majesty make you afraid? Would not his dread fall upon you?
Job 13:12 Your memorable sayings are proverbs made of ashes; your defenses are defenses made of clay.
Job 13:13 Hold your peace, let me alone, so that I may speak, let come what may on me.
Job 13:14 I will take my own flesh in my teeth; I will take my life in my hands.
Job 13:15 See, if he kills me, I will have no hope left; nevertheless, I will defend my Ways before him.
Job 13:16 This will be the reason for my acquittal, that I do not come before him like a hypocrite.
Job 13:17 Almighty, listen carefully to my speech; let my declaration come to your ears.
Job 13:18 See now, I have set my defense in order; I know that I am innocent.
Job 13:19 Who is the one who would argue against me in court? If you came to do so, and if I were proved wrong, then I would be silent and give up my life.
Job 13:20 Almighty, do only two things for me, and then I will not hide myself from your face:
Job 13:21 Withdraw your oppressive hand from me, and do not let your terrors make me afraid.
Job 13:22 Then call me, and I will answer; or let me speak to you, and you answer me.

Job 13:23 How many are my iniquities and sins? Let me know my transgression and my sin.
Job 13:24 Why do you hide your face from me and treat me like your enemy?
Job 13:25 Will you persecute a driven leaf? Will you pursue dry stubble?
Job 13:26 For you write down bitter things against me; you make me inherit the iniquities of my youth.
Job 13:27 You also put my feet in the stocks; you closely watch all my paths; you examine the ground where the soles of my feet have walked,
Job 13:28 although I am like a rotten thing that wastes away, like a garment that moths have eaten.

Job Chapter 14

Job 14:1 Man, who is born of woman, lives only a few days and is full of trouble.
Job 14:2 He sprouts from the ground like a flower and is cut down; he flees like a shadow and does not last.
Job 14:3 Do you look at any of these? Do you bring me into judgment with you?
Job 14:4 Who can bring something clean out of something unclean? No one.
Job 14:5 Man's days are determined. The number of his months is with you; you have appointed his limits that he cannot pass.
Job 14:6 Look away from him that he may rest, so that he may enjoy his day like a hired man, if he can do so.
Job 14:7 There can be hope for a tree; if it is cut down, it might sprout again, so that its tender stalk does not disappear.
Job 14:8 Though its root grows old in the earth, and its stump dies in the ground,
Job 14:9 yet even if it only smells water, it will bud and send out branches like a plant.
Job 14:10 But man dies; he becomes weak; indeed, man stops breathing, and then where is he?
Job 14:11 As water disappears from a lake, and as a river loses water and dries up,
Job 14:12 so people lie down and do not rise again. Until the heavens are no more, they will not awake nor be roused out of their sleep.
Job 14:13 Oh, that you would hide me away in the place of the dead away from troubles, and that you would keep me in private, until your wrath is over, that you would set me a fixed time to stay there and then call me to mind!
Job 14:14 If a man dies, will he live again? If so, I would wish to wait all my weary time there, until my release should come.
Job 14:15 You would call, and I would answer you. You would have a desire for the work of your hands.
Job 14:16 You would number and care for my footsteps; you would not keep track of my sin.
Job 14:17 My transgression would be sealed up in a bag; you would cover up my iniquity.
Job 14:18 But even mountains fall and come to nothing; even rocks are moved out of their place;
Job 14:19 the waters wear down the stones; their flooding washes away the dust of the earth. Like this, you destroy the hopes of man.
Job 14:20 You always defeat him, and he passes away; you change his face and send him away to die.

Job 14:21 If his sons are honored, he does not know it; and if they are brought low, he does not see it.
Job 14:22 He feels only the pain of his own body, and he mourns for himself.”

Job Chapter 15

Job 15:1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered,
Job 15:2 “Should a wise man answer with useless knowledge and fill himself with the east wind?
Job 15:3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk or with speeches with which he can do no good?
Job 15:4 Indeed, you diminish respect for the Almighty; you obstruct devotion to him,
Job 15:5 for your iniquity teaches your mouth; you choose to have the tongue of a crafty man.
Job 15:6 Your own mouth condemns you, not mine; indeed, your own lips testify against you.
Job 15:7 Are you the first man that was born? Were you brought into existence before the hills?
Job 15:8 Have you heard the secret knowledge of the Almighty? Do you limit wisdom to yourself?
Job 15:9 What do you know that we do not know? What do you understand that is not also in us?
Job 15:10 With us are both the gray-headed and the extremely aged men who are much older than your father.
Job 15:11 Are the consolations of the Almighty too small for you, the words that are gentle toward you?
Job 15:12 Why does your heart carry you away? Why do your eyes flash,
Job 15:13 so that you turn your spirit against the Almighty and bring out such words from your mouth?
Job 15:14 What is man that he should be clean? What is he who is born of a woman that he should be righteous?
Job 15:15 See, Yehowah puts no trust even in his set-apart ones; indeed, Heaven is not clean in his sight;
Job 15:16 how much less clean is one who is abominable and corrupt, a man who drinks iniquity like water!
Job 15:17 I will show you; listen to me; I will announce to you the things I have seen,
Job 15:18 the things that wise men have passed down from their fathers, the things that their ancestors did not hide.
Job 15:19 These were their ancestors, to whom alone the land was given, and among whom no foreigner ever passed.
Job 15:20 The wicked man twists in pain all his days, the number of years that are laid up for the oppressor to suffer.

Job 15:21 A sound of terrors is in his ears; while he is in prosperity, the destroyer will come upon him.
Job 15:22 He does not think that he will return out of darkness; the sword waits for him.
Job 15:23 He goes to various places for bread, asking, ‘Where is it?’ He knows that the day of darkness is at hand.
Job 15:24 Distress and anguish make him afraid; they prevail against him, as a king ready for battle.
Job 15:25 Because he has reached out with his hand against the Almighty and has behaved proudly against the Most Powerful,
Job 15:26 this wicked man runs at Yehowah with a stiff neck, with a thick convex shield.
Job 15:27 This is true, even though he has covered his face with his fat and gathered fat on his loins,
Job 15:28 and has lived in desolate cities; in houses which no man inhabits now, and which were ready to become heaps.
Job 15:29 He will not be rich; his wealth will not last; not even his shadow will last on the earth.
Job 15:30 He will not depart out of darkness; a flame will dry up his stalks; at the breath of the mouth of the Almighty he will go away.
Job 15:31 Let him not trust in useless things, deceiving himself; for uselessness will be his reward.
Job 15:32 It will happen before his time should come to die; his branch will not be green.
Job 15:33 He will drop his unripe grapes like a grapevine; he will cast off his flowers like the olive tree.
Job 15:34 For the company of hypocrites will be barren; fire will consume their tents of bribery.
Job 15:35 They conceive mischief and give birth to iniquity; their womb conceives deceit.”

Job Chapter 16

Job 16:1 Then Job answered,
Job 16:2 “I have heard many such things; you are all miserable comforters.
Job 16:3 Will useless words ever have an end? What is wrong with you that you answer like this?
Job 16:4 I also could speak as you do, if you were in my place; I could collect and join words together against you and shake my head at you in mockery.
Job 16:5 Oh, how I would encourage you with my mouth! How the comfort from my lips would lighten your grief!
Job 16:6 If I speak, my grief is not lessened; if I keep from speaking, how am I helped?
Job 16:7 But now, Almighty, you have made me weary; you have made all my family desolate.
Job 16:8 You have made me dry up, which itself is a witness against me; the leanness of my body rises up against me, and it testifies against my face.
Job 16:9 Yehowah has torn me in his wrath and persecuted me; He has gnashed me with his teeth; my enemy fastens his eyes on me as he tears me apart.
Job 16:10 People have gaped with open mouth at me; they have hit me reproachfully on the cheek; they have gathered together against me.
Job 16:11 The Almighty hands me over to wicked people, and throws me into the hands of wicked people.
Job 16:12 I was at ease, and he broke me apart. Indeed, he has taken me by the neck and dashed me to pieces; he has also set me up as his target.
Job 16:13 His archers surround me all around; Yehowah pierces my kidneys and does not spare me; he pours out my bile on the ground.
Job 16:14 He smashes through my wall again and again; he runs upon me like a Warrior.
Job 16:15 I have sewn sackcloth on my skin; I have thrust my horn into the ground.
Job 16:16 My face is red with weeping; on my eyelids is the shadow of death,
Job 16:17 although there is no violence in my hands, and my prayer is pure.
Job 16:18 Earth, do not cover up my blood; let my cry have no resting place.
Job 16:19 Even now, see, my witness is in Heaven; he who vouches for me is on high.
Job 16:20 My friends scoff at me, but my eye pours out tears to the Almighty.
Job 16:21 I ask for that witness in Heaven to argue for this man with the Almighty as a man does with his neighbor!
Job 16:22 For when a few years have passed, I will go to a place from where I will not return.

Job Chapter 17

Job 17:1 My spirit is consumed, and my days are over; the grave is ready for me.
Job 17:2 Surely, there are mockers with me; my eye must always see their provocation.
Job 17:3 Give now a pledge, be a guarantee for me with yourself; who else is there who will help me?
Job 17:4 For you, Yehowah, have kept their hearts from understanding; therefore, you will not exalt them over me.
Job 17:5 He who denounces his friends for a reward, the eyes of his children will fail.
Job 17:6 But he has made me a byword of the people; they spit in my face.
Job 17:7 My eye is also dim because of sorrow; all my body parts are as thin as shadows.
Job 17:8 Upright men will be stunned by this; the innocent man will stir himself up against hypocrites.
Job 17:9 The righteous man will keep to his Way; he who has clean hands will grow stronger and stronger.
Job 17:10 But as for you all, come on now; I will not find a wise man among you.
Job 17:11 My days are past; my plans are over, as are the wishes of my heart.
Job 17:12 These people, these mockers, change the night into day; light is near to darkness.
Job 17:13 Since I look at the place of the dead as my home; since I have spread my couch in the darkness;
Job 17:14 since I have said to the pit, ‘You are my father,’ and to the worm, ‘You are my mother or my sister.’
Job 17:15 Where then is my hope? As for my hope, who can see any?
Job 17:16 Will hope go down with me to the gates of the place of the dead, when we descend to the dust?”

Job Chapter 18

Job 18:1 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered,
Job 18:2 “When will you stop your talk? Consider, and afterwards we will speak.
Job 18:3 Why are we regarded as beasts; why have we become stupid in your sight?
Job 18:4 You who tear at yourself in your anger, should the earth be forsaken for you, or should the rocks be removed out of their places?
Job 18:5 Indeed, the light of the wicked person will be put out; the spark of his fire will not shine.
Job 18:6 The light will be dark in his tent; his lamp above him will be put out.
Job 18:7 The steps of his strength will be made short; his own plans will cast him down.
Job 18:8 For he will be thrown into a net by his own feet; he will walk into a pitfall.
Job 18:9 A trap will take him by the heel; a snare will lay hold on him.
Job 18:10 A noose is hidden for him on the ground; and a trap for him in the way.
Job 18:11 Terrors will make him afraid on every side; they will chase him at his heels.
Job 18:12 His wealth will turn into hunger, and calamity will be ready at his side.
Job 18:13 The parts of his body will be devoured; indeed, the firstborn of death will devour his parts.
Job 18:14 He is torn from the safety of his tent and marched off to the king of terrors.
Job 18:15 People not his own will live in his tent, after they see that sulfur is scattered within his home.
Job 18:16 His roots will be dried up beneath; above will his branch be cut off.
Job 18:17 His memory will perish from the earth; he will have no name in the street.
Job 18:18 He will be driven from light into darkness and be chased from this globe.
Job 18:19 He will have no son or grandson among his people, nor any remaining kinfolk where he had stayed.
Job 18:20 Those who live in the West will be horrified at what happens to him one day; those who live in the East will be frightened by it.
Job 18:21 Surely, such are the homes of unrighteous people, the places of those who do not know the Almighty.”

Job Chapter 19

Job 19:1 Then Job answered,
Job 19:2 “How long will you make me suffer and break me into pieces with words?
Job 19:3 These ten times you have reproached me; you are not ashamed that you have treated me harshly.
Job 19:4 If it is indeed true that I have erred, my error remains my own concern.
Job 19:5 If indeed you will exalt yourselves above me and use my humiliation against me,
Job 19:6 then you should know that the Almighty has done wrong to me and has caught me in his net.
Job 19:7 See, I cry out, “Violence!” but I get no answer. I call out for help, but there is no justice.
Job 19:8 He has walled up my Way, so that I cannot pass, and he has set darkness in my Path.
Job 19:9 He has stripped me of my glory, and he has taken the crown from my head.
Job 19:10 He has broken me down on every side, and I am gone; he has plucked up my hopes like a tree.
Job 19:11 He has also kindled his wrath against me; he regards me as one of his adversaries.
Job 19:12 His troops come on together; they cast up siege mounds against me and encamp around my tent.
Job 19:13 He has put my brothers far from me; my acquaintances are wholly alienated from me.
Job 19:14 My kinsfolk have failed me; my close friends have forgotten me.
Job 19:15 Those who once stayed as guests in my house and my female servants regard me as a foreigner; I am an alien in their sight.
Job 19:16 I call to my servant, but he gives me no answer, although I entreat him with my mouth.
Job 19:17 My breath is offensive to my wife; I am even disgusting to those who were born from my mother’s womb.
Job 19:18 Even young children despise me; if I rise to speak, they speak against me.
Job 19:19 All my familiar friends abhor me; those whom I love have turned against me.
Job 19:20 My bones cling to my skin and to my flesh; I survive only by the skin of my teeth.

Job 19:21 Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, my friends, for the hand of the Almighty has touched me.
Job 19:22 Why do you persecute me as if you were the Almighty? Why are you not satisfied with consuming my flesh?
Job 19:23 Oh, that my words were now written down! Oh, that they were inscribed in a Book!
Job 19:24 Oh, that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever!
Job 19:25 But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at last he will stand on the earth;
Job 19:26 after my skin, that is, this body, is destroyed, then in my flesh I will see the Almighty.
Job 19:27 I will see him myself; my eyes, and not someone else, will see him. My heart fails within me.
Job 19:28 If you say, 'How we will persecute him! The root of his troubles lies in him,'
Job 19:29 then be afraid of the sword, because wrath brings the punishment of the sword, so that you may know there is a Judgment."

Job Chapter 20

Job 20:1 Then Zophar the Naamathite answered,
Job 20:2 “My thoughts make me answer quickly because of the worry that is in me.
Job 20:3 I hear a rebuke that dishonors me, but a spirit from my understanding answers me.
Job 20:4 Do you not know this fact from ancient times, when Yehowah placed man on earth:
Job 20:5 The triumph of a wicked man is short, and the joy of a hypocrite lasts only for a moment?
Job 20:6 Though his height reaches up to the heavens, and his head reaches to the clouds,
Job 20:7 yet such a person will perish permanently like his own feces; those who have seen him will ask, ‘Where is he?’
Job 20:8 He will fly away like a dream and will not be found; indeed, he will be chased away like a vision of the night.
Job 20:9 The eye that saw him will see him no more; his place will see him no longer.
Job 20:10 His children will apologize to poor people; his hands will have to give back his wealth.
Job 20:11 His bones are full of youthful strength, but it will lie down with him in the dust.
Job 20:12 Although wickedness is sweet in his mouth, although he hides it under his tongue,
Job 20:13 although he holds it there and does not let it go but keeps it still in his mouth,
Job 20:14 the food in his intestines turns bitter; it becomes the poison of asps inside him.
Job 20:15 He swallows down riches, but he will vomit them up again; the Almighty will cast them out of his stomach.
Job 20:16 He will suck the poison of asps; the viper’s tongue will kill him.
Job 20:17 He will not enjoy the streams, the rivers of honey and butter.
Job 20:18 He will give back the fruit of his labor and will not be able to eat it; he will not enjoy the wealth earned by his commerce.
Job 20:19 For he has oppressed and neglected poor people; he has violently taken away houses that he did not build.
Job 20:20 Because he has known no satisfaction himself, he will not be able to save anything in which he takes pleasure.

Job 20:21 There is nothing left that he did not devour; therefore his prosperity will not be permanent.
Job 20:22 In the abundance of his wealth he will fall into trouble; the hand of everyone who is in poverty will come against him.
Job 20:23 When he is about to fill his stomach, Yehowah will throw the fierceness of his wrath on him; Yehowah will rain it down on him while he is eating.
Job 20:24 Although that man will flee from the iron weapon, a bow of bronze will shoot him.
Job 20:25 The arrow will pierce through his back and will emerge; indeed, the glittering point will come out through his liver; terrors come on him.
Job 20:26 Complete darkness is reserved for his treasures; a fire not fanned will devour him; it will consume what is left in his tent.
Job 20:27 The heavens will reveal his iniquity, and the earth will rise up against him as a witness.
Job 20:28 The wealth of his household will vanish; his goods will flow away on the Day of the wrath of the Almighty.
Job 20:29 This is the wicked man's portion from the Almighty, the heritage reserved for him by the Almighty."

Job Chapter 21

Job 21:1 Then Job answered,
Job 21:2 “Listen carefully to my words, and let this be the comfort you offer to me.
Job 21:3 Put up with me, and I also will speak; after I have spoken, mock on.
Job 21:4 As for me, is my complaint to a person? Why should I not be impatient?
Job 21:5 Look at me and be astonished, and lay your hand upon your mouth.
Job 21:6 When I think about my sufferings, I am terrified, and trembling seizes my body.
Job 21:7 Why do wicked people continue to live, become old, and grow mighty in power?
Job 21:8 Their descendants are established with them in their sight, and their offspring are established before their eyes.
Job 21:9 Their households are safe from fear; neither is the rod of the Almighty on them.
Job 21:10 Their bull breeds; it does not fail to do so; their cow gives birth and does not lose her calf prematurely.
Job 21:11 They send out their little ones like a flock, and their children dance.
Job 21:12 They sing to the tambourine and harp and rejoice with the music of the flute.
Job 21:13 They spend their days in prosperity, and they go down quietly to the place of the dead.
Job 21:14 They say to the Almighty, ‘Depart from us, for we do not wish any knowledge of your Ways.
Job 21:15 What is the Most Powerful, that we should worship him? What advantage would we get if we prayed to him?’
Job 21:16 See, is not their prosperity in their own hands? I have nothing to do with the advice of wicked people.
Job 21:17 How often is it that the lamp of wicked people is put out, or that their calamity comes upon them? How often does it happen that Yehowah distributes sorrows to them in his anger?
Job 21:18 How often is it that they become like stubble before the wind or like chaff that the storm carries away?
Job 21:19 You say, ‘The Almighty lays up one’s guilt for his children to pay.’ Let him pay it himself, so that he might know his guilt.
Job 21:20 Let his eyes see his own destruction, and let him drink of the wrath of the Most Powerful.
Job 21:21 For what does he care about his family after him, when the number of his months is cut off?

Job 21:22 Can anyone teach the Almighty knowledge, since he judges even those who are high?
Job 21:23 One man dies in his full strength, being completely quiet and at ease.
Job 21:24 His body is full of milk, and the marrow of his bones is moistened and in good health.
Job 21:25 Another man dies in bitterness of soul, one who has never experienced anything good.
Job 21:26 They lie down alike in the dust; the worms cover them both.
Job 21:27 See, I know your thoughts, and the ways in which you wish to wrong me.
Job 21:28 For you ask, 'Where now is the house of the prince? Where is the tent in which the wicked man once lived?'
Job 21:29 Have you never asked traveling people? Do you not know the evidence they can tell,
Job 21:30 that the wicked man is kept from the Day of calamity, and that he is led away from the Day of wrath?
Job 21:31 Who will condemn the wicked man's way to his face? Who will repay him for what he has done?
Job 21:32 Yet he will be borne to the grave; men will keep watch over his tomb.
Job 21:33 The clods of the valley will be sweet to him; all people will follow after him, as there were innumerable people before him.
Job 21:34 How then do you comfort me with nonsense, since in your answers there is nothing but falsehood?"

Job Chapter 22

Job 22:1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered,
Job 22:2 “Can a man be useful to the Almighty? Can a wise man be useful to him?
Job 22:3 Is it any pleasure to the Most Powerful if you are righteous? Is it gain to him if you make your Ways blameless?
Job 22:4 Is it because of your reverence for him that he rebukes you and takes you to judgment?
Job 22:5 Is not your wickedness great? Is there no end to your iniquities?
Job 22:6 For you have demanded guarantee of a loan from your brother for no reason, and you have stripped away clothing from the naked.
Job 22:7 You have not given water to weary people to drink; you have withheld bread from hungry people,
Job 22:8 although you, a mighty man, possessed the earth, although you, an honored man, lived in it.
Job 22:9 You have sent widows away empty; the arms of the fatherless have been broken.
Job 22:10 Therefore, snares are all around you, and sudden fear troubles you.
Job 22:11 There is darkness, so that you cannot see; an abundance of waters covers you.
Job 22:12 Is not the Almighty in the heights of Heaven? Look at the height of the stars, how high they are!
Job 22:13 You say, ‘What does the Almighty know? Can he judge through the thick darkness?
Job 22:14 Thick clouds are a covering to him, so that he does not see us; he walks on the circular vault of the heavens.’
Job 22:15 Will you keep the old way that wicked men have walked,
Job 22:16 those who were snatched away before their time, those whose foundations have washed away like a river,
Job 22:17 those who said to the Almighty, ‘Depart from us;’ those who asked, ‘What can the Most Powerful do to us?’
Job 22:18 Yet he filled their houses with good things; the plans of wicked people are far from me.
Job 22:19 Righteous people see their fate and are glad; innocent people laugh them to scorn.
Job 22:20 They say, ‘Surely those who rose up against us are cut off; fire has consumed their possessions.’
Job 22:21 Now agree with Yehowah and be at peace with him; in that Way, good will come to you.

Job 22:22 Receive, I beg you, law from his mouth; store up his words in your heart.
Job 22:23 If you return to the Most Powerful, you will be built up, if you put unrighteousness far away from your tents.
Job 22:24 Lay your treasure down in the dust, the gold of Ophir among the stones of the brooks,
Job 22:25 and the Most Powerful will be your treasure, precious silver to you.
Job 22:26 For then you will take pleasure in the Most Powerful; you will lift up your face to the Almighty.
Job 22:27 You will make your prayer to him, and he will hear you; you will pay your vows to him.
Job 22:28 You will also decree anything, and it will be confirmed for you; light will shine on your paths.
Job 22:29 Yehowah humbles a proud man, and he saves the one with lowered eyes.
Job 22:30 He will rescue a man who is innocent; you will be rescued through the cleanness of your hands.”

Job Chapter 23

Job 23:1 Then Job answered,
Job 23:2 “Even today my complaint is bitter; my hand is heavy because of my groaning.
Job 23:3 Oh, that I knew where I might find him! Oh, that I might come to his place!
Job 23:4 I would lay my case in order before him and fill my mouth with arguments.
Job 23:5 I would learn the words with which he would answer me and would understand what he would say to me.
Job 23:6 Would he argue against me in the greatness of his power? No, he would pay attention to me.
Job 23:7 There, the upright person might argue with him. In this way, I would be acquitted forever by my judge.
Job 23:8 See, I go eastward, but he is not there, and westward, but I cannot perceive him.
Job 23:9 To the north, where he is at work, but I cannot see him, and to the south, where he hides himself, so that I cannot see him.
Job 23:10 But he knows the Way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come out like gold.
Job 23:11 My foot has held fast to his steps; I have kept to his Way and turned not aside.
Job 23:12 I have not gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have treasured up in my heart the words of his mouth.
Job 23:13 But he is one of a kind, who can turn him back? What he desires, he does.
Job 23:14 For he carries out his decree against me; there are many like them.
Job 23:15 Therefore, I am terrified in his presence; when I think about him, I am afraid of him.
Job 23:16 For the Almighty has made my heart weak; the Most Powerful has terrified me.
Job 23:17 I have not been brought to an end by darkness, because of the thick darkness that covers the gloom of my face.

Job Chapter 24

Job 24:1 Why are times for judging wicked people not set by the Most Powerful? Why do not those who are faithful to Him see his days of judgment come?
Job 24:2 There are wicked people who remove boundary markers; there are wicked people who take away flocks by force and put them in their own pastures.
Job 24:3 They drive away the jack donkey of those without fathers; they take the widow's ox as security.
Job 24:4 They force needy people out of their path; poor people of the earth all hide themselves from them.
Job 24:5 See, these poor people go out to their work like wild donkeys in the wilderness, looking carefully for food; perhaps the Arabah will provide them food for their children.
Job 24:6 Poor people reap in the night in other people's fields; they glean grapes from the harvest of those wicked people.
Job 24:7 They lie naked all night without clothing; they have no covering in the cold.
Job 24:8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains; they lie next to large rocks, because they have no shelter.
Job 24:9 There are wicked people who pluck orphans from their mothers' breast, and wicked people who take children as security from poor people.
Job 24:10 But the poor people go about naked without clothing; although they go hungry, they carry others' sheaves of grain.
Job 24:11 The poor people make oil within the walls of those wicked men; they tread the wicked men's winepresses, but they themselves suffer thirst.
Job 24:12 In the city people groan; the wounded people cry out, but the Almighty pays no attention to their prayers.
Job 24:13 Some of these wicked people rebel against the light; they know not its Ways, nor do they stay in its Paths.
Job 24:14 Before daylight the murderer rises, and he kills poor and needy people; in the night he is like a thief.
Job 24:15 Also, the eye of the adulterer waits for dusk; he says, 'No eye will see me.' He disguises his face.
Job 24:16 In the darkness, wicked people dig into houses; but they shut themselves up in the daytime; they do not care for the light.
Job 24:17 For all of them, thick darkness is like dawn; for they are friends with the terrors of thick darkness.

Job 24:18 Swiftly they pass away, however, like foam on the surface of the waters; their portion of the land is cursed; no one goes to work in their vineyards.
Job 24:19 As drought and heat melt away the snow into waters, so the place of the dead takes away those who have sinned.
Job 24:20 The womb that bore him will forget him; the worm will feed sweetly on him; he will be remembered no more; in this way, wickedness will be broken like a tree.
Job 24:21 The wicked one devours the barren women who have not borne children; he does no good to the widow.
Job 24:22 Yet Yehowah drags away the stalwart people by his power; he rises up and does not strengthen them in life.
Job 24:23 Yehowah allows them to think they are secure, and they are happy about that, but his eyes are on their ways.
Job 24:24 These people are exalted; still, in only a little while, they will be gone; indeed, they will be brought low; they will be gathered up like all the others; they will be cut off like the tops of ears of grain.
Job 24:25 If it is not so, who can prove me to be a liar; who can make my speech worth nothing?”

Job Chapter 25

Job 25:1 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered,
Job 25:2 “Dominion and fear are with him; he makes peace in his high places of Heaven.
Job 25:3 Is there any end to the number of his armed forces? Upon whom does his light not shine?
Job 25:4 How then can man be righteous with the Almighty? How can he who is born of a woman be clean, acceptable to him?
Job 25:5 See, even the moon has no brightness to him; the stars are not pure in his sight.
Job 25:6 How much less man, who is a worm, a son of man, who is a crimson grub!”

Job Chapter 26

Job 26:1 Then Job answered,
Job 26:2 “How you have helped one who has no power! How you have saved the arm that has no strength!
Job 26:3 How you have advised one who has no wisdom and announced to him sound knowledge!
Job 26:4 With whose help have you spoken these words? Whose spirit was it that came out from you?
Job 26:5 The dead are made to tremble, those who are beneath the waters and all who dwell in them.
Job 26:6 The place of the dead is naked before Yehowah; destruction itself has no covering against him.
Job 26:7 He stretches out the north over emptiness, and he hangs the earth over nothing.
Job 26:8 He binds up the waters in his thick clouds, but the thunderclouds are not torn under them.
Job 26:9 He covers the surface of his throne and spreads his thundercloud on it.
Job 26:10 He has engraved a circular horizon on the surface of the waters as the line between light and darkness.
Job 26:11 The pillars of Heaven tremble and are astonished at his rebuke.
Job 26:12 He calmed the sea with his power (Mark 4:39); by his understanding he shattered the proud.
Job 26:13 By his breath he made the skies clear; his hand pierced the fleeing serpent.
Job 26:14 See, these are but the fringes of his Ways; how small a whisper do we hear of him! Who can understand the thunder of his power?”

Job Chapter 27

Job 27:1 Job resumed speaking,
Job 27:2 “As surely as the Almighty lives, who has taken away my justice, the Most Powerful, who made my life bitter,
Job 27:3 while my life is yet in me, and the Ruach of the Almighty is in my nostrils, this is what I will do:
Job 27:4 My lips will not speak wickedness, neither will my tongue speak deceit;
Job 27:5 I will never admit that you three are right; until I die, I will never deny my integrity.
Job 27:6 I hold fast to my righteousness and will not let it go; my thoughts will not reproach me so long as I live.
Job 27:7 Let my enemy be like a wicked man; let him who rises up against me be like an unrighteous man.
Job 27:8 For what is the hope of a hypocrite when the Almighty cuts him off and takes away his life?
Job 27:9 Will the Almighty hear his cry when trouble comes upon him?
Job 27:10 Will he delight himself in the Most Powerful and call upon the Almighty at all times?
Job 27:11 I will teach you concerning the hand of the Almighty; I will not conceal the thoughts of the Most Powerful.
Job 27:12 See, all of you have seen this yourselves; why then have you spoken all this nonsense?
Job 27:13 This is the destiny of a wicked man with the Almighty, the heritage of the oppressor that he receives from the Most Powerful:
Job 27:14 If his children multiply, it is for the sword; his offspring will never have enough food.
Job 27:15 Those who survive him will be buried by plague, and their widows will make no lament for them.
Job 27:16 Though the wicked man heaps up silver like the dust and heaps up clothing like clay,
Job 27:17 he may heap up clothing, but righteous people will put it on, and innocent people will divide up the silver-currency among themselves.
Job 27:18 He builds his house like a spider, like a hut that a guard makes.
Job 27:19 He lies down in bed rich, but he will not keep doing so; he opens his eyes, and everything is gone.
Job 27:20 Terrors overtake him like waters; a storm takes him away in the night.
Job 27:21 The east wind carries him away, and he leaves; it sweeps him out of his place.

Job 27:22 It throws itself at him and does not stop; he tries to flee out of its hand.
Job 27:23 It claps its hands at him in mockery; it whistles him out of his place.

Job Chapter 28

Job 28:1 Surely there is a mine for silver, a place where they refine gold.
Job 28:2 Iron is taken out of the earth; copper is smelted out of the stone.
Job 28:3 A man sets an end to darkness and searches out, to the farthest limit, the stones in obscurity and thick darkness.
Job 28:4 He breaks open a shaft away from where people live, places that are forgotten by anyone's foot. He hangs far away from people; he swings to and fro.
Job 28:5 As for the earth, out of which comes bread, it is turned up below as if by fire.
Job 28:6 Its stones are the place where sapphires are found, and its dust contains gold.
Job 28:7 No bird of prey knows the path to it, nor has the falcon's eye seen it.
Job 28:8 The proud animals have not walked such a path, nor has the fierce lion passed there.
Job 28:9 A man lays his hand on the flinty rock; he overturns mountains by their roots.
Job 28:10 He cuts out channels among the rocks; his eye sees every valuable thing there.
Job 28:11 He ties up the streams, so they do not run; what is hidden there he brings out to the light.
Job 28:12 Where will wisdom be found? Where is the place of understanding?
Job 28:13 Man does not know its price; neither is it found in the land of the living.
Job 28:14 The deep waters under the earth say, 'It is not in me;' the sea says, 'It is not with me.'
Job 28:15 It cannot be gotten for gold; neither can silver-currency be weighed as its price.
Job 28:16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with precious onyx or sapphire.
Job 28:17 Gold and crystal cannot equal it in worth; neither can it be exchanged for jewels of fine gold.
Job 28:18 No mention is worth making of coral or jasper; indeed, the price of wisdom is more than rubies.
Job 28:19 The topaz of Cush does not equal it; neither can it be valued in terms of pure gold.
Job 28:20 From where, then, comes wisdom? Where is the place of understanding?

Job 28:21 Wisdom is hidden from the eyes of all living things and is kept hidden from the birds of the sky.
Job 28:22 Destruction and Death say, ‘We have heard just a rumor about it with our ears.’
Job 28:23 The Almighty understands the Way to it; he knows its place.
Job 28:24 For he looks to the extremities of the earth and sees under all the heavens.
Job 28:25 He made the force of the wind and parceled out the waters by measure.
Job 28:26 He made a decree for the rain and a way for the lightning of the thunder.
Job 28:27 Then he saw wisdom and announced it; he established it, indeed, and he examined it.
Job 28:28 To people he said, ‘See, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; to depart from evil is understanding.’”

Job Chapter 29

Job 29:1 Job resumed speaking,
Job 29:2 “Oh, that I were as I was in the past months when the Almighty cared for me,
Job 29:3 when his lamp shined on my head, and when I walked through darkness by his light.
Job 29:4 Oh, that I were as I was in the ripeness of my days when the friendship of the Almighty was on my tent,
Job 29:5 when the Most Powerful was yet with me, and my children were around me,
Job 29:6 when my way was covered with cream, and the rock poured out for me streams of oil!
Job 29:7 When I went out to the city gate, when I sat in my place in the city square,
Job 29:8 the young men saw me and kept their distance from me in respect, and the aged people rose and stood for me.
Job 29:9 The princes used to refrain from talking when I came; they would lay their hand on their mouths.
Job 29:10 The voices of the noblemen were hushed, and their tongue clung to the roof of their mouths.
Job 29:11 For after their ears heard me, they would then bless me; after their eyes saw me, they would then give witness to me and approve of me,
Job 29:12 because I rescued the one who was poor when he cried out, and the one who had no father when he had no one to help him.
Job 29:13 The blessing of him who was about to perish came on me; I caused the widow’s heart to sing for joy.
Job 29:14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my justice was like a robe and a turban.
Job 29:15 I was eyes to blind people; I was feet to lame people.
Job 29:16 I was a father to needy people; I would examine the case even of one whom I did not know.
Job 29:17 I broke the jaws of the unrighteous man; I plucked the victim out from between his teeth.
Job 29:18 Then I said, ‘I will die in my nest; I will multiply my days like the grains of sand.
Job 29:19 My roots are spread out to the waters, and dew lies all night on my branches.
Job 29:20 The honor in me is always fresh, and the bow of my strength is always new in my hand.’

Job 29:21 To me men listened; they waited for me; they stayed silent to hear my advice.
Job 29:22 After my words were done, they did not speak again; my speech dropped like water on them.
Job 29:23 They always waited for me as they waited for rain; they opened their mouth wide to drink in my words, as they would do for the spring rain.
Job 29:24 I smiled on them when they did not expect it; they did not reject the light of my face.
Job 29:25 I selected their way and sat as their chief; I lived like a king in his military force, like one who comforts mourners.

Job Chapter 30

Job 30:1 Now those who are younger than I have nothing but mockery for me, these young men whose fathers I would have refused to allow to work beside the dogs of my flock.
Job 30:2 Indeed, the strength of their fathers' hands, how could it have helped me, men in whom the strength of their mature age had perished?
Job 30:3 They were thin from poverty and hunger; they gnawed at the dry ground in the darkness of wilderness and desolation.
Job 30:4 They plucked saltwort and bushes' leaves; the roots of the broom tree were their food.
Job 30:5 They were driven out from among people who shouted after them, as one would shout after a thief.
Job 30:6 So they had to live in river valleys, in holes of the earth and of the rocks.
Job 30:7 Among the bushes they brayed like donkeys; under the bushes they gathered together.
Job 30:8 They were the sons of fools, indeed, sons of nameless people! They were driven out of the land with whips.
Job 30:9 But now, for their sons I have become their subject for a song of mockery; indeed, I am now a joke to them.
Job 30:10 They abhor me and stand far off from me; they do not refrain from spitting in my face.
Job 30:11 For Yehowah has unstrung the string to my bow and has afflicted me, and so these people lose all self-control in front of me.
Job 30:12 Upon my right hand rise the rabble; they drive me away and pile up against me their siege mounds.
Job 30:13 They destroy my Path; they push forward disaster for me, men who have no one to hold them back.
Job 30:14 They come against me like a military force through a wide hole in a city wall; in the midst of the destruction they roll themselves in on me.
Job 30:15 Terrors are turned upon me; my honor is driven away as if by the wind; my prosperity passes away as a cloud.
Job 30:16 Now my life is pouring out from within me; many days of suffering have laid hold on me.
Job 30:17 In the night, my bones in me are pierced; the pains that gnaw at me take no rest.
Job 30:18 The great force of the Almighty has seized my clothing; it wraps around me like the collar of my tunic.
Job 30:19 He has thrown me into the mud; I have become like dust and ashes.

Job 30:20 I cry to you, but you do not answer me; I stand up, and you merely look at me.
Job 30:21 You have changed and become cruel to me; with the strength of your hand you persecute me.
Job 30:22 You lift me up to the wind and cause it to drive me along; you throw me back and forth in a storm.
Job 30:23 For I know that you will bring me to death, to the house destined for all living things.
Job 30:24 However, does no one reach out with his hand to beg for help when he falls? Does no one in trouble call out for help?
Job 30:25 Did not I weep for him who was in trouble? Did I not grieve for the needy man?
Job 30:26 When I looked for good, then evil came; when I waited for light, darkness came instead.
Job 30:27 My heart is troubled and does not rest; days of affliction have come on me.
Job 30:28 I go about with darkened skin but not because of the sun; I stand up in the congregation and cry for help.
Job 30:29 I am a brother to jackals, a companion of ostriches.
Job 30:30 My skin is black and falls away from me; my bones are burned with heat.
Job 30:31 Therefore, my harp is tuned for songs of mourning, my flute for the singing of those who wail.

Job Chapter 31

Job 31:1 I have made a covenant with my eyes; how then should I look with desire on a virgin?
Job 31:2 For what is the portion from the Almighty above, the inheritance from the Most Powerful on high?
Job 31:3 I used to think that calamity is for unrighteous people, and that disaster is for doers of wickedness.
Job 31:4 Does not Yehowah see my Ways and count all my steps?
Job 31:5 If I have walked with falsehood, if my foot has hurried to deceit,
Job 31:6 let me be weighed in an even balance, so that the Almighty will know my integrity.
Job 31:7 If my step has turned out of the right Way, if my heart has walked after my eyes, if any spot of impurity has clung to my hands,
Job 31:8 then let me sow and let another eat; indeed, let the harvest be uprooted out of my field.
Job 31:9 If my heart has been attracted to another woman, if I have lain in wait at my neighbor's door for his wife,
Job 31:10 then let my wife grind grain for another man, and let other men have sex with her.
Job 31:11 For that would be a terrible crime; indeed, it would be a capital crime to be punished by judges.
Job 31:12 For that is a fire that consumes everything for the place of the dead, and that would burn up all my harvest.
Job 31:13 If I ignored the plea for justice from my male or female servant when they argued with me,
Job 31:14 what then would I do when the Almighty rises up to accuse me? When he comes to judge me, how would I answer him?
Job 31:15 Did the One who made me in the womb not make them also? Did not the same One mold us all in the womb?
Job 31:16 If I have withheld poor people from their desire, or if I have caused the eyes of the widow to grow dim from crying,
Job 31:17 or if I have eaten my morsel alone and not allowed those without fathers to eat it also,
Job 31:18 because from my youth the orphan grew up with me as with a father, and I have guided his mother, a widow, from my own mother's womb.
Job 31:19 If I have seen anyone perish for lack of clothing, or if I have seen that a needy man had no clothing;
Job 31:20 if his heart has not blessed me, because he has not been warmed with the wool of my sheep,

Job 31:21 if I have lifted up my hand against fatherless people, because I saw my support in the city gate, then bring charges against me!
Job 31:22 If I have done these things, then let my shoulder fall from the shoulder blade, and let my arm be broken from its joint.
Job 31:23 For I dreaded destruction from the Almighty; because of the thought of his majesty, I could not have done those things.
Job 31:24 If I have made gold my hope, and if I have said to fine gold, 'You are what I am confident in;'
Job 31:25 if I have rejoiced because my wealth was great, because my hand had gotten many possessions, then bring charges against me!
Job 31:26 If I have seen the sun when it shone, or the moon walking in its brightness,
Job 31:27 and if my heart has been secretly attracted, so that my mouth has kissed my hand in worship of them,
Job 31:28 this also would be a capital crime to be punished by judges, for I would have denied the Almighty who is above.
Job 31:29 If I have rejoiced at the destruction of anyone who hated me or congratulated myself when disaster overtook him, then bring charges against me!
Job 31:30 Indeed, I have not even allowed my mouth to sin by asking for his life with a curse.
Job 31:31 If the men of my tent have never asked, 'Who can find one who has not been filled with Job's food?'
Job 31:32 Even the sojourning foreigner has never had to stay in the city square, because I have always opened my doors to the traveler, and if that is not so, then bring charges against me!
Job 31:33 If, like mankind, I have hidden my sins by hiding my guilt inside my chest,
Job 31:34 because I feared the great multitude, because the contempt of families terrified me, so that I kept silent and would not go outside, then bring charges against me!
Job 31:35 Oh, if only I had Someone to hear me! See, here is my signature (a Tav; Eze. 9:4; Rev. 7:3-4); let the Most Powerful answer me! If only I had the indictment that my opponent has written!
Job 31:36 Surely, I would carry it openly on my shoulder; I would put it on like a crown.
Job 31:37 I would declare to him an accounting for my steps; as a confident prince I would go up to him.
Job 31:38 If my land ever cries out against me, and its furrows weep together,
Job 31:39 if I have eaten its harvest without paying for it or have caused its owners to lose their lives,

**Job 31:40 then let thorns grow instead of wheat and weeds instead of barley.”
The words of Job are finished.**

Job Chapter 32

Job 32:1 So these three men stopped answering Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.
Job 32:2 Then was kindled the anger of Elihu son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram; it was kindled against Job, because he justified himself rather than the Almighty.
Job 32:3 Elihu's anger was also kindled against his three friends, because they had found no answer to Job, and yet they had condemned Job.
Job 32:4 Now Elihu had waited to speak to Job, because the other men were older than he.
Job 32:5 However, when Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouths of these three men, his anger was kindled.
Job 32:6 Then Elihu son of Barachel the Buzite spoke up, "I am young, and you are ancient. That is why I held back and did not dare to tell you my own opinion."
Job 32:7 I said, "Length of days should speak; a multitude of years should teach wisdom.
Job 32:8 But there is a spirit in a man; the breath of the Most Powerful gives him understanding.
Job 32:9 It is not only the great people who are wise, nor the aged people alone who understand justice.
Job 32:10 Therefore, I say to you, 'Listen to me; I will also tell you my knowledge.'
Job 32:11 See, I waited for your words; I listened to your arguments while you were thinking about what to say.
Job 32:12 Indeed, I paid attention to you, but see, there was not one of you who could convince Job or who could respond to his words.
Job 32:13 Be careful not to say, 'We have found wisdom!' The Almighty will have to defeat Job; mere man cannot do it.
Job 32:14 For Job has not directed his words against me, so I will not answer him with your words.
Job 32:15 These three men are dumbfounded; they can answer Job no longer; they have not a word more to say.
Job 32:16 Should I wait because they are not speaking, because they stand there silent and answer no more?
Job 32:17 No, I also will answer on my part; I will also tell them my knowledge.
Job 32:18 For I am full of words; the spirit in me compels me.
Job 32:19 See, my breast is like fermenting wine that has no vent; like new wineskins, it is ready to burst.

Job 32:20 I will speak, so that I may be refreshed; I will open my lips and answer.
Job 32:21 I will not show favoritism; neither will I give honorific titles to any man.
Job 32:22 For I do not know how to give such titles; if I did so, my Maker would soon take me away.

Job Chapter 33

Job 33:1 So now, Job, I beg you, hear my speech; listen to all my words.
Job 33:2 See now, I have opened my mouth; my tongue has spoken in my mouth.
Job 33:3 My words will speak the uprightness of my heart; what my lips know, they will speak sincerely.
Job 33:4 The Ruach of the Almighty has made me; the breath of the Most Powerful has given me life.
Job 33:5 If you can, answer me; set your words in order before me and stand up.
Job 33:6 See, I am just as you are in the sight of the Almighty; I also have been formed out of the clay.
Job 33:7 See, terror of me will not make you afraid; neither will my pressure be heavy upon you.
Job 33:8 You have certainly spoken in my hearing; I have heard the sound of your words saying,
Job 33:9 'I am clean and without transgression; I am innocent, and there is no sin in me.
Job 33:10 See, Yehowah finds opportunities to attack me; he regards me as his enemy.
Job 33:11 He puts my feet in stocks; he watches all my paths.'
Job 33:12 See, in this you are not right, I will answer you, for the Almighty is greater than man.
Job 33:13 Why do you struggle against him? He does not account for any of his doings.
Job 33:14 For the Almighty speaks once, yes, twice, though man does not notice it.
Job 33:15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, in slumber on the bed,
Job 33:16 then Yehowah opens the ears of men and frightens them with threats,
Job 33:17 in order to pull man back from his sinful purposes and keep pride from him.
Job 33:18 Yehowah keeps man's life back from the pit, his life from crossing over to death.
Job 33:19 Man is punished also with pain on his bed, with constant agony in his bones,
Job 33:20 so that his life abhors food, and his soul abhors delicacies.
Job 33:21 His flesh is consumed away, so that it cannot be seen; his bones, once not seen, now stick out.
Job 33:22 Indeed, his soul draws close to the pit, his life to those who wish to destroy it.

Job 33:23 But if there is an angel who can be a mediator for him, a mediator, one from among the thousands of angels, to show him what is right to do,
Job 33:24 and if the angel is kind to him and says to Yehowah, ‘Save this person from going down to the pit; I have found a ransom for him,’
Job 33:25 then his flesh will become fresher than a child’s; he will return to the days of his youthful strength.
Job 33:26 He will pray to the Almighty, and the Almighty will be kind to him, so that he sees the face of the Almighty with joy. The Almighty will give the person his righteousness.
Job 33:27 Then that person will sing in front of other people, ‘I sinned and perverted that which was right, but my sin was not punished.
Job 33:28 Yehowah has rescued my soul from going down into the pit; my life will continue to see light.’
Job 33:29 See, the Almighty does all these things with a person, twice, yes, even three times,
Job 33:30 to bring his soul back from the pit, so that he may be enlightened with the light of life.
Job 33:31 Pay attention, Job, and listen to me; be silent, and I will speak.
Job 33:32 If you have anything to say, answer me; speak, for I wish to prove that you are in the right.
Job 33:33 If not, then listen to me; remain silent, and I will teach you wisdom.”

Job Chapter 34

Job 34:1 Moreover, Elihu continued to speak:
Job 34:2 “Listen to my words, you wise men; hear me, you who have knowledge.
Job 34:3 For the ear tries words as the palate tastes food.
Job 34:4 Let us choose for ourselves what is just: Let us discover among ourselves what is good.
Job 34:5 For Job has said, ‘I am righteous, but the Almighty has taken away my rights.
Job 34:6 Regardless of my rights, I am considered to be a liar. My wound is incurable, although I am without sin.’
Job 34:7 What man is like Job, who drinks up mockery like water,
Job 34:8 who goes around in the company of those who do evil, and who walks with wicked men?
Job 34:9 For he has said, ‘It is no use to a person to take pleasure in doing what the Almighty wants.’
Job 34:10 So listen to me, you men of understanding: Far be it from the Almighty that he should do wickedness; far be it from the Most Powerful that he should commit sin.
Job 34:11 For he pays back a person’s work; he makes every man come upon the reward of his own ways.
Job 34:12 Indeed, the Almighty does nothing wicked, nor does the Most Powerful ever pervert justice.
Job 34:13 Who put him in charge over the earth? Who put the whole globe under him?
Job 34:14 If he ever set his intentions only on himself, and if he ever gathered back to himself his Ruach and his breath,
Job 34:15 then all flesh would perish together; mankind would return to dust again.
Job 34:16 If now you have understanding, listen to this; listen to the sound of my words.
Job 34:17 Can one who hates justice govern? Will you condemn Yehowah, who is righteous and mighty?
Job 34:18 Yehowah, who says to a king, ‘You are vile,’ or says to nobles, ‘You are wicked.’
Job 34:19 Yehowah, who does not show favoritism to leaders and does not acknowledge rich people more than poor, for they all are the work of his hands.
Job 34:20 In a moment they will die; at midnight, people will be shaken and will pass away; mighty people will be taken away but not by human hands.

Job 34:21 For the eyes of the Almighty are upon a person's ways; he sees all his steps.
Job 34:22 There is no darkness, no thick gloom where the doers of iniquity may hide themselves.
Job 34:23 For the Almighty does not need to examine a person further; there is no need for any person to go before Him in judgment.
Job 34:24 He breaks mighty men into pieces for their ways that need no further investigation; he puts others in their places.
Job 34:25 In this way, he has knowledge of their deeds; he overthrows these people in the night; they are destroyed.
Job 34:26 In the open sight of others, he executes them for their wicked deeds like criminals,
Job 34:27 because they turned away from following him and refused to acknowledge any of his Ways.
Job 34:28 In this way, they made the cry of poor people come to him; he heard the cry of afflicted people.
Job 34:29 When he stays silent, who can condemn him? If he hides his face, who can perceive him? He rules over ethnicities and individual alike,
Job 34:30 so that a hypocrite may not rule, so that there may be no one to entrap people.
Job 34:31 Suppose someone says to the Almighty, 'I am certainly guilty, but I will not sin any longer;
Job 34:32 teach me what I cannot see; I have committed sin, but I will do it no longer.'
Job 34:33 Do you think that Yehowah will punish that person's sin, since you dislike what Yehowah does? You must choose, not I. So say what it is that you know.
Job 34:34 Men of understanding will say to me, indeed, every wise man who hears me will say,
Job 34:35 'Job speaks without knowledge; his words are without wisdom.'
Job 34:36 If only Job were put on trial in the smallest details of his case because of his talking like wicked men.
Job 34:37 For he adds rebellion to his sin; he claps his hands in mockery in our midst; he piles up words against the Almighty."

Job Chapter 35

Job 35:1 Moreover, Elihu continued,
Job 35:2 “Do you think this is just when you say, ‘My right before the Almighty?’
Job 35:3 For you ask, ‘What use is it to me?’ and, ‘Would I be better off if I had sinned?’
Job 35:4 I will answer you, both you and your friends.
Job 35:5 Look up at the sky and see it; see the sky, which is higher than you.
Job 35:6 If you have sinned, what harm do you do to Yehowah? If your transgressions pile up high, what do you do to him?
Job 35:7 If you are righteous, what can you give to him? What will he receive from your hand?
Job 35:8 Your wickedness may hurt a man, as you are a man, and your righteousness might benefit another son of man.
Job 35:9 Because of many acts of oppression, people cry out; they call for help from the arms of mighty men.
Job 35:10 But no one asks, ‘Where is the Almighty my Maker, who gives songs in the night,
Job 35:11 who teaches us more than he teaches the beasts of the earth, and who makes us wiser than the birds of the sky?’
Job 35:12 There they cry out, but Yehowah gives no answer because of the pride of evil men.
Job 35:13 The Almighty will certainly not hear a foolish cry; the Most Powerful will pay no attention to it.
Job 35:14 How much less will he answer you if you say that you do not see him, that your case is before him, and that you are waiting for him!
Job 35:15 How much less will he answer you, if you say that he never punishes anyone in anger, and that he is not overly concerned about people’s pride.
Job 35:16 So Job opens his mouth only to speak foolishness; he piles up words without knowledge.”

Job Chapter 36

Job 36:1 Elihu continued on,
Job 36:2 “Permit me to speak a little longer, and I will show you some things, because I have a little more to say in defense of the Almighty.
Job 36:3 I will obtain my knowledge from far off; I will acknowledge that righteousness belongs to my Maker.
Job 36:4 For indeed, my words will not be false; someone who is mature in knowledge is with you.
Job 36:5 See, the Almighty is powerful, and despises no one; he is mighty in strength of understanding.
Job 36:6 He does not preserve the life of wicked people but instead does what is right for those who suffer.
Job 36:7 He does not withdraw his eyes from righteous people but instead sets them on thrones like kings forever, and they are lifted up.
Job 36:8 If they are bound in chains and trapped in cords of suffering,
Job 36:9 then he reveals to them what they have done and their transgressions and their pride.
Job 36:10 He also opens their ears to his instruction and commands them to turn back from iniquity.
Job 36:11 If they listen to him and worship him, they will spend their days in prosperity, their years in contentment.
Job 36:12 However, if they do not listen, they will perish by the sword; they will die because they have no knowledge.
Job 36:13 Those who are hypocrites in heart store up their anger; they do not cry out for help even when Yehowah ties them up.
Job 36:14 They die in their youth; their lives end among the male cultic prostitutes.
Job 36:15 Yehowah rescues afflicted people by means of their afflictions; he opens their ears by means of their oppression.
Job 36:16 Indeed, he would like to draw you out of distress into a broad place where there is no hardship, and where your table would be set with food full of fatness.
Job 36:17 But you are full of judgment on wicked people; judgment and justice have laid hold of you.
Job 36:18 Do not let your anger entice you to mockery, or the greatness of a ransom to turn you aside.
Job 36:19 Can your wealth benefit you, so that you will not be in distress, or can all the force of your strength help you?

Job 36:20 Do not desire the night, to commit sin against others, when people are cut off in their place.
Job 36:21 Be careful that you do not turn to sin, because you are being tested by suffering, so that you will stay away from sinning.
Job 36:22 See, the Almighty is exalted in his power; who is a teacher like him?
Job 36:23 Who has ever instructed him about his Way? Who can ever say to him, 'You have committed unrighteousness?'
Job 36:24 Remember to praise his deeds, of which people have sung.
Job 36:25 All people have looked on those deeds, but they see those deeds only from far away.
Job 36:26 See, the Almighty is great, but we do not understand him well; the number of his years is incalculable.
Job 36:27 For he draws up the drops of water that he distills as rain from his vapor,
Job 36:28 which the clouds pour down and drop in abundance on mankind.
Job 36:29 Indeed, can anyone understand the extensive spread of the clouds and the thunder from his shelter?
Job 36:30 See, he spreads his lightning around him and covers the roots of the sea.
Job 36:31 In this Way, he judges the people and gives food in abundance.
Job 36:32 He fills his hands with the lightning, until he commands it to strike its mark.
Job 36:33 Its thunder warns of the storm, the livestock can also hear it is coming.

Job Chapter 37

Job 37:1 Indeed, my heart trembles at this; it is moved out of its place.
Job 37:2 Hear, oh, hear the noise of his voice, the sound that goes out from his mouth.
Job 37:3 He sends it out under the whole sky, and he sends out his lightning to the borders of the earth.
Job 37:4 A voice roars after it; he thunders with the voice of his majesty; he does not restrain the lightning bolts when his voice is heard.
Job 37:5 The Almighty thunders marvelously with his voice; he does great things that we cannot comprehend.
Job 37:6 For he says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth;' likewise to the rain shower, 'Become a downpour of rain.'
Job 37:7 He stops the hand of every man from working, so that all people whom he has made may see his deeds.
Job 37:8 Then the beasts go into hiding and stay in their dens.
Job 37:9 The storm comes from its chamber in the south and the cold from the scattering winds in the north.
Job 37:10 By the breath of the Almighty, ice is given; the expanse of the waters is frozen like metal.
Job 37:11 Indeed, he weighs down the thick cloud with moisture; he scatters his lightning through the clouds.
Job 37:12 He swirls the clouds around by his guidance, so that they may do whatever he commands them above the surface of the whole globe.
Job 37:13 He makes all of this happen; sometimes it happens for correction, sometimes for his land, and sometimes as acts of covenant faithfulness.
Job 37:14 Listen to this, Job; stop and think about the marvelous deeds of the Almighty.
Job 37:15 Do you know how the Almighty forces his will on the clouds and makes the lightning bolts to flash in them?
Job 37:16 Do you understand the floating of the clouds, the marvelous deeds of Him who is perfect in knowledge?
Job 37:17 Do you understand how your garments become hot when the land is still, because the wind comes from the south?
Job 37:18 Can you spread out the sky as he can, the sky, which is as strong as a mirror of cast bronze?
Job 37:19 Teach us what we should say to him, for we cannot lay out our arguments in order because of the darkness of our minds.
Job 37:20 Should he be told that I wish to speak with him? Would a person wish to be swallowed up?

Job 37:21 Now people cannot look at the sun when it is bright in the sky, after the wind has passed through and has cleared it of its clouds.
Job 37:22 Out of the north comes golden splendor, over the Almighty is fearsome majesty.
Job 37:23 As for the Most Powerful, we cannot find him! He is great in power; he does not oppress justice and abundant righteousness.
Job 37:24 Therefore, people fear him. He does not pay any attention to those who are wise in their own minds.”

Job Chapter 38

Job 38:1 Then Yehowah called to Job out of a fierce storm and inquired,
Job 38:2 “Who is this who brings darkness to plans by means of words without knowledge?
Job 38:3 Now gird up your loins like a man, for I will ask you questions, and you must answer me.
Job 38:4 Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundations? Tell me, if you have so much understanding.
Job 38:5 Who determined its dimensions? Tell me, if you know. Who stretched the measuring line over it?
Job 38:6 On what were its foundations laid? Who laid its cornerstone,
Job 38:7 when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of the Almighty shouted for joy?
Job 38:8 Who shut up the sea with doors when it burst out, as if it had come out of the womb,
Job 38:9 when I made clouds its clothing, and thick darkness its swaddling bands?
Job 38:10 That was when I marked out for the sea my boundary, and when I placed its bars and doors,
Job 38:11 and when I commanded it, ‘You may come this far, but no farther; here is where I will put a boundary to the pride of your waves.’
Job 38:12 Have you ever, since your own days began, given orders to the dawn to begin, and caused daybreak to know its place in the scheme of things,
Job 38:13 so that it might take hold of the pinnacles of the earth, so that wicked people might be shaken out of it?
Job 38:14 The earth is changed in appearance like clay changes under a seal; all things on it stand out clearly like the folds of a piece of clothing.
Job 38:15 From wicked people their ‘light’ is taken away; their uplifted arm is broken.
Job 38:16 Have you gone to the sources of the waters of the sea? Have you walked in the lowest parts of the deep?
Job 38:17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you? Have you seen the gates of the shadow of death?
Job 38:18 Have you understood the earth in its expanse? Tell me, if you know it all.
Job 38:19 Where is the way to the resting place of light, as for darkness, where is its place?
Job 38:20 Can you lead light and darkness to their places of work? Can you find the way back to their houses for them?

Job 38:21 Undoubtedly you know, for you were born then; the number of your days is so large!
Job 38:22 Have you entered the storehouses for the snow, or have you seen the storehouses for the hail,
Job 38:23 these things that I have kept for times of trouble, for days of battle and war?
Job 38:24 What is the path to where the lightning bolts are distributed, or to where the winds are scattered from the east over the earth?
Job 38:25 Who has created the channels for the floods of rain, or who has made the routes for the outbursts of thunder,
Job 38:26 to cause it to rain on lands where no person exists, and on the wilderness, in which there is no one,
Job 38:27 in order to meet the needs of barren and lonely regions, and to make the tender grass sprout up?
Job 38:28 Is there a father of the rain? Who has engendered the dewdrops?
Job 38:29 Out of whose womb did the ice come? Who bore the white frost out of the sky?
Job 38:30 The waters hide themselves and become like stone; the surface of the deep becomes frozen.
Job 38:31 Can you fasten chains on the Pleiades, or undo the cords of Orion?
Job 38:32 Can you lead the 12 signs of the Zodiac and their 36 associated constellations to appear at their proper times? Can you guide the Bear with its children?
Job 38:33 Do you know the regulations of the sky? Could you set in place the sky's rule over the earth?
Job 38:34 Can you raise your voice up to the clouds, so that an abundance of rainwater may cover you?
Job 38:35 Can you send out bolts of lightning that they may go out, that they shout to you, 'Here we are!?!'
Job 38:36 Who has put wisdom in the clouds or has given understanding to the mind?
Job 38:37 Who can number the clouds by his skill? Who can pour out the water skins of the sky,
Job 38:38 when the dust runs into a hard mass, and the clods of earth clump tightly together?
Job 38:39 Can you hunt down a victim for a lioness or satisfy the appetite of her young lion cubs,
Job 38:40 when they are crouching in their dens and sheltering in hiding to lie in wait?
Job 38:41 Who provides victims for the ravens when their young ones cry out to the Almighty and stagger about for lack of food?

Job Chapter 39

Job 39:1 Do you know at what time the wild goats in the rocks bear their young? Can you watch when the deer are having their fawns?
Job 39:2 Can you count the months that they gestate? Do you know the time when they bear their young?
Job 39:3 They crouch down and birth their young, and then they finish their labor pains.
Job 39:4 Their young ones become strong and grow up in the open fields; they go out and do not come back again.
Job 39:5 Who let the wild donkey go free? Who has untied the bonds of the swift donkey,
Job 39:6 whose home I have made in the Arabah, his house in the salt land?
Job 39:7 He laughs in scorn at the noises in the city; he does not hear the driver's shouts.
Job 39:8 He roams over the mountains as his pastures; there he looks for every green plant to eat.
Job 39:9 Will the wild ox be happy to serve you? Will he consent to stay by your feed trough?
Job 39:10 With a rope, can you control the wild ox to plow the furrows? Will he harrow the valleys for you?
Job 39:11 Will you trust him, because his strength is great? Will you leave your work to him to do?
Job 39:12 Will you depend on him to bring your grain home, to gather the grain for your threshing floor?
Job 39:13 The wings of the ostrich wave proudly, but are they the pinions and plumage of love?
Job 39:14 For she leaves her eggs on the earth, and she lets them keep warm in the dust;
Job 39:15 she forgets that a foot might crush them, or that a wild beast might trample them.
Job 39:16 She deals roughly with her young ones as if they were not hers; she does not fear that her labor might have been in vain,
Job 39:17 because the Almighty has deprived her of wisdom and has not given her any understanding.
Job 39:18 When she runs swiftly, she laughs in scorn at the horse and its rider.
Job 39:19 Have you given the horse his strength? Did you clothe his neck with his flowing mane?
Job 39:20 Have you ever made him jump like a locust? The majesty of his snorting is fearsome.

Job 39:21 He paws in might and rejoices in his strength; he rushes out to meet the weapons.
Job 39:22 He mocks fear and is not dismayed; he does not turn back from the sword.
Job 39:23 The quiver rattles against his flank, along with the flashing spear and the lance.
Job 39:24 He swallows up ground with fierceness and rage; at the trumpet's sound, he cannot stand in one place.
Job 39:25 Whenever the trumpet sounds, he says, 'Aha!' He smells the battle from far away, the thunderous shouts of the commanders and the outcries.
Job 39:26 Is it by your wisdom that the hawk soars, that he stretches out his wings for the south?
Job 39:27 Is it at your orders that the eagle mounts up and makes his nest in high places?
Job 39:28 He lives on cliffs and makes his home on the peaks of cliffs, a stronghold.
Job 39:29 From there he searches for victims; his eyes see them from far away.
Job 39:30 His young also drink up blood; where the killed are, there he is."

Job Chapter 40

Job 40:1 Yehowah continued to speak to Job,
Job 40:2 “Should anyone who wishes to criticize try to correct the Most Powerful? He who argues with the Almighty, let him answer.”
Job 40:3 Then Job answered Yehowah,
Job 40:4 “See, I am insignificant; how can I answer you? I put my hand over my mouth.
Job 40:5 I spoke once, and I will not answer; indeed, twice, but I will proceed no further.”
Job 40:6 Then Yehowah answered Job out of a fierce storm,
Job 40:7 “Now gird up your loins like a man, for I will ask you questions, and you must answer me.
Job 40:8 Will you actually say that I am unjust? Will you condemn me, so you may claim you are right?
Job 40:9 Do you have an arm like the Almighty? Can you thunder with a voice like him?
Job 40:10 Now clothe yourself in glory and dignity; array yourself in honor and majesty.
Job 40:11 Scatter around the excess of your anger; look at everyone who is proud and bring him down.
Job 40:12 Look at everyone who is proud and bring him low; trample down wicked people where they stand.
Job 40:13 Bury them in the earth together; imprison their faces in the hidden place.
Job 40:14 Then will I also acknowledge about you, that your own right hand can save you.
Job 40:15 Look now at the hippopotamus, which I made as well as I made you; he eats grass like an ox.
Job 40:16 See now, his strength is in his loins; his power is in his belly’s muscles.
Job 40:17 He makes his tail like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are joined together.
Job 40:18 His bones are like tubes of bronze; his legs are like bars of iron.
Job 40:19 He is the chief of the creatures of the Almighty. Only He who made him can defeat him.
Job 40:20 For the hills provide him with food; the beasts of the field play nearby.
Job 40:21 He lies under the lotus plants in the shelter of the reeds, in the marshes.
Job 40:22 The lotus plants cover him with their shade; the willows of the brook are all around him.

Job 40:23 See, if a river floods its banks, he does not tremble; he is confident, though the Jordan River should surge up to his mouth.
Job 40:24 Can anyone capture him with a hook or pierce his nose through with a snare?

Job Chapter 41

Job 41:1 Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook? Or tie up his jaws with a cord?
Job 41:2 Can you put a rope into his nose or pierce his jaw through with a hook?
Job 41:3 Will he make many pleas to you? Will he speak soft words to you?
Job 41:4 Will he make a covenant with you, that you should take him for a servant forever?
Job 41:5 Will you play with him as you would with a bird? Will you tie him up for your servant girls?
Job 41:6 Will the groups of fishermen bargain for him? Will they divide him up to trade among the merchants?
Job 41:7 Can you fill his hide with harpoons or his head with fishing spears?
Job 41:8 Put your hand on him just once, and you will remember the battle and do it no more.
Job 41:9 See, the hope of anyone who does that is a lie; will not anyone be thrown down to the ground, just by the sight of him?
Job 41:10 None is so fierce that he dare stir Leviathan up; who, then, is he who can stand before me?
Job 41:11 Who has first given anything to me, in order that I should repay him? Whatever is under the whole sky is mine.
Job 41:12 I will not keep silent concerning Leviathan's legs, nor about the matter of his strength, nor about his graceful form.
Job 41:13 Who can strip off his outer covering? Who can penetrate his double armor?
Job 41:14 Who can open the doors of his face, ringed with his teeth, which are a terror?
Job 41:15 His proud back is made up of rows of scales, tight together as with a close seal.
Job 41:16 One is so near to another that no air can come between them.
Job 41:17 They are joined to each other; they stick together, so that they cannot be pulled apart.
Job 41:18 Light flashes out from his snorting; his eyes are like the eyelashes of dawn.
Job 41:19 Out of his mouth go burning torches, sparks of fire leap out.
Job 41:20 Out of his nostrils goes smoke like a boiling pot on a red hot fire that has been fanned.
Job 41:21 His breath kindles coals into flame; fires go out from his mouth.
Job 41:22 In his neck is strength, and terror dances in front of him.

Job 41:23 The folds of his flesh are joined together; they are firm on him; they cannot be moved.
Job 41:24 His heart is as hard as a stone, indeed, as hard as a lower millstone.
Job 41:25 When he raises himself up, even the mighty become afraid; because of fear, they draw back.
Job 41:26 If a sword strikes him, it does nothing, and neither does a spear, an arrow, or any other pointed weapon.
Job 41:27 He thinks of iron as if it were straw, and of bronze as if it were rotten wood.
Job 41:28 An arrow cannot make him flee; to him sling stones become chaff.
Job 41:29 Clubs are regarded as straw; he laughs at the whirring flight of a spear.
Job 41:30 His lower parts are like sharp potsherds; he leaves a spreading trail in the mud, as if he were a threshing sledge.
Job 41:31 He makes the deep to foam up like a pot of boiling water; he makes the sea like a pot of ointment.
Job 41:32 He makes a shining wake behind him; one would think the deep had gray hair.
Job 41:33 On earth, there is no equal to him who has been made to live without fear.
Job 41:34 He sees everything that is proud; he is king over all the sons of pride.”

Job Chapter 42

Job 42:1 Then Job answered Yehowah,
Job 42:2 “I know that you can do all things, that no purpose of yours can be stopped.
Job 42:3 ‘Who is this who without knowledge conceals plans?’ Indeed, I have spoken things that I did not understand, things too difficult for me to understand, which I did not know about.
Job 42:4 You said to me, ‘Listen now, and I will speak; I will ask you things, and you will answer me.’
Job 42:5 I had heard about you by my ear’s hearing, but now my eye sees you.
Job 42:6 So I despise myself; I repent in dust and ashes.”
Job 42:7 It came about that after he had said these words to Job, Yehowah said to Eliphaz the Temanite, “My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends, for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has done.
Job 42:8 Now therefore, take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, go to my servant Job and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer, so that I may not deal with you after your folly. You have not said what is right about me, as my servant Job has done.”
Job 42:9 So Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite went and did as Yehowah had commanded them, and Yehowah accepted Job.
Job 42:10 When Job prayed for his friends, Yehowah restored his fortunes. Yehowah gave him twice as much as he had possessed before.
Job 42:11 Then all Job’s brothers, and all his sisters, and all they who had been of his acquaintance before, they came there to him and ate food with him in his house. They sorrowed with him and comforted him about all the disasters that Yehowah had brought on him. Every person gave him 1-weight silver-currency and a ring of gold.
Job 42:12 Yehowah blessed the final end of Job’s life more than the first; he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand jenny donkeys.
Job 42:13 He also had seven sons and three daughters.
Job 42:14 He named the first daughter Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Kerenhappuch.
Job 42:15 In all the land no women were found as beautiful as Job’s daughters. Their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers.

Job 42:16 After this, Job lived 140 years; he saw his sons and his grandchildren, up to four generations.
Job 42:17 Then Job died, being old and full of days.

Book of Psalms

Psalms Chapter 1

Psa 1:1 Blessed is the man who does not walk in the advice of the wicked, or stand in the pathway with sinners, or sit in the assembly of mockers.
Psa 1:2 But his delight is in the Law of Yehowah, and on his law he meditates day and night.
Psa 1:3 He will be like a tree planted by the streams of water that produces its fruit in its season, whose leaves do not wither; whatever he does will prosper.
Psa 1:4 The wicked are not so, but are instead like the chaff that the wind drives away.
Psa 1:5 So the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
Psa 1:6 For Yehowah approves of the Way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalms Chapter 2

Psa 2:1 Why are the ethnicities in turmoil, and why do the people make plots that will fail?
Psa 2:2 The kings of the earth take their stand together, and the rulers conspire together against Yehowah and against his anointed (Acts 4:25-26), saying,
Psa 2:3 “Let us tear off the shackles they put on us and throw off their chains.”
Psa 2:4 He who sits in Heaven will sneer at them; the Lord mocks them.
Psa 2:5 Then he will speak to them in his anger and terrify them in his rage,
Psa 2:6 “I myself have anointed my king on Zion, my set-apart mountain.”
Psa 2:7 I will announce a decree of Yehowah. He said to me, “You are my Son! This day I have become your Father.
Psa 2:8 Ask me, and I will give you the ethnicities for your inheritance and the farthermost regions of the earth for your possession.
Psa 2:9 You will rule them with an iron rod; like a jar of a potter, you will smash them to pieces” (Rev. 2:27; 12:5; 19:15).
Psa 2:10 So now, you kings be warned; be corrected, you rulers of the earth.
Psa 2:11 Worship Yehowah in fear and rejoice with trembling.
Psa 2:12 Kiss the Son, or he will be angry with you, and you will die in the way, when his anger burns for just a moment. How blessed are all those who seek refuge in him.

Psalms Chapter 3

Psa 3:1 (A psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.) Yehowah, how many are my enemies! Many have risen against me.
Psa 3:2 Many say about me, “There is no help for him from the Almighty.” Selah.
Psa 3:3 But you, Yehowah, are a shield around me, my Glory, and the One who lifts up my head.
Psa 3:4 I lift up my voice to Yehowah, and he answers me from his set-apart hill. Selah.
Psa 3:5 I lay down and slept; I awoke, for Yehowah protected me.
Psa 3:6 I will not be afraid of the multitudes of people who have set themselves against me on every side.
Psa 3:7 Rise up, Yehowah! Save me, my Divine One! For you will hit all my enemies on the jaw; you will break the teeth of the wicked.
Psa 3:8 Salvation comes from Yehowah. May your blessings be on your people. Selah.

Psalms Chapter 4

Psa 4:1 (For the chief musician; on stringed instruments. A psalm of David.) Answer me when I call, Mighty One of my righteousness; give me room when I am hemmed in. Have mercy on me and listen to my prayer.
Psa 4:2 You people, how long will you turn my honor into shame? How long will you love that which is worthless and seek after lies? Selah.
Psa 4:3 But know that Yehowah sets apart the reverent for himself. Yehowah will hear when I call to him.
Psa 4:4 Tremble in fear but do not sin! Meditate in your heart on your bed and be silent. Selah.
Psa 4:5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in Yehowah.
Psa 4:6 Many ask, “Who will show us anything good?” Yehowah, lift up the light of your face on us.
Psa 4:7 You have given my heart more gladness than others have when their grain and new wine abound.
Psa 4:8 It is in peace that I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Yehowah, make me safe and secure.

Psalms Chapter 5

Psa 5:1 (For the chief musician; with wind instruments. A psalm of David.) Listen to my call to you, Yehowah; think about my groanings.
Psa 5:2 Listen to the sound of my call, my King and my Divine One, for it is to you that I pray.
Psa 5:3 Yehowah, at dawn you hear my cry; at daybreak I will bring my petition to you and wait expectantly.
Psa 5:4 Certainly, you are not an Almighty who approves of evil; evil people will not be your guests.
Psa 5:5 The arrogant will not stand in your presence; you hate all who behave wickedly.
Psa 5:6 You will destroy liars; Yehowah despises violent and deceitful men.
Psa 5:7 But as for me, because of your great covenant faithfulness, I will come into your house; in reverence I will bow down toward your set-apart temple.
Psa 5:8 Oh Lord, lead me in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your Path straight before me.
Psa 5:9 For there is no truth in their mouth; their inward being is wicked; their throat is an open tomb; they flatter with their tongue.
Psa 5:10 Declare them guilty, Almighty One; may their schemes be their downfall! Drive them out for their many transgressions, for they have rebelled against you.
Psa 5:11 But may all those who take refuge in you rejoice; let them always shout for joy, because you defend them; let them be joyful in you, those who love your name.
Psa 5:12 For you will bless the righteous, Yehowah; you will surround them with grace as with a shield.

Psalms Chapter 6

Psa 6:1 (For the chief musician; on stringed instruments, set to the Sheminith style. A psalm of David.) Yehowah, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.
Psa 6:2 Have mercy on me, Yehowah, for I am frail; heal me, Yehowah, for my bones are shaking.
Psa 6:3 My soul also is extremely troubled. But you, Yehowah, how long will this continue?
Psa 6:4 Return, Yehowah! Rescue me. Save me because of your covenant faithfulness!
Psa 6:5 For in death there is no remembrance of you. In the place of the dead who will give you thanks?
Psa 6:6 I am weary with my groaning. All night I drench my bed with tears; I wash my couch away with my tears.
Psa 6:7 My eyes grow dim from grief; they grow weak because of all my adversaries.
Psa 6:8 Get away from me, all you who practice iniquity; for Yehowah has heard the sound of my weeping.
Psa 6:9 Yehowah has heard my appeal for mercy; Yehowah has accepted my prayer.
Psa 6:10 All my enemies will be ashamed and greatly troubled. They will turn back and be suddenly humiliated.

Psalms Chapter 7

Psa 7:1 (A musical composition of David, which he sang to Yehowah concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite.) Yehowah my Divine One, I take refuge in you! Save me from all who chase me, and rescue me.
Psa 7:2 Otherwise, they will rip me apart like a lion, tearing me in pieces with no one else able to bring me to safety.
Psa 7:3 Yehowah my Divine One, I never did what my enemies say I did; there is no injustice on my hands.
Psa 7:4 I have never done wrong to anyone at peace with me, or senselessly harmed any who are against me.
Psa 7:5 If I am not telling the truth, then let my enemy pursue my life and overtake it; let him trample my living body on the ground and leave me lying dishonored in the dust. Selah.
Psa 7:6 Arise, Yehowah, in your anger; stand up against the rage of my enemies; wake up for my sake and carry out the righteous decrees that you have commanded for them.
Psa 7:7 The countries are assembled all around you; take once more your rightful place over them.
Psa 7:8 Yehowah, judge the ethnicities; vindicate me, Yehowah, because I am righteous and innocent, Most High.
Psa 7:9 May the evil deeds of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous people, righteous Almighty, you who examine hearts and minds.
Psa 7:10 My shield comes from the Almighty, the One who saves the upright in heart.
Psa 7:11 The Almighty is a righteous judge, an Almighty who is indignant each day.
Psa 7:12 If a person does not repent, Yehowah will sharpen his sword and will prepare his bow for battle.
Psa 7:13 He prepares to use weapons against him; he makes his arrows flaming shafts.
Psa 7:14 Think about the one who is pregnant with wickedness, who conceives destructive plans, who gives birth to harmful lies.
Psa 7:15 He digs a pit and hollows it out and then falls into the hole he has made.
Psa 7:16 His own destructive plans return to his own head, for his violence comes down on his own head.
Psa 7:17 I will give thanks to Yehowah for his justice; I will sing praise to Yehowah Most High!

Psalms Chapter 8

Psa 8:1 (For the chief musician; set to the gittith style. A psalm of David.) Yehowah our Lord, how magnificent is your name in all the earth, you who reveal your glory in the heavens above!
Psa 8:2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants you have created praise because of your adversaries, in order to silence both the enemy and the avenger.
Psa 8:3 When I look up at your heavens, which your fingers have made, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
Psa 8:4 of what importance is the human race that you notice them, or mankind that you pay attention to them?
Psa 8:5 Yet you have made them only a little lower than the heavenly beings and have crowned them with glory and honor.
Psa 8:6 You make him to rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet (1 Cor. 15:27; Heb. 2:8):
Psa 8:7 All sheep and oxen, and even the animals of the field,
Psa 8:8 the birds of the sky, and the fish of the sea, everything that passes through the currents of the seas.
Psa 8:9 Yehowah our Lord, how magnificent is your name in all the earth!

Psalms Chapter 9

Psa 9:1 (For the chief musician; set to Muth Labben style. A psalm of David.) I will give thanks to Yehowah with my whole heart; I will tell about all your marvelous deeds.
Psa 9:2 I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, Most High!
Psa 9:3 When my enemies turn back, they stumble and perish before you.
Psa 9:4 For you have defended my just cause; you sit on your throne, a righteous judge!
Psa 9:5 You rebuked the ethnicities; you have destroyed the wicked; you have blotted out their name forever and ever.
Psa 9:6 The enemy crumbled like ruins when you overthrew their cities. All remembrance of them has perished.
Psa 9:7 But Yehowah remains forever; he has established his throne for justice.
Psa 9:8 He will judge the world with righteousness, and he will execute judgment for the ethnicities with fairness.
Psa 9:9 Yehowah also will be a stronghold for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.
Psa 9:10 Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Yehowah, do not abandon those who seek you.
Psa 9:11 Sing praises to Yehowah, who rules in Zion; tell the ethnicities what he has done!
Psa 9:12 For Yehowah who avenges bloodshed remembers; he does not forget the cry of the oppressed.
Psa 9:13 Have mercy on me, Yehowah; see how I am oppressed by those who hate me, you who can snatch me from the gates of death.
Psa 9:14 Oh, that I might proclaim all your praise. In the gates of the daughter of Zion, I will rejoice in your salvation!
Psa 9:15 The ethnicities have sunk down into the pit that they made; their feet are caught in the net that they hid.
Psa 9:16 Yehowah has made himself known; he has executed judgment; the wicked is ensnared by his own actions. A meditation, Selah.
Psa 9:17 The wicked are turned back and sent to the place of the dead, the destiny of all the ethnicities that forget the Almighty.
Psa 9:18 For the needy will not always be forgotten, nor will the hopes of the oppressed be forever dashed.
Psa 9:19 Arise, Yehowah; do not let man win against you; may the ethnicities be judged in your sight.

Psa 9:20 Terrify them, Yehowah; may the ethnicities know that they are mere men. Selah.

Psalms Chapter 10

Psa 10:1 Why, Yehowah, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?
Psa 10:2 Because of their arrogance, wicked people chase the oppressed; but please let the wicked be trapped by their own schemes that they have devised.
Psa 10:3 For the wicked person boasts of his deepest desires; he blesses the greedy and insults Yehowah.
Psa 10:4 The wicked man has a raised face; he does not seek nor ever think about the Almighty, because he does not care at all about him.
Psa 10:5 He is secure at all times, but your righteous decrees are too high for him; he snorts at all his enemies.
Psa 10:6 He says in his heart, “I will never fail; throughout all generations I will not meet adversity.”
Psa 10:7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceptive, harmful words; his tongue injures and destroys.
Psa 10:8 He waits in ambush near the villages; in the secret places he murders the innocent; his eyes look for some helpless victim.
Psa 10:9 He lurks in secret like a lion in the thicket; he lies in wait to catch the oppressed. He catches the oppressed when he pulls in his net.
Psa 10:10 His victims are crushed and beaten down; they fall into his strong nets.
Psa 10:11 He says in his heart, “The Almighty has forgotten; he covers his face; he will not bother to look.”
Psa 10:12 Arise, O Yehowah! Lift up your hand, Almighty One! Do not forget the oppressed.
Psa 10:13 Why does the wicked person reject the Almighty? He says in his heart, “You will not hold me accountable.”
Psa 10:14 You have taken notice, for you always see the one who inflicts the misery and sorrow. The helpless entrusts himself to you; you rescue the fatherless.
Psa 10:15 Break the arm of the wicked and evil person. Make him account for his evil deeds, which he thought you would not discover.
Psa 10:16 Yehowah is King forever and ever; the ethnicities are driven out of his land.
Psa 10:17 Yehowah, you have heard the needs of the oppressed; you strengthen their heart, you listen to their prayer.
Psa 10:18 You defend the fatherless and the oppressed, so that no man on the earth will cause terror again.

Psalms Chapter 11

Psa 11:1 (For the chief musician. A psalm of David.) I take refuge in Yehowah; how will you say to me, “Flee like a bird to the mountain?”
Psa 11:2 For see! The wicked prepare their bows. They make ready their arrows on the strings to shoot in the darkness at the upright in heart.
Psa 11:3 For if the foundations are ruined, what can the righteous do?
Psa 11:4 Yehowah is in his set-apart temple; the throne of Yehowah is in Heaven; his eyes watch, his eyes examine the children of mankind.
Psa 11:5 Yehowah examines both the righteous and the wicked, but he hates those who love to do violence.
Psa 11:6 He rains burning coals and brimstone upon the wicked; a scorching wind will be their portion from his cup!
Psa 11:7 For Yehowah is righteous, and he loves righteousness; the upright will see his face.

Psalms Chapter 12

Psa 12:1 (For the chief musician; set to the Sheminith. A psalm of David.) Help, Yehowah, for the reverent have disappeared; the faithful have vanished.
Psa 12:2 Everyone says empty words to his neighbor; everyone speaks with flattering lips and a deceitful heart.
Psa 12:3 Yehowah, cut off all flattering lips, every tongue declaring great things.
Psa 12:4 These are those who have said, “With our tongues will we prevail. When our lips speak, who can be master over us?”
Psa 12:5 “Because of violence against the poor, because of the groans of the needy, I will arise,” declares Yehowah. “I will provide the safety for which they long.”
Psa 12:6 The words of Yehowah are pure words, like silver purified in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times.
Psa 12:7 You are Yehowah! You keep them. You preserve the reverent people from this wicked generation and forever.
Psa 12:8 The wicked walk on every side, when evil is exalted among the children of mankind.

Psalms Chapter 13

Psa 13:1 (For the chief musician. A psalm of David.) How long, Yehowah, will you keep forgetting about me? Forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
Psa 13:2 How long must I worry and have grief in my heart all day? How long will my enemy triumph over me?
Psa 13:3 Look at me and answer me, Yehowah my Divine One! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death.
Psa 13:4 Do not let my enemy boast, “I have defeated him,” so that my enemy may not say, “I have prevailed over my adversary;” otherwise, my enemies will rejoice when I am brought down.
Psa 13:5 But I have trusted in your covenant faithfulness; my heart rejoices in your salvation!
Psa 13:6 I will sing to Yehowah, because he has treated me generously.

Psalms Chapter 14

Psa 14:1 (For the chief musician. A psalm of David.) A fool says in his heart, “The Almighty does not exist.” They are corrupt and have done abominable iniquity; there is no one who does good.
Psa 14:2 Yehowah looks down from Heaven on the children of mankind to see if there are any who understand, who seek after the Almighty.
Psa 14:3 They have all turned away. Together they have become corrupt. There is no one who does good, no, not one.
Psa 14:4 Do they not know anything, those who commit iniquity, those who eat up my people as they eat bread, but who do not call on Yehowah?
Psa 14:5 They tremble with dread, for the Almighty is with the righteous congregation!
Psa 14:6 You want to humiliate the poor person even though Yehowah is his refuge.
Psa 14:7 Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come from Zion! When Yehowah brings back his people from the captivity, then Jacob will rejoice and Israel will be glad!

Psalms Chapter 15

Psa 15:1 (A psalm of David.) Yehowah, who may stay in your tabernacle? Who may live on your set-apart hill?
Psa 15:2 Whoever walks blamelessly, does what is right, and speaks truth from his heart.
Psa 15:3 He does not slander with his tongue, he does not harm others, and he does not insult his neighbor.
Psa 15:4 The worthless person is despised in his eyes, but he honors those who fear Yehowah. He swears to his own disadvantage and does not take back his promises.
Psa 15:5 He does not charge interest when he lends money. He does not take bribes to testify against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken.

Psalms Chapter 16

Psa 16:1 (A michtam of David.) Protect me, Almighty One, for I take refuge in you.
Psa 16:2 I say to Yehowah, “You are my Lord; my goodness is nothing apart from you.
Psa 16:3 As for the set-apart people who are on the earth, they are noble people; all my delight is in them.
Psa 16:4 Their troubles will be increased, those who seek out false deities. I will not pour out drink offerings of blood to their deities or lift up their names with my lips.
Psa 16:5 Yehowah, you are my chosen portion and my cup. You hold onto my destiny.
Psa 16:6 Measuring lines have been laid for me in pleasant places; surely a pleasing inheritance is mine.
Psa 16:7 I will bless Yehowah, who counsels me; even at night my mind instructs me.
Psa 16:8 I set Yehowah before me at all times, so I will not be shaken from his right hand!
Psa 16:9 Therefore, my heart is glad; my glory is rejoicing. Surely I will live in security.
Psa 16:10 For you will not abandon my soul to the place of the dead. You will not let your faithful One see decomposition.
Psa 16:11 You teach me the Path of life; abundant joy resides in your presence; delights abide in your right hand forever!”

Psalms Chapter 17

Psa 17:1 (A prayer of David.) Listen to my plea for justice, Yehowah; pay attention to my call for help! Give ear to my prayer from lips without deceit.
Psa 17:2 Let my vindication come from your presence; let your eyes see what is right!
Psa 17:3 If you test my heart, if you come to me in the night, you will purify me and will not find any evil plans; my mouth will not transgress.
Psa 17:4 As for the deeds of mankind, it is at the word of your lips that I have kept myself from the ways of the lawless.
Psa 17:5 My steps have held firmly to your tracks; my feet have not slipped.
Psa 17:6 I call to you, for you answer me, Almighty One; turn your ear to me and listen when I speak.
Psa 17:7 Show your covenant faithfulness in a wonderful way, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their enemies!
Psa 17:8 Protect me like the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,
Psa 17:9 from the presence of the wicked ones who assault me, my enemies who surround me.
Psa 17:10 They have no mercy on anyone; their mouths speak with pride.
Psa 17:11 They have surrounded my steps. They set their eyes to strike me to the ground.
Psa 17:12 They are like a lion eager for a victim, like a young lion crouching in hidden places.
Psa 17:13 Arise, Yehowah! Attack them! Throw them down on their faces! Rescue my life from the wicked by your sword!
Psa 17:14 Rescue me from men by your hand, Yehowah, from men of this world whose prosperity is in this life alone! You will fill the bellies of your treasured ones with riches; they will have many children and will leave their wealth to their children.
Psa 17:15 As for me, I will see your face in righteousness; I will be satisfied, when I awake with a sight of you (Mat. 5:48; 22:30).

Psalms Chapter 18

Psa 18:1 (For the chief musician. A psalm of David, the servant of Yehowah, when he sang to Yehowah the words of this song on the day that Yehowah rescued him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. He sang:) I love you, Yehowah, my strength.
Psa 18:2 Yehowah is my Rock, my fortress, the One who brings me to safety; he is my Divine One, my Rock; I take refuge in him. He is my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my stronghold.
Psa 18:3 I will call on Yehowah who is worthy to be praised, and I will be saved from my enemies.
Psa 18:4 The cords of death surrounded me, and the rushing waters of worthlessness overwhelmed me.
Psa 18:5 The cords of the place of the dead surrounded me; the snares of death trapped me.
Psa 18:6 In my distress I called to Yehowah; I called for help to my Divine One. He heard my voice from his temple; my call for help went into his presence; it went into his ears.
Psa 18:7 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of the mountains also trembled and were shaken, because He was angry.
Psa 18:8 Smoke went up from out of his nostrils, and blazing fire came out of his mouth. Coals were ignited by it.
Psa 18:9 He opened Heaven and came down, and thick darkness was under his feet.
Psa 18:10 He rode on an angel and flew; he glided on the wings of the wind.
Psa 18:11 He made darkness a secret tabernacle around him, heavy rain clouds in the skies.
Psa 18:12 Hailstones and coals of fire fell from the lightning before him.
Psa 18:13 Yehowah thundered in the heavens! The voice of the Most High shouted, hailstones and coals of fire.
Psa 18:14 He shot his arrows and scattered his enemies; many lightning bolts dispersed them.
Psa 18:15 Then the water channels appeared; the foundations of the globe were exposed at your battle cry, Yehowah, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.
Psa 18:16 He reached down from above; he took hold of me! He pulled me out of the surging water.
Psa 18:17 He rescued me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me, for they were too strong for me.
Psa 18:18 They came against me on the day of my distress, but Yehowah was my support!

Psa 18:19 He set me free in a wide open place; he saved me, because he was pleased with me.
Psa 18:20 Yehowah has rewarded me because of my righteousness; he has restored me, because my hands were clean.
Psa 18:21 For I have kept the Ways of Yehowah and have not wickedly turned away from my Divine One.
Psa 18:22 For all his righteous decrees have been before me; as for his statutes, I have not turned away from them.
Psa 18:23 I have also been innocent before him, and I have kept myself from sin.
Psa 18:24 Therefore, Yehowah has restored me because of my righteousness, because my hands were clean before his eyes.
Psa 18:25 To anyone who is faithful, you show yourself to be faithful; to a man who is blameless, you show yourself to be blameless.
Psa 18:26 To anyone who is pure, you show yourself pure; but you are clever toward anyone who is twisted.
Psa 18:27 For you save afflicted people, but you bring down those with proud, uplifted eyes!
Psa 18:28 For you give light to my lamp; Yehowah my Divine One lights up my darkness.
Psa 18:29 For by you I can run through a barricade of soldiers; by my Divine One I can leap over a wall.
Psa 18:30 As for the Almighty: His Way is perfect. The Word of Yehowah is pure! He is a shield to everyone who takes refuge in him.
Psa 18:31 For who is Almighty besides Yehowah? Who is a Rock except our Divine One?
Psa 18:32 It is the Almighty who puts strength on me like a belt, who places the blameless person on his Path.
Psa 18:33 He makes my feet swift like a deer and places me on the heights!
Psa 18:34 He trains my hands for war and my arms to bend a bow of bronze.
Psa 18:35 You have given me the shield of your salvation. Your right hand has supported me, and your grace has made me great.
Psa 18:36 You have made a wide place for my feet beneath me, so that my feet have not slipped.
Psa 18:37 I pursued my enemies and caught them; I did not turn back, until they were destroyed.
Psa 18:38 I smashed them, so that they were unable to rise; they have fallen under my feet.
Psa 18:39 For you put strength on me like a belt for battle; you put under me those who rise up against me.
Psa 18:40 You gave me the back of my enemies' necks; I annihilated those who hated me.

Psa 18:41 They called for help, but no one saved them; they called out to Yehowah, but he did not answer them.
Psa 18:42 I beat them into fine pieces like dust before the wind; I threw them out like mud in the streets.
Psa 18:43 You rescued me from the disputes of people. You have made me the head over ethnicities. People that I have not known serve me.
Psa 18:44 As soon as they heard of me, they obeyed me; the sons of foreigners were forced to bow to me.
Psa 18:45 The foreigners came trembling out of their strongholds.
Psa 18:46 Yehowah lives; may my Rock be praised! May the Mighty One of my salvation be exalted!
Psa 18:47 He is the Almighty who executes vengeance for me, who subdues the ethnicities under me.
Psa 18:48 I am set free from my enemies! Indeed, you lifted me above the ones who rose against me! You rescued me from violent men.
Psa 18:49 Therefore, I will give thanks to you, Yehowah, among the ethnicities; I will sing praises to your name!
Psa 18:50 He gives great victory to his king, and he shows his covenant loyalty to his anointed one, to David and to his descendants forever (2 Samuel 22).

Psalms Chapter 19

Psa 19:1 (For the chief musician. A psalm of David.) The heavens declare the glory of the Almighty, and the apparently visible arch of the skies make his handiwork known!
Psa 19:2 Day after day speech pours out; night after night it reveals knowledge.
Psa 19:3 There is no speech or spoken words; their voice is not heard.
Psa 19:4 Yet their words go out over all the earth, and their speech to the end of the globe (Rom. 10:18). He has pitched a tent for the sun among them (Mazzaroth).
Psa 19:5 The sun is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and like a strong man who rejoices when he runs his race (Joel 2:16).
Psa 19:6 Its egress is from a beginning point in the heavens, at the Spring Equinox, also its point of termination; nothing escapes its heat (Gen. 1:14; 8:13).
Psa 19:7 The Law of Yehowah is perfect, restoring the soul; the testimony of Yehowah is reliable, making the simple wise.
Psa 19:8 The instructions of Yehowah are right, making the heart glad; the commandment of Yehowah is pure, bringing light to the eyes.
Psa 19:9 The fear of Yehowah is pure, enduring forever; the righteous decrees of Yehowah are true and altogether right!
Psa 19:10 They are of greater value than gold, even more than much fine gold; they are sweeter than honey and the dripping honey from the honeycomb.
Psa 19:11 Yes, by them your servant is warned; in obeying them there is great reward.
Psa 19:12 Who can discern all his own errors? Cleanse me from hidden faults.
Psa 19:13 Keep your servant also from arrogant sins; let them not rule over me. Then I will be perfect, and I will be innocent from many transgressions.
Psa 19:14 May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be acceptable in your sight, Yehowah, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Psalms Chapter 20

Psa 20:1 (For the chief musician. A psalm of David.) May Yehowah help you in the day of trouble; may the name of the Mighty One of Jacob protect you
Psa 20:2 and send help from the Set-apart Place to support you from Zion.
Psa 20:3 May he call to mind all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice. Selah.
Psa 20:4 May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans.
Psa 20:5 Then we will rejoice in your victory, and in the name of our Divine One, we will raise banners. May Yehowah grant all your petitions.
Psa 20:6 Now I know that Yehowah will rescue his anointed one; he will answer him from his set-apart Heaven with the strength of his right hand that can rescue him.
Psa 20:7 Some trust in chariots and others in horses, but we call on the name of Yehowah our Divine One.
Psa 20:8 They will be brought down and fall, but we will rise and stand upright!
Psa 20:9 Yehowah, rescue the king; help us when we call.

Psalms Chapter 21

Psa 21:1 (For the chief musician. A psalm of David.) The king rejoices in your strength, Yehowah! How greatly he rejoices in the salvation you provide!
Psa 21:2 You have given him his heart's desire and have not held back the request of his lips. Selah.
Psa 21:3 For you bring him rich blessings; you placed on his head a crown of purest gold.
Psa 21:4 He asked you for life; you gave it to him; you gave him long days forever and ever.
Psa 21:5 His glory is great because of your victory; you have bestowed on him splendor and majesty.
Psa 21:6 For you grant him lasting blessings; you make him glad with the joy of your presence.
Psa 21:7 For the king trusts in Yehowah; through the covenant faithfulness of the Most High he will not be moved.
Psa 21:8 Your hand will seize all your enemies; your right hand will seize those who hate you.
Psa 21:9 At the time of your anger, you will burn them up as in a fiery furnace. Yehowah will consume them in his wrath, and the fire will devour them.
Psa 21:10 You will destroy their offspring from the earth and their descendants from among the human race.
Psa 21:11 For they intended evil against you; they conceived a plot with which they will not succeed!
Psa 21:12 For you will turn them back; you will draw your bow before them.
Psa 21:13 Be exalted, Yehowah, in your strength; we will sing and praise your power!

Psalms Chapter 22

Psa 22:1 (For the chief musician; set to “The Rhythm of the Deer.” A psalm of David.) My Divine One, my Divine One, why have you abandoned me (Mark 15:34; Matt. 27:46)? Why are you so far from saving me and far from the words of my anguish?
Psa 22:2 My Divine One, I cry out in the daytime, but you do not answer, and at night I am not silent!
Psa 22:3 Yet you are set apart; you sit as King with the praises of Israel.
Psa 22:4 Our ancestors trusted in you; they trusted in you, and you rescued them.
Psa 22:5 They cried to you, and they were rescued. They trusted in you and were not disappointed.
Psa 22:6 But I am a worm and not a man, a disgrace to humanity and despised by the people.
Psa 22:7 All those who see me taunt me; they mock me; they shake their heads at me.
Psa 22:8 They say, “He trusts in Yehowah; let Yehowah rescue him. Let him rescue him, for he delights in him.”
Psa 22:9 For you brought me from the womb; you made me trust you when I was on my mother’s breasts.
Psa 22:10 I have been thrown on you from the womb; you are my Divine One since I was in my mother’s womb!
Psa 22:11 Do not be far away from me, for trouble is near; there is no one to help.
Psa 22:12 Many bulls surround me; stalwart men of Bashan surround me.
Psa 22:13 They open their mouths wide against me like a roaring lion ripping its victim.
Psa 22:14 I am being poured out like water, and all my bones are dislocated. My heart is like wax; it melts away within my inner parts.
Psa 22:15 My strength has dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth. You have laid me in the dust of death.
Psa 22:16 For dogs have surrounded me; a company of evildoers has encircled me; they have pierced my hands and my feet (Zech. 12:10; John 19:37; Isa. 53:7; Rev. 1:7).
Psa 22:17 I can count all my bones. They look and stare at me.
Psa 22:18 They divide my garments among themselves, they cast lots for my clothes.
Psa 22:19 Do not be far away, Yehowah; please hurry to help me, my Strength!
Psa 22:20 Rescue my soul from the sword, my only life from the claws of wild dogs.

Psa 22:21 Save me from the lion’s mouth; rescue me from the horns of the wild oxen.
Psa 22:22 I will declare your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
Psa 22:23 You who fear Yehowah, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify him! Stand in awe of him, all you descendants of Israel!
Psa 22:24 For he has not despised or abhorred the suffering of the afflicted one; Yehowah has not hidden his face from him; when the afflicted one cried to him, he heard.
Psa 22:25 My praise will be because of you in the great congregation; I will fulfill my vows before those who fear him.
Psa 22:26 The oppressed will eat and be satisfied; those who seek Yehowah will praise him. May your hearts live forever.
Psa 22:27 All the people of the earth will remember and turn to Yehowah; all the families of the ethnicities will bow down before you.
Psa 22:28 For the Kingdom belongs to Yehowah; he is the ruler over the ethnicities.
Psa 22:29 All the prosperous people of the earth will feast and will worship; all those who are descending into the dust will bow before him, those who cannot preserve their own lives.
Psa 22:30 A generation to come will serve him; they will tell the next generation about the Lord.
Psa 22:31 They will come and tell of his righteousness; they will tell to a people not yet born, what he has done!

Psalms Chapter 23

Psa 23:1 (A psalm of David.) Yehowah is my Shepherd; I will lack nothing.
Psa 23:2 He makes me to lie down in grassy pastures; he leads me beside tranquil water.
Psa 23:3 He brings back my life; he guides me along right Paths for his name's sake.
Psa 23:4 Even though I walk through a valley of the darkest shadow of death, I will not fear harm since you are with me; your scepter and your trekking pole comfort me.
Psa 23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you have anointed my head with oil; my cup runs over.
Psa 23:6 Surely goodness and covenant faithfulness will pursue me all the days of my life; and I will live in the temple of Yehowah for never-ending days!

Psalms Chapter 24

Psa 24:1 (A psalm of David.) The earth belongs to Yehowah, and its fullness, the globe, and all who live on it.
Psa 24:2 For he has founded it upon the seas and established it on the rivers.
Psa 24:3 Who will ascend the Mountain of Yehowah? Who will stand in his Set-apart Place?
Psa 24:4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart; who has not lifted up a falsehood and has not sworn an oath in order to deceive.
Psa 24:5 He will receive a blessing from Yehowah and righteousness from the Mighty One of his salvation.
Psa 24:6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, those who seek the face of the Mighty One of Jacob. Selah.
Psa 24:7 Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, everlasting doors, so that the King of Glory may come in!
Psa 24:8 Who is this King of Glory? Yehowah, strong and mighty; Yehowah, mighty in battle!
Psa 24:9 Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, everlasting doors, so that the King of Glory may come in!
Psa 24:10 Who is this King of Glory? Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, he is the King of Glory. Selah.

Psalms Chapter 25

Psa 25:1 (A psalm of David.) To you, Yehowah, I lift up my life!
Psa 25:2 My Divine One, I trust in you. Do not let me be humiliated; do not let my enemies rejoice triumphantly over me.
Psa 25:3 May no one who hopes in you be disgraced; may those who act treacherously without cause be ashamed!
Psa 25:4 Make known to me your Ways, Yehowah; teach me your Paths.
Psa 25:5 Guide me into your truth and teach me, for you are the Mighty One of my salvation; I hope in you all day long.
Psa 25:6 Call to mind, Yehowah, your acts of compassion and of covenant faithfulness; for they have always existed.
Psa 25:7 Do not think about the sins of my youth or my rebelliousness: Call me to mind with covenant faithfulness because of your goodness, Yehowah!
Psa 25:8 Yehowah is good and upright; therefore he teaches sinners the Way.
Psa 25:9 He guides the humble in what is right, and he teaches them his Way.
Psa 25:10 All the Paths of Yehowah are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his commands.
Psa 25:11 For your name's sake, Yehowah, pardon my sin, for it is great.
Psa 25:12 Who is the man who fears Yehowah? The Lord will instruct him in the Way that he should choose.
Psa 25:13 His life will go along in goodness; and his descendants will inherit the land.
Psa 25:14 The friendship of Yehowah is for those who honor him, and he makes his covenant known to them.
Psa 25:15 My eyes are always on Yehowah, for he will free my feet from the net.
Psa 25:16 Turn toward me and have mercy on me; for I am alone and afflicted.
Psa 25:17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged; draw me out from my distress!
Psa 25:18 See my affliction and my toils; forgive all my sins.
Psa 25:19 See my enemies, for they are many; they hate me with cruel hatred.
Psa 25:20 Protect my life and rescue me; do not let me be humiliated, for I take refuge in you!
Psa 25:21 May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I hope in you.
Psa 25:22 Rescue Israel, Almighty One, from all of his troubles!

Psalms Chapter 26

Psa 26:1 (A psalm of David.) Judge me, Yehowah, for I have walked with integrity; I have trusted in Yehowah without wavering.
Psa 26:2 Examine me, Yehowah, and test me; test the purity of my mind and my heart!
Psa 26:3 For your covenant faithfulness is before my eyes, and I walk about in your faithfulness.
Psa 26:4 I do not associate with deceitful people, nor do I mingle with dishonest people.
Psa 26:5 I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I do not live with the wicked.
Psa 26:6 I wash my hands in innocence, and I go around your altar, Yehowah,
Psa 26:7 to sing a loud song of praise and report all your wonderful deeds.
Psa 26:8 Yehowah, I love the temple where you live, the place where your glory lives!
Psa 26:9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, or my life with people who are bloodthirsty,
Psa 26:10 in whose hands there is a plot, and whose right hand is full of bribes.
Psa 26:11 But as for me, I will walk in integrity; redeem me and have mercy on me.
Psa 26:12 My foot stands on level ground; in the assemblies will I bless Yehowah!

Psalms Chapter 27

Psa 27:1 (A psalm of David.) Yehowah is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? Yehowah is my life's refuge; whom should I dread?
Psa 27:2 When evildoers approached me to devour my flesh, my adversaries and my enemies stumbled and fell.
Psa 27:3 Though a military force encamps against me, my heart will not fear; though war rises up against me, even then I will remain confident.
Psa 27:4 One thing have I asked of Yehowah, and I will seek it: That I may live in the temple of Yehowah all the days of my life, to see the beauty of Yehowah and to meditate in his temple.
Psa 27:5 For in the Day of trouble he will hide me in his shelter; in the cover of his tent he will conceal me. He will lift me high on a rock!
Psa 27:6 Then my head will be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer sacrifices of joy in his tent! I will sing and make songs to Yehowah!
Psa 27:7 Hear, Yehowah, my voice when I cry out! Have mercy on me and answer me!
Psa 27:8 My heart says about you, "Seek his face!" I seek your face, Yehowah.
Psa 27:9 Do not hide your face from me; do not turn your servant away in anger! You have been my helper; do not forsake me or abandon me, Mighty One of my salvation!
Psa 27:10 Even if my father and my mother forsake me, Yehowah will take me in.
Psa 27:11 Teach me your Way, Yehowah. Lead me on a level Path because of my enemies.
Psa 27:12 Do not give me up to the desires of my enemies, for false witnesses have risen up against me, and they breathe out violence!
Psa 27:13 What would have happened to me if I had not believed that I would see the goodness of Yehowah in the land of the living?
Psa 27:14 Wait for Yehowah; be strong and let your heart be courageous! Wait for Yehowah!

Psalms Chapter 28

Psa 28:1 (A psalm of David.) To you, Yehowah, I cry out; my Rock, do not ignore me. If you do not respond to me, I will join those who go down to the grave.
Psa 28:2 Hear the sound of my pleading when I call for help from you, when I lift up my hands toward your Most Set-apart Place!
Psa 28:3 Do not drag me away with the wicked, those who do iniquity, who speak peace with their neighbors but have evil in their hearts.
Psa 28:4 Give them what their deeds deserve and repay them what their wickedness demands, repay them for the work of their hands and render to them their due.
Psa 28:5 Because they do not understand the deeds of Yehowah or the work of his hands, he will tear them down and never rebuild them.
Psa 28:6 Blessed be Yehowah, because he has heard the sound of my pleading!
Psa 28:7 Yehowah is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. Therefore, my heart greatly rejoices, and I will praise him with singing!
Psa 28:8 Yehowah is the strength of his people, and he is the saving refuge of his anointed.
Psa 28:9 Save your people and bless your inheritance. Be their Shepherd and carry them forever.

Psalms Chapter 29

Psa 29:1 (A psalm of David.) Give praise to Yehowah, you sons of the mighty! Give praise to Yehowah for his glory and strength.
Psa 29:2 Give to Yehowah the glory that his name deserves. Bow down to Yehowah in the splendor of consecration.
Psa 29:3 The voice of Yehowah is heard over the waters; the Mighty One of glory, Yehowah thunders over many waters.
Psa 29:4 The voice of Yehowah is powerful; the voice of Yehowah is majestic.
Psa 29:5 The voice of Yehowah breaks the cedars; Yehowah breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
Psa 29:6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young ox.
Psa 29:7 The voice of Yehowah sends out flames of fire.
Psa 29:8 The voice of Yehowah shakes the wilderness; Yehowah shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
Psa 29:9 The voice of Yehowah causes the oaks to twist and strips the forests bare. Everyone in his temple shouts, “Glory!”
Psa 29:10 Yehowah sits as king over the flood; Yehowah sits as king forever.
Psa 29:11 Yehowah gives strength to his people; Yehowah blesses his people with peace.

Psalms Chapter 30

Psa 30:1 (A psalm; a song at the dedication of the temple. A psalm of David.) I will exalt you, Yehowah, for you have raised me up and have not allowed my enemies to rejoice over me.
Psa 30:2 Yehowah my Divine One, I cried to you for help, and you healed me.
Psa 30:3 Yehowah, you have brought up my soul from the place of the dead; you have kept me alive from going down to the grave.
Psa 30:4 Sing praises to Yehowah, you his faithful people! Give thanks when you remember his consecration.
Psa 30:5 For his anger is only for a moment; but his grace is for a lifetime. Weeping comes for a night, but joy comes at dawn.
Psa 30:6 In confidence I said, “I will never be shaken.”
Psa 30:7 Yehowah, by your grace you established me as a strong mountain; but when you hid your face, I was troubled.
Psa 30:8 I cried to you, Yehowah, and sought grace from the Lord!
Psa 30:9 What advantage is there in my death, if I go down to the grave? Will the dust praise you? Will it declare your truth?
Psa 30:10 Hear, Yehowah, and have mercy on me! Yehowah, be my helper.
Psa 30:11 You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have removed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness.
Psa 30:12 So now my glory will sing praise to you and not be silent; Yehowah my Divine One, I will give thanks to you forever!

Psalms Chapter 31

Psa 31:1 (For the chief musician. A psalm of David.) In you, Yehowah, I take refuge; never let me be humiliated. Rescue me in your righteousness.
Psa 31:2 Listen to me; rescue me quickly; be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to save me.
Psa 31:3 For you are my Rock and my Fortress; therefore, for your name's sake, lead and guide me.
Psa 31:4 Pluck me out of the net that they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge.
Psa 31:5 Into your hands I entrust my spirit; you will redeem me, Yehowah, Mighty One of truth.
Psa 31:6 I hate those who serve worthless idols, but I trust in Yehowah.
Psa 31:7 I will be glad and rejoice in your covenant faithfulness, for you saw my affliction; you knew the distress of my soul.
Psa 31:8 You have not given me into the hand of my enemy. You have set my feet in a wide open place.
Psa 31:9 Have mercy upon me, Yehowah, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weary with grief with my soul and my body.
Psa 31:10 For my life is weary with sorrow and my years with groaning. My strength fails because of my sin, and my bones are wasting away.
Psa 31:11 Because of all my enemies, people disdain me; my neighbors are appalled at my situation, and those who know me are horrified. Those who see me in the street run from me.
Psa 31:12 I am forgotten as a dead man whom no one thinks about. I am like a broken pot.
Psa 31:13 For I have heard the whispering of many, terrifying news from every side as they plot together against me. They plot to take away my life.
Psa 31:14 But I trust in you, Yehowah; I proclaim, "You are my Divine One!"
Psa 31:15 My destiny is in your hand. Rescue me from the hands of my enemies and from those who pursue me.
Psa 31:16 Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your covenant faithfulness.
Psa 31:17 Do not let me be humiliated, Yehowah; for I call out to you! May the wicked be humiliated! May they be silent in the place of the dead.
Psa 31:18 May lying lips be silenced that speak against the righteous defiantly with arrogance and contempt.
Psa 31:19 How great is your goodness that you have stored up for those who revere you, that you perform for those who take refuge in you before all the children of mankind!

Psa 31:20 In the shelter of your presence, you hide them from the plots of men. You hide them in a shelter from the violence of tongues.
Psa 31:21 Blessed be Yehowah, for he showed me his marvelous covenant faithfulness when I was in a besieged city.
Psa 31:22 Though I said in my haste, “I am cut off from your eyes,” yet you heard my plea for help when I cried to you.
Psa 31:23 Oh, love Yehowah, all you faithful followers. Yehowah protects the faithful, but he pays back the arrogant in full.
Psa 31:24 Be strong and confident, all you who trust in Yehowah for help.

Psalms Chapter 32

Psa 32:1 (A psalm of David. A maschil.) Blessed is the person whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Psa 32:2 Blessed is the man to whom Yehowah reckons no guilt and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
Psa 32:3 When I remained silent, my bones were wasting away, while I groaned all day long.
Psa 32:4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me. My strength withered as in summer drought. Selah.
Psa 32:5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I no longer hid my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to Yehowah,” and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah.
Psa 32:6 Because of this, all who are reverent should pray to you at a time of great distress. Then when the surging waters overflow, they will not reach those people.
Psa 32:7 You are my hiding place; you will guard me from trouble. You will surround me with the songs of victory. Selah.
Psa 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the Way which you should go. I will instruct you with my eye upon you.
Psa 32:9 Do not be like a horse or like a mule, which have no understanding; it is only with bridle and bit to control them that they will go where you want them to.
Psa 32:10 The wicked have many sorrows, but the covenant faithfulness of Yehowah will surround the one who trusts in him.
Psa 32:11 Be glad in Yehowah, and rejoice, you righteous; shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart!

Psalms Chapter 33

Psa 33:1 Rejoice in Yehowah, you righteous; praise is appropriate for the upright.
Psa 33:2 Give thanks to Yehowah with the harp; sing praises to him with the harp of ten strings.
Psa 33:3 Sing to him a new song; play skillfully and sing with joy.
Psa 33:4 For the Word of Yehowah is upright, and everything he does is fair.
Psa 33:5 He loves righteousness and justice. The earth is full of the covenant faithfulness of Yehowah.
Psa 33:6 By the Word of Yehowah the heavens were made, and all the stars were made by the breath of his mouth.
Psa 33:7 He gathers the waters of the sea together like a heap; he puts the oceans in storehouses.
Psa 33:8 Let the whole earth fear Yehowah; let all the inhabitants of the globe stand in awe of him.
Psa 33:9 For he spoke, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood in place.
Psa 33:10 Yehowah frustrates the alliances of ethnicities; he overrules the plans of the people.
Psa 33:11 The plans of Yehowah stand forever, the plans of his heart for all generations.
Psa 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose Divine One is Yehowah, the people whom he has chosen as his own inheritance.
Psa 33:13 Yehowah looks from Heaven; he sees all the sons of mankind.
Psa 33:14 From the place where he lives, he looks down on all who live on the earth.
Psa 33:15 He who shapes the hearts of them all observes all their deeds.
Psa 33:16 No king is saved by a vast military force; a warrior is not saved by his great strength.
Psa 33:17 A horse is false security for victory; in spite of his great strength, he cannot rescue.
Psa 33:18 See, the eye of Yehowah is on those who fear him, on those who count on his covenant faithfulness
Psa 33:19 to deliver their lives from death and to keep them alive in times of famine.
Psa 33:20 We wait for Yehowah; he is our help and our shield.
Psa 33:21 Our hearts rejoice in him, for we trust in his set-apart name.
Psa 33:22 Let your covenant faithfulness, Yehowah, be with us, as we put our hope in you.

Psalms Chapter 34

Psa 34:1 (A psalm of David; when he pretended to be insane before Abimelech, who drove him out.) I will praise Yehowah at all times, his praise will always be in my mouth.
Psa 34:2 I will praise Yehowah! May the oppressed hear and rejoice!
Psa 34:3 Praise Yehowah with me, let us lift up his name together.
Psa 34:4 I sought Yehowah, and he answered me, and he gave me victory over all my fears.
Psa 34:5 Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces are not ashamed.
Psa 34:6 This oppressed man cried, Yehowah heard him and saved him from all his troubles.
Psa 34:7 The angel of Yehowah camps around those who fear him and rescues them.
Psa 34:8 Taste and see that Yehowah is good. Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.
Psa 34:9 Fear Yehowah, you his set-apart people. There is no lack for those who fear him.
Psa 34:10 The young lions sometimes lack food and suffer hunger, but those who seek Yehowah will not lack anything good.
Psa 34:11 Come, sons, listen to me. I will teach you the fear of Yehowah.
Psa 34:12 What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good?
Psa 34:13 Then keep your tongue from evil and keep your lips from speaking lies.
Psa 34:14 Turn away from evil and do good. Seek peace and go after it.
Psa 34:15 The eyes of Yehowah are on the righteous, and his ears are directed toward their cry.
Psa 34:16 The face of Yehowah is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
Psa 34:17 The righteous cry out, and Yehowah hears, and he rescues them from all their troubles.
Psa 34:18 Yehowah is close to the brokenhearted, and he saves those who are crushed in spirit.
Psa 34:19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, but Yehowah delivers them out of them all.
Psa 34:20 He keeps all his bones, not one of them will be broken.
Psa 34:21 Evil will kill the wicked. Those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

Psa 34:22 Yehowah rescues the lives of his servants. None of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Psalms Chapter 35

Psa 35:1 (A psalm of David.) Yehowah, work against those who work against me; fight against those who fight against me.
Psa 35:2 Grab your small shield and large shield; rise up and help me.
Psa 35:3 Use your spear and battle ax against those who chase me; say to my soul, “I am your salvation.”
Psa 35:4 May those who seek my life be shamed and dishonored. May those who plan to harm me be turned back and confounded.
Psa 35:5 May they be as chaff before the wind, as the angel of Yehowah drives them away.
Psa 35:6 May their way be dark and slippery, as the angel of Yehowah chases them.
Psa 35:7 Without cause they set their net for me; without cause they dug a pit for my life.
Psa 35:8 Let destruction overtake them by surprise. Let the net that they have set catch them. Let them fall into it, to their destruction.
Psa 35:9 But I will be joyful in Yehowah and rejoice in his salvation.
Psa 35:10 All my bones will ask, “Yehowah, who is like you, who rescues the oppressed from those who are too strong for them, and the poor and needy from those who try to rob them?”
Psa 35:11 Unrighteous witnesses rise up; they accuse me falsely.
Psa 35:12 They repay me evil for good. I am sorrowful.
Psa 35:13 But, when they were sick, I wore sackcloth; I fasted for them with my head bowed on my chest.
Psa 35:14 I went about in grief as for my brother; I bent down in mourning as for my mother.
Psa 35:15 But when I stumbled, they rejoiced and gathered together; they gathered together against me, and I was surprised by them. They tore at me without stopping.
Psa 35:16 With no respect at all they mocked me; they gnashed at me with their teeth.
Psa 35:17 Lord, how long will you look on? Rescue my soul from their destructive attacks, my life from the lions.
Psa 35:18 Then I will thank you in the great congregation; I will praise you among many people.
Psa 35:19 Do not let my deceitful enemies rejoice over me; do not let them carry out their wicked schemes.
Psa 35:20 For they do not speak peace, but they devise deceitful words against those in our land who live in peace.

Psa 35:21 They open their mouths wide against me; they exclaimed, “Aha, Aha, our eyes have seen it!”
Psa 35:22 You have seen it, Yehowah, do not be silent; Lord, do not be far from me.
Psa 35:23 Arouse yourself and awake to my defense; my Divine One and my Lord, defend my cause.
Psa 35:24 Defend me, Yehowah my Divine One, because of your righteousness; do not let them rejoice over me.
Psa 35:25 Do not let them say in their heart, “Aha, we have what we wanted!” Do not let them boast, “We have devoured him!”
Psa 35:26 Put them to shame and confound those who want to harm me. May those who taunt me be covered with shame and dishonor.
Psa 35:27 Let those who desire my vindication shout for joy and be glad; may they proclaim continually, “Yehowah be praised, he who delights in the welfare of his servant!”
Psa 35:28 Then I will tell of your justice and praise you all day long.

Psalms Chapter 36

Psa 36:1 (For the chief musician. A psalm of David the servant of Yehowah.) Sin speaks like an oracle in the heart of the wicked man; there is no fear of the Almighty in his eyes.
Psa 36:2 For he comforts himself, thinking that his sin will not be discovered and be hated.
Psa 36:3 His words are sinful and deceitful; he does not want to be wise and do good.
Psa 36:4 While he lies in bed, he plans ways to sin; he sets out on an evil way; he does not reject evil.
Psa 36:5 Your covenant faithfulness, Yehowah, reaches to the heavens; your loyalty reaches to the clouds.
Psa 36:6 Your righteousness is like the mountains of the Almighty; your judgments are like the great deep. Yehowah, you preserve both mankind and the animals.
Psa 36:7 How precious is your covenant faithfulness, Almighty One! Humanity takes refuge under the shadow of your wings.
Psa 36:8 They will be abundantly satisfied with the richness of the food of your household; you will let them drink from the river of your precious blessings.
Psa 36:9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we will see light.
Psa 36:10 Extend your covenant faithfulness fully to those who know you, your defense to the upright of heart.
Psa 36:11 Do not let the foot of the arrogant man come near to me. Do not let the hand of the wicked drive me away.
Psa 36:12 Over there the evildoers have fallen; they are knocked down and are not able to get up.

Psalms Chapter 37

Psa 37:1 (A psalm of David.) Do not be irritated because of evildoers; do not be envious of those who act unrighteously.
Psa 37:2 For they will soon dry up as the grass and wither as the green plants.
Psa 37:3 Trust in Yehowah and do what is good; settle in the land and graze in faithfulness.
Psa 37:4 Then delight yourself in Yehowah, and he will give you the requests of your heart.
Psa 37:5 Give your ways to Yehowah; trust in him, and he will act on your behalf.
Psa 37:6 He will display your justice like the daylight and your innocence like the day at noon.
Psa 37:7 Be still before Yehowah and wait patiently for him. Do not be angry if someone succeeds in what he does, or when he makes evil plots.
Psa 37:8 Do not be angry and frustrated. Do not worry. This only makes trouble.
Psa 37:9 Evildoers will be cut off, but those who wait for Yehowah will inherit the land.
Psa 37:10 In a little while, the evil man will disappear; you will look at his place, but he will be gone.
Psa 37:11 But the meek will inherit the land and will delight in great peace.
Psa 37:12 The wicked man plots against the righteous and gnashes his teeth against him.
Psa 37:13 The Lord laughs at the wicked, for he sees that his day is coming.
Psa 37:14 The wicked have drawn out their swords and have bent their bows to cast down the oppressed and needy, to kill those who are upright.
Psa 37:15 Their swords will pierce their own hearts, and their bows will be broken.
Psa 37:16 Better is the little that the righteous has than the abundance of many wicked people.
Psa 37:17 For the arms of the wicked people will be broken, but Yehowah supports the righteous people.
Psa 37:18 Yehowah watches over the blameless day by day, and their heritage will be forever.
Psa 37:19 They will not be ashamed when times are bad. When famine comes, they will have enough to eat.
Psa 37:20 But evil men will perish. The enemies of Yehowah will be like the glory of the pastures; they will be consumed and disappear in the smoke.
Psa 37:21 The wicked person borrows but does not repay, but the righteous person is generous and gives.

Psa 37:22 Those who are blessed by Yehowah will inherit the land; those who are cursed by him will be cut off.
Psa 37:23 It is by Yehowah that a man's steps are established, the man whose Way is commendable in the sight of Yehowah.
Psa 37:24 Though he stumbles, he will not fall down, for Yehowah is holding him with his hand.
Psa 37:25 I was young and now am old; I have never seen the righteous person abandoned or his children begging for bread.
Psa 37:26 All the day long he is gracious and lends, and his children become a blessing.
Psa 37:27 Turn away from evil and do what is right; then you will be safe forever.
Psa 37:28 For Yehowah loves justice and does not abandon his faithful followers. They are preserved forever, but the descendants of the wicked will be cut off.
Psa 37:29 The righteous will inherit the land and live there forever.
Psa 37:30 The mouth of the righteous person speaks wisdom and increases justice.
Psa 37:31 The law of his Divine One is in his heart; his feet will not slip.
Psa 37:32 The wicked person watches the righteous person and seeks to kill him.
Psa 37:33 Yehowah will not abandon him into the evil person's hand or condemn him when he is judged.
Psa 37:34 Wait for Yehowah and keep his Way, and he will raise you up to possess the land. You will see when the wicked are cut off.
Psa 37:35 I have seen the wicked and terrifying person spread out like a green tree in its native soil.
Psa 37:36 But when I passed by again, he was not there. I looked for him, but he could not be found.
Psa 37:37 Observe the man of integrity and mark the upright; there is a good future for a man of peace.
Psa 37:38 Sinners will be totally destroyed; the future for the wicked man is cut off.
Psa 37:39 Salvation of the righteous comes from Yehowah; he protects them in the times of trouble.
Psa 37:40 Yehowah helps them and rescues them. He rescues them from evil men and saves them, because they have taken refuge in him.

Psalms Chapter 38

Psa 38:1 (A psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.) Yehowah, do not rebuke me in your anger; do not punish me in your wrath.
Psa 38:2 For your arrows pierce me, and your hand presses me down.
Psa 38:3 My whole body is sick because of your anger; there is no health in my bones because of my sin.
Psa 38:4 For my iniquities overwhelm me; they are a burden too heavy for me.
Psa 38:5 My wounds are infected and smell because of my foolish sins.
Psa 38:6 I am stooped over and humiliated every day; I go about mourning all day long.
Psa 38:7 For within me, I am filled with burning; there is no health in my flesh.
Psa 38:8 I am numb and utterly crushed; I groan because of the anguish of my heart.
Psa 38:9 Lord, you understand my heart's deepest yearnings, and my groanings are not hidden from you.
Psa 38:10 My heart pounds, my strength fades, and my eyesight dims.
Psa 38:11 My friends and companions shun me because of my condition; my neighbors stand far off.
Psa 38:12 Those who seek my life lay snares for me. They who seek my harm speak destructive words and say deceitful words all day long.
Psa 38:13 But I, I am like a deaf man and hear nothing; I am like a mute man who says nothing.
Psa 38:14 I am like a man who does not hear and who has no reply.
Psa 38:15 Surely I wait for you, Yehowah; you will answer, Lord my Divine One.
Psa 38:16 I say this, so that my enemies will not gloat over me. If my foot slips, they will do terrible things to me.
Psa 38:17 For I am about to stumble, and I am in constant pain.
Psa 38:18 I confess my guilt; I am concerned about my sin.
Psa 38:19 But my enemies are numerous and strong; those who hate me wrongfully are many.
Psa 38:20 They repay me evil for good; they hurl accusations at me, although I have pursued what is good.
Psa 38:21 Do not abandon me, Yehowah; my Divine One, do not stay far away from me.
Psa 38:22 Come quickly to help me, O Lord, my salvation.

Psalms Chapter 39

Psa 39:1 (For the chief musician, for Jeduthun. A psalm of David.) I decided, “I will watch what I say, so that I do not sin with my tongue. I will muzzle my mouth while in the presence of an evil man.”
Psa 39:2 I kept silent; I kept back my words even from saying anything good, and my pain grew worse.
Psa 39:3 My heart became hot; when I thought about these things, it burned like a fire. Then finally I spoke,
Psa 39:4 “Yehowah, make me know when will be the end of my life and the extent of my days. Show me how transient I am.
Psa 39:5 See, you have made my days only the width of my hand, and my lifetime is like nothing before you. Surely every man is a single breath. Selah.
Psa 39:6 Surely, every man walks about like a shadow. Surely, everyone hurries about to accumulate riches, although they do not know who will receive them.
Psa 39:7 Now Lord, for what am I waiting? You are my only hope.
Psa 39:8 Rescue me from my sins; do not make me the reproach of fools.
Psa 39:9 I am silent and cannot open my mouth, because it is you who has done it.
Psa 39:10 Stop wounding me; I am overwhelmed by the blow of your hand.
Psa 39:11 When you discipline people for sin, you consume the things they desire like a moth; surely all people are nothing but vapor. Selah.
Psa 39:12 Hear my prayer, Yehowah, and listen to me; listen to my weeping! Do not be deaf to me, for I am like a sojourning foreigner with you, a resident alien like all my ancestors were.
Psa 39:13 Turn your gaze from me, so that I may smile again before I die.”

Psalms Chapter 40

Psa 40:1 (For the chief musician. A psalm of David.) I waited patiently for Yehowah; he listened to me and heard my cry.
Psa 40:2 He brought me up out of a noisy pit, out of the miry clay, and he set my feet on a rock and made my steps secure.
Psa 40:3 He has put a new song in my mouth, praise to our Divine One! Many will see it, honor him, and will trust in Yehowah.
Psa 40:4 Blessed is the man who makes Yehowah his trust and does not honor the proud or those who turn away from him to lies.
Psa 40:5 Many, Yehowah my Divine One, are the wonderful deeds that you have done, and your thoughts which are about us cannot be numbered; if I declared and spoke of them, they would be more than could be counted.
Psa 40:6 You have no delight in sacrifice or offering, but it is a body you have prepared for me (LXX; Heb. 10:5); you have not required burnt offerings or sin offerings.
Psa 40:7 Then said I, “See, I have come; it is written about me in the Scroll of the Book.
Psa 40:8 I delight to do your will, my Divine One; your law is in my heart (mind).”
Psa 40:9 I have proclaimed the good news of your righteousness in the great congregation; Yehowah, you know that my lips have not kept back from doing this.
Psa 40:10 I have not concealed your righteousness in my heart; I have declared your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your covenant faithfulness or your truth from the great congregation.
Psa 40:11 Do not keep back your merciful acts from me, Yehowah; let your covenant faithfulness and your truth always preserve me.
Psa 40:12 Troubles that cannot be numbered surround me; my iniquities have caught up with me, so that I am no longer able to see anything; they are more than the hairs on my head, and my heart has failed me.
Psa 40:13 Be pleased, Yehowah, to rescue me; hurry to help me, Yehowah.
Psa 40:14 Let them be ashamed and completely disappointed who pursue my life to take it away. Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor, those who delight in hurting me.
Psa 40:15 Let them be shocked because of their shame, those who say to me, “Aha, aha!”
Psa 40:16 But may all those who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let everyone who loves your salvation shout continually, “May Yehowah be praised!”

Psa 40:17 I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinks about me. You are my help, and you come to my rescue; do not delay, my Divine One.

Psalms Chapter 41

Psa 41:1 (For the chief musician. A psalm of David.) Blessed is he who is concerned for the weak; in the day of trouble, Yehowah will rescue him.
Psa 41:2 Yehowah will preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be blessed on the earth; Yehowah will not turn him over to the will of his enemies.
Psa 41:3 Yehowah will support him on the bed of suffering; you will make his bed of sickness into a bed of healing.
Psa 41:4 I prayed, “Yehowah, have mercy on me! Heal me, for I have sinned against you.”
Psa 41:5 My enemies speak evil against me, asking, ‘When will he die and his name perish?’
Psa 41:6 If my enemy comes to see me, he says worthless things; his heart gathers up my disaster for itself; when he goes away from me, he tells others about it.
Psa 41:7 All who hate me whisper together against me; against me they hope for my hurt.
Psa 41:8 They say, “An evil disease holds on tightly to him; now that he is lying down, he will rise up no more.”
Psa 41:9 Indeed, even my own close friend, in whom I trusted, who ate my food, has lifted up his heel against me (John 13:18).
Psa 41:10 But you, Yehowah, have mercy on me and raise me up, so that I may pay them back.
Psa 41:11 By this I know that you delight in me, for my enemy does not triumph over me.
Psa 41:12 As for me, you support me in my integrity and will keep me before your face forever.
Psa 41:13 May Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, be praised from everlasting to everlasting. Amein and Amein.

Psalms Chapter 42

Psa 42:1 (For the chief musician. A maschil of the sons of Korah.) As the deer pants after streams of water, so I thirst for you, Almighty One.
Psa 42:2 I thirst for the Almighty, for the living Almighty, when will I come and appear before the Almighty?
Psa 42:3 My tears have been my food day and night, while my enemies are always asking me, “Where is your Divine One?”
Psa 42:4 These things I call to mind as I pour out my soul: How I went with the throng and led them to the temple of the Almighty with the voice of joy and praise, a multitude celebrating a feast.
Psa 42:5 Why are you bowed down, my soul? Why are you upset within me? Hope in the Almighty, for again I will praise him face to face, who is my salvation.
Psa 42:6 My Divine One, my soul is bowed down within me, therefore I call you to mind from the land of the Jordan River, from the three peaks of Mount Hermon, and from the hill of Mizar.
Psa 42:7 Deep calls to deep at the noise of your waterfalls; all your waves and your billows have gone over me.
Psa 42:8 Yet Yehowah will command his covenant faithfulness in the daytime; in the night his song will be with me, a prayer to the Mighty One of my life.
Psa 42:9 I will ask the Almighty, my Rock, “Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?”
Psa 42:10 As with a sword in my bones, my adversaries rebuke me, while they always ask me, “Where is your Divine One?”
Psa 42:11 Why are you bowed down, my soul? Why are you upset within me? Hope in the Almighty, for again I will praise him face to face, who is my salvation and my Divine One.

Psalms Chapter 43

Psa 43:1 Bring me justice, Almighty One, and plead my cause against a wicked ethnicity. Deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.
Psa 43:2 For you are the Mighty One of my strength. Why have you rejected me? Why do I go about in mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
Psa 43:3 Oh, send out your light and your truth, let them lead me. Let them bring me to your set-apart hill and to your dwelling.
Psa 43:4 Then I will go to the altar of the Almighty, to the Almighty my exceeding joy. I will praise you with the harp, Almighty, my Divine One.
Psa 43:5 Why are you bowed down, my soul? Why are you upset within me? Hope in the Almighty, for again I will praise him who is my salvation and my Divine One.

Psalms Chapter 44

Psa 44:1 (For the chief musician. A psalm of the sons of Korah. A maschil.) We have heard with our ears, Almighty One, our fathers have told us what work you did in their days, in the days of old.
Psa 44:2 You drove out the ethnicities with your hand, but you planted our people; you afflicted the ethnicities, but you spread our people out in the land.
Psa 44:3 For they did not obtain the land for their possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them; but your right hand, your arm, and the light of your face, because you were favorable to them.
Psa 44:4 Almighty One, you are my King; command victory for Jacob.
Psa 44:5 Through you we will push down our adversaries; through your name we will tread them under, those who rise up against us.
Psa 44:6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither will my sword save me.
Psa 44:7 But you have saved us from our adversaries and have put to shame those who hate us.
Psa 44:8 In the Almighty, we have made our boast all the day long, and we will give thanks to your name forever. Selah.
Psa 44:9 But now you have thrown us off and brought us dishonor, and you do not go out with our armed forces.
Psa 44:10 You make us turn back from the adversary; and those who hate us take spoil for themselves.
Psa 44:11 You have made us like sheep destined for food and have scattered us among the ethnicities.
Psa 44:12 You sell your people for nothing; you have not increased your wealth by doing so.
Psa 44:13 You make us a rebuke to our neighbors, scoffed and mocked by those around us.
Psa 44:14 You make us an insult among the ethnicities, a shaking of the head among the people.
Psa 44:15 All the day long, my dishonor is before me, and the shame of my face has covered me,
Psa 44:16 because of the voice of him who rebukes and insults, because of the enemy and the avenger.
Psa 44:17 All this has come on us; yet we have not forgotten you or dealt falsely with your covenant.
Psa 44:18 Our heart has not turned back; our steps have not gone from your Way.
Psa 44:19 Yet you have severely broken us in the place of jackals and covered us with the shadow of death.

Psa 44:20 If we have forgotten the name of our Divine One or spread out our hands to a foreign deity,
Psa 44:21 would not the Almighty search this out? For he knows the secrets of the heart.
Psa 44:22 Indeed, for your sake we are being killed all day long; we are considered to be sheep for the slaughter.
Psa 44:23 Awake, why do you sleep, O Lord? Arise, do not throw us off permanently.
Psa 44:24 Why do you hide your face and forget our affliction and our oppression?
Psa 44:25 For we have melted away into the dust; our bodies cling to the earth.
Psa 44:26 Rise up for our help and redeem us for the sake of your covenant faithfulness.

Psalms Chapter 45

Psa 45:1 (For the chief musician; set to Shoshannim. A psalm of the sons of Korah. A maschil. A song of loves.) My heart overflows on a good subject; I will read aloud the words I have composed about the king; my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
Psa 45:2 You are fairer than the children of mankind; grace is poured onto your lips; therefore, we know that the Almighty has blessed you forever.
Psa 45:3 Put your sword on your side, Chief, in your glory and your majesty (Rev. 19:15-16).
Psa 45:4 In your majesty ride on triumphantly because of truth, meekness, and righteousness; your right hand will teach you fearful things.
Psa 45:5 Your arrows are sharp; the people fall under you; your arrows are in the hearts of the king's enemies.
Psa 45:6 Your throne, Almighty One, is forever and ever; a scepter of justice is the scepter of your kingdom.
Psa 45:7 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore the Almighty, your Divine One, has anointed you with the oil of gladness more than your companions.
Psa 45:8 All your garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia; out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made you glad.
Psa 45:9 Kings' daughters are among your honorable women; at your right hand stands the queen clothed in gold of Ophir.
Psa 45:10 Listen, daughter, consider and incline your ear; forget your own people and your father's household.
Psa 45:11 In this way, the king will desire your beauty; he is your master; revere him.
Psa 45:12 The daughter of Tyre will be there with a gift; the rich among the people will beg for your grace.
Psa 45:13 The royal daughter in the palace is all glorious; her clothing is worked with gold.
Psa 45:14 She will be led to the king in embroidered dress; the virgins, her companions who follow her, will be brought to you.
Psa 45:15 They will be led by gladness and rejoicing; they will enter into the king's palace (Joel 2:16).
Psa 45:16 In the place of your fathers will be your children, whom you will make princes in all the earth.
Psa 45:17 I will proclaim your name in all generations; therefore, the people will give you thanks forever and ever.

Psalms Chapter 46

Psa 46:1 (For the chief musician. A psalm of the sons of Korah; set to Alamoth. A song.) The Almighty is our refuge and strength, a readily present help in trouble.
Psa 46:2 Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains should be shaken into the heart of the seas,
Psa 46:3 though its waters roar and rage, and though the mountains tremble with their swelling. Selah.
Psa 46:4 There is a river, the streams of which make the city of the Almighty happy, the Set-apart Place of the tabernacles of the Most High.
Psa 46:5 The Almighty is in the middle of her; she will not be moved; the Almighty will help her, and he will do so at dawn.
Psa 46:6 The ethnicities raged and the kingdoms were shaken; he lifted up his voice, and the earth melted.
Psa 46:7 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces is with us; the Mighty One of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.
Psa 46:8 Come, behold the deeds of Yehowah, the destruction he has caused on earth.
Psa 46:9 He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and cuts the spear into pieces; he burns up the chariots with fire.
Psa 46:10 Be quiet and know that I am the Almighty; I will be exalted among the ethnicities; I will be exalted on the earth.
Psa 46:11 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces is with us; the Mighty One of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

Psalms Chapter 47

Psa 47:1 (For the chief musician. A psalm of the sons of Korah.) Clap your hands, all you people; shout to the Almighty with the sound of triumph!
Psa 47:2 For Yehowah Most High is terrifying; he is a great King over all the earth.
Psa 47:3 He subdues people under us and ethnicities under our feet.
Psa 47:4 He chooses our inheritance for us, the glory of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.
Psa 47:5 The Almighty has gone up with a shout, Yehowah with the sound of a trumpet.
Psa 47:6 Sing praises to the Almighty, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.
Psa 47:7 For the Almighty is King over all the earth; sing praises with understanding.
Psa 47:8 The Almighty reigns over the ethnicities; the Almighty sits on his set-apart throne.
Psa 47:9 The princes of the people have gathered together to the people of the Mighty One of Abraham; for the shields of the earth belong to the Almighty; he is greatly exalted.

Psalms Chapter 48

Psa 48:1 (A song; a psalm of the sons of Korah.) Great is Yehowah and greatly to be praised, in the city of our Divine One on his set-apart mountain!
Psa 48:2 Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King!
Psa 48:3 The Almighty has made himself known in her palaces as a refuge.
Psa 48:4 For see, the kings assembled themselves; they passed by together.
Psa 48:5 They saw it, then they were amazed; they were dismayed, and they hurried away.
Psa 48:6 Trembling took hold of them there, pain as when a woman is in labor.
Psa 48:7 With the east wind you break the ships of Tarshish.
Psa 48:8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, in the city of our Divine One; the Almighty will establish it forever. Selah.
Psa 48:9 We have thought about your covenant faithfulness, Almighty One, in the middle of your temple.
Psa 48:10 As your name is, Almighty One, so is your praise to the ends of the earth; your right hand is full of righteousness.
Psa 48:11 Let Mount Zion be glad, let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your righteous decrees.
Psa 48:12 Walk around Mount Zion, go round about her; count her towers,
Psa 48:13 notice well her walls, and look at her palaces, so that you may tell it to the next generation.
Psa 48:14 For this Almighty is our Divine One forever and ever; he will be our guide to death.

Psalms Chapter 49

Psa 49:1 (For the chief musician. A psalm of the sons of Korah.) Hear this, all you people; give ear, all you inhabitants of the world,
Psa 49:2 both low and high, rich and poor together.
Psa 49:3 My mouth will speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart will be of understanding.
Psa 49:4 I will incline my ear to a parable; I will begin my parable with the harp.
Psa 49:5 Why should I fear the days of evil, when iniquity surrounds me at my heels?
Psa 49:6 Why should I fear those who trust in their wealth and boast about the amount of their riches?
Psa 49:7 It is certain that no one can redeem his brother or give the Almighty a ransom for him.
Psa 49:8 For the redemption of one's life is costly, and no one can pay what we owe.
Psa 49:9 No one can live forever, so that his body should not decompose.
Psa 49:10 For he will see decay. Wise men die; the fool and the brute alike perish and leave their wealth to others.
Psa 49:11 Their inner thought is that their families will continue forever, and the places where they live, to all generations; they call their lands after their own names.
Psa 49:12 But man, having wealth, does not remain alive; he is like the beasts that perish.
Psa 49:13 This, their way, is their folly; yet after them, men approve of their sayings. Selah.
Psa 49:14 Like sheep they are appointed for the place of the dead, and death will be their shepherd. The upright will rule over them at dawn, and their bodies will be consumed in the place of the dead, with no place for them to live.
Psa 49:15 But the Almighty will redeem my life from the power of the place of the dead; he will receive me. Selah.
Psa 49:16 Do not be afraid when one becomes rich, and the glory of his house increases.
Psa 49:17 For when he dies he will take nothing away; his glory will not go down after him.
Psa 49:18 He blessed his soul while he lived, and men praise you when you live for yourself,
Psa 49:19 he will go to the generation of his fathers, and they will never see the light again.

Psa 49:20 One who has wealth but no understanding is like the beasts which perish.

Psalms Chapter 50

Psa 50:1 (A psalm of Asaph.) Mighty Almighty Yehowah has spoken and called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Psa 50:2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, the Almighty has shone.
Psa 50:3 Our Divine One comes and does not stay silent; a fire devours before him, and it is extremely stormy around him.
Psa 50:4 He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, so that he may judge his people:
Psa 50:5 “Gather my faithful ones together to me, those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”
Psa 50:6 The heavens will declare his righteousness, for the Almighty himself is judge. Selah.
Psa 50:7 “Hear, my people, and I will speak; Oh Israel, I will witness against you: I am the Almighty, your Divine One.
Psa 50:8 I will not reprove you for your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.
Psa 50:9 I will take no bull out of your house or male goats out of your folds.
Psa 50:10 For every beast of the forest is mine and the livestock on a thousand hills.
Psa 50:11 I know all the birds of the mountains, and the wild beasts of the field are mine.
Psa 50:12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the globe is mine and everything on it.
Psa 50:13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?
Psa 50:14 Offer to the Almighty the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.
Psa 50:15 Call on me in the day of trouble; I will rescue you, and you will glorify me.”
Psa 50:16 But to the wicked the Almighty says, “What have you to do with declaring my statutes, that you have taken my covenant in your mouth,
Psa 50:17 since you hate instruction and throw my words away?
Psa 50:18 When you see a thief, you agree with him; you participate with those who commit adultery.
Psa 50:19 You give your mouth to evil, and your tongue expresses deceit.
Psa 50:20 You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother’s son.
Psa 50:21 You have done these things, but I have kept silent, so you thought that I was someone just like yourself. But I will reprove you and bring up, right before your eyes, all the things you have done.

Psa 50:22 Give this careful consideration, you who forget the Almighty, otherwise, I will tear you to pieces, and there will be no one to come to help you!
Psa 50:23 The one who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving praises me, and to anyone who plans his Path in the right Way, I will show the salvation of the Almighty."

Psalms Chapter 51

Psa 51:1 (For the chief musician. A psalm of David; when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had committed adultery with Bathsheba.) Have mercy on me, Almighty One, because of your covenant faithfulness; for the sake of the multitude of your mercies, blot out my transgressions.
Psa 51:2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
Psa 51:3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
Psa 51:4 Against you, you only, I have sinned and done what is evil in your sight; you are right when you speak; you are correct when you judge.
Psa 51:5 See, I was born in iniquity; as soon as my mother conceived me, I was in sin.
Psa 51:6 See, you desire truth in my heart; in my heart you will make me know wisdom.
Psa 51:7 Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
Psa 51:8 Make me hear joy and gladness, so that the bones that you have broken may rejoice.
Psa 51:9 Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.
Psa 51:10 Create in me a pure heart (mind), Almighty One, and renew a right spirit within me.
Psa 51:11 Do not drive me away from your presence and do not take your Ruach Kodesh from me.
Psa 51:12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your noble Ruach.
Psa 51:13 Then will I teach transgressors your Ways, and sinners will be converted to you.
Psa 51:14 Forgive me for shedding blood, Almighty One, Mighty One of my salvation, and I will shout for the joy of your righteousness.
Psa 51:15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will express your praise.
Psa 51:16 For you do not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you have no pleasure in burnt offerings.
Psa 51:17 The sacrifices of the Almighty are a broken spirit. You, Almighty One, will not despise a broken and a contrite heart.
Psa 51:18 Do good in your good pleasure to Zion; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
Psa 51:19 Then will you delight in the sacrifices of righteousness, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then our people will offer bulls on your altar.

Psalms Chapter 52

Psa 52:1 (For the chief musician. A maschil of David; when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, “David has come to the house of Ahimelech.”) Why are you proud of making trouble, you mighty man? The covenant faithfulness of the Almighty comes every day.
Psa 52:2 Your tongue plans destruction like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.
Psa 52:3 You love evil more than good and lying rather than speaking righteousness. Selah.
Psa 52:4 You love all words that devour others, you deceitful tongue.
Psa 52:5 The Almighty will likewise destroy you forever; he will take you up and pluck you out of your tent and root you out of the land of the living. Selah.
Psa 52:6 The righteous will also see it and fear; they will laugh at him and say,
Psa 52:7 “See, this is a man who did not make the Almighty his refuge, but he trusted in the abundance of his wealth, and he was strong when he destroyed others.”
Psa 52:8 But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in the temple of the Almighty; I will trust in the covenant faithfulness of the Almighty forever and ever.
Psa 52:9 I will give you thanks forever for what you have done. I will wait for your name, because it is good, in the presence of your reverent people.

Psalms Chapter 53

Psa 53:1 (For the chief musician; set to Mahalath. A maschil of David.) A fool says in his heart, “The Almighty does not exist.” They are corrupt and have done abominable iniquity; there is no one who does good.
Psa 53:2 The Almighty looks down from Heaven on the children of mankind to see if there are any who understand, who seek after the Almighty.
Psa 53:3 They have all turned away. Together they have become corrupt. There is not one who does good, not even one.
Psa 53:4 Do those who commit iniquity have no understanding, those who devour my people as if they were eating bread, and they do not call on the Almighty?
Psa 53:5 They were in great fear, although no reason to fear was there; for the Almighty will scatter the bones of whoever will camp against you; such people will be put to shame, because the Almighty has rejected them.
Psa 53:6 Oh that the salvation of Israel would come from Zion! When the Almighty brings back his people from the captivity, then Jacob will rejoice, and Israel will be glad!

Psalms Chapter 54

Psa 54:1 (For the chief musician; on stringed instruments. A maschil of David; when the Ziphites came and asked Saul, “Does David not hide himself with us?”) Save me, Almighty One, by your name, and judge me in your might.
Psa 54:2 Hear my prayer, Almighty One; give ear to the words of my mouth.
Psa 54:3 For foreigners have risen up against me, and pitiless men have sought after my life; they have not set the Almighty before them. Selah.
Psa 54:4 See, the Almighty is my helper; the Lord is the One who upholds me.
Psa 54:5 He will repay my enemies with evil; in your faithfulness, destroy them!
Psa 54:6 I will sacrifice to you with a freewill offering; I will give thanks to your name, Yehowah, for it is good.
Psa 54:7 For he has rescued me from every trouble; my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

Psalms Chapter 55

Psa 55:1 (For the chief musician; on stringed instruments. A maschil of David.) Give ear to my prayer, Almighty One; and do not hide yourself from my plea.
Psa 55:2 Pay attention to me and answer me; I have no rest in my troubles, and groan,
Psa 55:3 because of the voice of my enemies, because of the oppression of the wicked; for they bring trouble on me and persecute me in anger.
Psa 55:4 My heart trembles within me, and the terrors of death have fallen on me.
Psa 55:5 Fearfulness and trembling have come on me, and horror has overwhelmed me.
Psa 55:6 I said, “Oh, if only I had wings like a dove! Then would I fly away and be at rest.
Psa 55:7 See, then I would wander far away; I would stay in the wilderness. Selah.
Psa 55:8 I would hurry to a shelter from the stormy wind and tempest.”
Psa 55:9 Devour them, Lord, confuse their language! For I have seen violence and strife in the city.
Psa 55:10 Day and night they go about on its walls; iniquity and mischief are in the middle of it.
Psa 55:11 Wickedness is in the middle of it; oppression and deceit do not leave its streets.
Psa 55:12 For it was not an enemy who rebuked me, then I could have borne it; neither was it he who hated me who raised himself up against me, then I would have hidden myself from him.
Psa 55:13 But it was you, a man equal to myself, my companion and my close friend.
Psa 55:14 We had sweet fellowship together; we walked in the temple of the Almighty with the throng.
Psa 55:15 Let death come suddenly on them; let them go down alive to the place of the dead, for wickedness is where they live, right among them.
Psa 55:16 As for me, I will call on the Almighty, and Yehowah will save me.
Psa 55:17 At dusk, dawn, and at noonday I complain and moan; he will hear my voice.
Psa 55:18 He will safely rescue my life from the battle that was against me, for those who fought against me were many.
Psa 55:19 The Almighty, the One who rules from eternity, will hear them and humiliate them. Selah. They never change, and they do not fear the Almighty.

Psa 55:20 My friend has raised his hands against those who were at peace with him; he has not respected the covenant that he had.
Psa 55:21 His mouth was smooth as butter, but his heart was hostile; his words were softer than oil, yet they were actually drawn swords.
Psa 55:22 Place your burdens on Yehowah, and he will sustain you; he will never allow a righteous person to waver.
Psa 55:23 But you, Almighty One, will bring the wicked down into the pit of destruction; bloodthirsty and deceitful men will not live even half as long as others, but I will trust in you.

Psalms Chapter 56

Psa 56:1 (For the chief musician; set to Jonath elem rehokim. A psalm of David. A michtam; when the Philistines took him in Gath. 1 Sam. 21:10-15) Be merciful to me, Almighty One, for men are attacking me! All the day long those who fight me press their assault.
Psa 56:2 My enemies trample me all day long; for there are many who arrogantly fight against me on elevated places.
Psa 56:3 When I am afraid, I will put my trust in you.
Psa 56:4 In the Almighty, whose Word I praise, in the Almighty I have put my trust; I will not be afraid; what can mere man do to me?
Psa 56:5 All the day long they twist my words; all their thoughts are against me for evil.
Psa 56:6 They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, and they mark my steps, just as they have waited for my life.
Psa 56:7 Do not let them escape doing iniquity. Bring down the people in your anger, Almighty One.
Psa 56:8 You number my wanderings and put my tears into your bottle; are they not in your Book?
Psa 56:9 Then my enemies will turn back on the day that I call to you; this I know, that the Almighty is for me.
Psa 56:10 In the Almighty, whose Word I praise, in Yehowah, whose Word I praise.
Psa 56:11 In the Almighty I trust, I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?
Psa 56:12 The duty to fulfill my vows to you is on me, Almighty One; I will give thank offerings to you.
Psa 56:13 For you have rescued my life from death; you have kept my feet from falling, so that I may walk before the Almighty in the light of the living.

Psalms Chapter 57

Psa 57:1 (For the chief musician; set to Al Tashheth. A psalm of David. A michtam; when he fled from Saul, in the cave.) Be merciful to me, Almighty One, be merciful to me, for I take refuge in you, until these troubles are over. I stay under your wings for protection, until this destruction is over.
Psa 57:2 I will cry to Most High Almighty, to the Almighty, who does all things for me.
Psa 57:3 He will send help from Heaven and save me, he is angry with those who crush me. Selah. The Almighty will send me his loving-kindness and his faithfulness.
Psa 57:4 My life is among lions; I am among those who are ready to devour me. I am among people whose teeth are spears and arrows, and whose tongues are sharp swords.
Psa 57:5 Be exalted, Almighty One, above the heavens; let your glory be above all the earth!
Psa 57:6 They spread out a net for my feet; I was distressed. They dug a pit in front of me. They themselves have fallen into the middle of it! Selah.
Psa 57:7 My heart is fixed, Almighty One, my heart is fixed; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises!
Psa 57:8 Wake up, my honored heart; wake up, lute and harp; I will wake up the dawn.
Psa 57:9 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the people; I will sing praises to you among the ethnicities!
Psa 57:10 For great is your unfailing love, reaching to the heavens; and your faithfulness to the clouds.
Psa 57:11 Be exalted, Almighty One, above the heavens; may your glory be exalted over all the earth!

Psalms Chapter 58

Psa 58:1 (For the chief musician; set to Al Tashheth. A psalm of David. A michtam.) Do you rulers speak righteousness? Do you judge uprightly, you people?
Psa 58:2 No, you commit wickedness in your heart; you distribute violence throughout the land with your hands.
Psa 58:3 The wicked go astray even when they were in the womb; they go astray from birth, speaking lies.
Psa 58:4 Their poison is like a snake's poison; they are like a deaf viper that stops up its ears,
Psa 58:5 that pays no attention to the voice of charmers, no matter how skillful they are.
Psa 58:6 Break their teeth in their mouths, Almighty One; break out the great teeth of the young lions, Yehowah.
Psa 58:7 Let them melt away as water that runs off; when they shoot their arrows, let them be as though they had blunt points.
Psa 58:8 Let them be like a snail that melts and passes away, like a woman's stillborn child that never sees the sunlight.
Psa 58:9 Before your pots can feel the thorn's burning heat, he will take them away with a whirlwind, the green thorns and the burning thorns alike.
Psa 58:10 The righteous will rejoice when he sees the vengeance of the Almighty; he will wash his feet in the blood of the wicked,
Psa 58:11 so that people will say, "Truly, there is a reward for the righteous person; truly, there is an Almighty who judges the earth."

Psalms Chapter 59

Psa 59:1 (For the chief musician; set to Al Tashheth. A psalm of David. A michtam; when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.) Rescue me from my enemies, my Divine One; set me on high away from those who rise up against me.
Psa 59:2 Keep me safe from the workers of iniquity and save me from the bloodthirsty men.
Psa 59:3 For see, they wait in ambush to take my life. The mighty evildoers gather themselves together against me, but not because of my transgression or my sin, Yehowah.
Psa 59:4 They prepare to run at me although I am without fault; awake, help me, and see.
Psa 59:5 You, Yehowah, Mighty One of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, arise and punish all the ethnicities; do not be merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah.
Psa 59:6 They return at dusk, they howl like dogs and go around the city.
Psa 59:7 See, they belch out with their mouths; swords are in their lips, for they ask, “Who hears us?”
Psa 59:8 But you, Yehowah, laugh at them; you hold all the ethnicities in derision.
Psa 59:9 Almighty, my strength, I will pay attention to you; you are my high tower.
Psa 59:10 My Divine One will meet me with his covenant faithfulness; the Almighty will let me see my desire on my enemies.
Psa 59:11 Do not kill them, or my people will forget. Scatter them by your power and make them fall, O Lord our shield.
Psa 59:12 For the sins of their mouths and the words of their lips, let them be captured in their pride, and for the curses and lies that they express.
Psa 59:13 Consume them in wrath, consume them so that they will be no more; let them know that the Almighty rules in Jacob and to the ends of the earth. Selah.
Psa 59:14 At dusk they return, howling like dogs going around the city.
Psa 59:15 They wander about looking for food, and they growl like a dog, if they are not satisfied.
Psa 59:16 But I will sing about your strength, and at dawn I will sing about your steadfast love! For you have been my high tower and a refuge in the day of my distress.
Psa 59:17 To you, my strength, I will sing praises; for the Almighty is my high tower, the Mighty One of covenant faithfulness.

Psalms Chapter 60

Psa 60:1 (For the chief musician; set to Shushan Eduth. A michtam of David, for teaching. When he fought with Aram Naharaim and with Aram Zobah, and Joab returned and killed twelve thousand Edomites in the Valley of Salt.) Almighty One, you have cast us off; you have broken through our defenses; you have been angry; restore us again.
Psa 60:2 You have made the land tremble; you have torn it apart; heal its fissures, for it is shaking.
Psa 60:3 You have made your people see difficult things; you have made us drink the wine of staggering.
Psa 60:4 For those who honor you, you have set up a banner to be displayed against those who carry the bow. Selah.
Psa 60:5 So that those you love may be rescued, rescue us with your right hand and answer me.
Psa 60:6 The Almighty has spoken in his consecration, “I will rejoice; I will divide Shechem and apportion out the Valley of Succoth.
Psa 60:7 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is my helmet; Judah is my scepter.
Psa 60:8 Moab is my washbasin; over Edom I will throw my sandal; I will shout in triumph over Philistia!”
Psa 60:9 Who will bring me into the strong city? Who will lead me to Edom?
Psa 60:10 But you, Almighty One, have you not rejected us? You, Almighty, do not go into battle with our military force.
Psa 60:11 Give us help against the enemy, for man’s help is futile.
Psa 60:12 We will triumph with the help of the Almighty; he will trample down our enemies.

Psalms Chapter 61

Psa 61:1 (For the chief musician; on a stringed instrument. A psalm of David.) Hear my cry, Almighty One; attend to my prayer.
Psa 61:2 From the ends of the earth will I call to you, when my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the Rock that is higher than I.
Psa 61:3 For you have been a refuge for me, a strong tower from the enemy.
Psa 61:4 Let me live in your tabernacle forever! Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings. Selah.
Psa 61:5 For you, Almighty One, have heard my vows, you have given me the inheritance of those who honor your name.
Psa 61:6 You will prolong the king's life; his years will be like many generations.
Psa 61:7 He will remain before the Almighty forever. Prepare your loving-kindness and truth, that they may preserve him.
Psa 61:8 I will sing praise to your name forever, so that I may perform my vows every day.

Psalms Chapter 62

Psa 62:1 (For the chief musician; after the manner of Jeduthun. A psalm of David.) I wait in silence for the Almighty alone; my salvation comes from him.
Psa 62:2 He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my high tower; I will not be greatly moved.
Psa 62:3 How long will all of you murderously attack a man, that you may tip him over like a leaning wall or a shaky fence?
Psa 62:4 They consult with him only to bring him down from his honorable position; they love to tell lies; they bless him with their mouths, but in their hearts they curse him. Selah.
Psa 62:5 I wait in silence for the Almighty alone; for my hopes are set on him.
Psa 62:6 He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my high tower; I will not be moved.
Psa 62:7 With the Almighty is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength and my refuge are in the Almighty.
Psa 62:8 Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your heart before him; the Almighty is a refuge for us. Selah.
Psa 62:9 Surely men of low standing are vanity, and men of high standing are a lie; they will weigh lightly in the scales; weighed together, they are lighter than nothing.
Psa 62:10 Do not trust in oppression or robbery; and do not hope uselessly in riches, for they will bear no fruit; do not fix your heart on them.
Psa 62:11 The Almighty has spoken once, twice have I heard this: Power belongs to the Almighty.
Psa 62:12 Also to you, Lord, belongs covenant faithfulness, for you pay back every person for what he has done.

Psalms Chapter 63

Psa 63:1 (A psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.) Almighty One, you are my Divine One! I earnestly search for you, my soul thirsts for you, and my flesh longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
Psa 63:2 So I have looked on you in the Set-apart Place to see your power and your glory.
Psa 63:3 Because your covenant faithfulness is better than life, my lips will praise you.
Psa 63:4 So I will bless you while I live; I will lift up my hands in your name.
Psa 63:5 It will be as if I ate a meal of marrow and fatness; with joyful lips my mouth will praise you,
Psa 63:6 when I think about you on my bed and meditate on you in the night hours.
Psa 63:7 For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I rejoice!
Psa 63:8 I cling to you; your right hand supports me.
Psa 63:9 But those who seek to destroy my life will go down into the lowest parts of the earth;
Psa 63:10 they will be given over to those whose hands use the sword, and they will become food for the jackals.
Psa 63:11 But the king will rejoice in the Almighty; everyone who swears by him will be proud of him, but the mouth of those who speak lies will be stopped up.

Psalms Chapter 64

Psa 64:1 (For the chief musician. A psalm of David.) Hear my voice, Almighty One, listen to my prayer; preserve my life from fear of my enemies.
Psa 64:2 Hide me from the secret plotting of evildoers, from the commotion of the doers of iniquity.
Psa 64:3 They have sharpened their tongues like swords; they have aimed their arrows, bitter words,
Psa 64:4 so that they may shoot from secret places at someone who is innocent; suddenly they shoot at him and fear nothing.
Psa 64:5 They encourage themselves in an evil plan; they consult privately together in order to set traps; they ask, “Who will see us?”
Psa 64:6 They invent sinful plans; “We have finished,” they say, “a careful plan.” The inner thoughts and hearts of man are deep.
Psa 64:7 But the Almighty will shoot them; suddenly they will be wounded with his arrows.
Psa 64:8 They will be made to stumble, since their own tongues are against them; all who see them will wag their heads.
Psa 64:9 All people will fear and will declare the deeds of the Almighty. They will wisely think about what he has done.
Psa 64:10 The righteous will be glad about Yehowah and will take refuge in him; all the upright in heart will take pride in him.

Psalms Chapter 65

Psa 65:1 (For the chief musician. A psalm. A song of David.) For you, Almighty One in Zion, our praise waits; our vows will be carried out to you.
Psa 65:2 You who hear prayer, to you all flesh will come.
Psa 65:3 Iniquities prevail against us; as for our transgressions, you will forgive them.
Psa 65:4 Blessed is the man whom you choose to bring near to you, so that he may live in your courts. We will be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your set-apart temple.
Psa 65:5 In righteousness, you will answer us by doing amazing things, Mighty One of our salvation; you who are the confidence of all the ends of the earth and of those who are far across the sea.
Psa 65:6 For it is you who made the mountains firm, you who are belted with strength.
Psa 65:7 It is you who quiet the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the commotion of the people.
Psa 65:8 Those who live in the uttermost parts of the earth are afraid of the evidence of your deeds; you make the outgoings of dawn and dusk rejoice!
Psa 65:9 You come to help the earth; you water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of the Almighty is full of water; you provide mankind grain, when you have prepared the earth.
Psa 65:10 You water its furrows abundantly; you settle down the furrows' ridges; you make them soft with rain showers; you bless the sprouts between them.
Psa 65:11 You crown the year with your goodness; the tracks behind your chariot drop fatness down to the earth.
Psa 65:12 The pastures in the wilderness drip with dew, and the hills are clothed with joy.
Psa 65:13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with grain; they shout for joy, and they sing.

Psalms Chapter 66

Psa 66:1 (For the chief musician. A song, a psalm.) Make a joyful noise to the Almighty, all the earth!
Psa 66:2 Sing out the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!
Psa 66:3 Say to the Almighty, “How terrifying are your deeds! By the greatness of your power your enemies will submit to you.
Psa 66:4 All the earth will worship you and will sing to you; they will sing to your name.” Selah.
Psa 66:5 Come and see the works of the Almighty; he is fearsome in his deeds toward the sons of mankind.
Psa 66:6 He turned the SEA into dry land; they went through the river on foot; there we rejoiced in him.
Psa 66:7 He rules forever by his might; his eyes observe the ethnicities; let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.
Psa 66:8 Give blessing to the Almighty, you people, let the sound of his praise be heard.
Psa 66:9 He keeps us among the living, and he does not permit our feet to slip.
Psa 66:10 For you, Almighty One, have tested us; you have tested us as silver is tested.
Psa 66:11 You brought us into a net; you laid a severe burden on our waists.
Psa 66:12 You made people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a spacious place.
Psa 66:13 I will come into your temple with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows,
Psa 66:14 which my lips promised, and my mouth spoke when I was in distress.
Psa 66:15 I will offer to you burnt offerings of fat animals with the sweet aroma of rams; I will offer bulls and goats. Selah.
Psa 66:16 Come and listen, all you who fear the Almighty, and I will declare what he has done for my soul.
Psa 66:17 I cried to him with my mouth, and he was praised with my tongue.
Psa 66:18 If I had considered sin within my heart, the Lord would not have listened to me.
Psa 66:19 But the Almighty has truly heard; he has paid attention to the voice of my prayer.
Psa 66:20 Blessed be the Almighty, who has not turned away my prayer or his covenant faithfulness from me.

Psalms Chapter 67

Psa 67:1 (For the chief musician; on stringed instruments. A psalm, a song.) May the Almighty be merciful to us, bless us, and cause his face to shine on us, Selah,
Psa 67:2 so that your Ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all ethnicities.
Psa 67:3 Let the people praise you, Almighty One; let all the people praise you!
Psa 67:4 Oh, let the ethnicities be glad and sing for joy, for you will judge the people with justice and govern the ethnicities on earth. Selah.
Psa 67:5 Let the people praise you, Almighty One; let all the people praise you!
Psa 67:6 The earth has yielded its harvest and the Almighty, our Divine One, has blessed us.
Psa 67:7 The Almighty has blessed us, and all the ends of the earth honor him.

Psalms Chapter 68

Psa 68:1 (For the chief musician; A psalm of David, a song.) Let the Almighty arise; let his enemies be scattered; let those also who hate him flee before him.
Psa 68:2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish in the presence of the Almighty.
Psa 68:3 But let the righteous be glad; let them exult before the Almighty; may they rejoice and be happy.
Psa 68:4 Sing to the Almighty! Sing praises to his name! Praise the One who rides through the plains of the Jordan River valley! Yah is his name! Rejoice before him!
Psa 68:5 A father of the fatherless, a judge of the widows, is the Almighty in the Set-apart Place where he lives.
Psa 68:6 The Almighty puts the lonely into families; he brings out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a parched land.
Psa 68:7 Almighty One, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, Selah,
Psa 68:8 the earth trembled; the heavens also dropped rain in the presence of the Almighty at Sinai, in the presence of the Almighty, the Mighty One of Israel.
Psa 68:9 You, Almighty One, sent a plentiful rain; you strengthened your inheritance when it was weary.
Psa 68:10 Your people lived in it; You, Almighty One, gave from your goodness to the poor.
Psa 68:11 The Lord gave the orders, and those who announced them were a great military force.
Psa 68:12 Kings of armed forces flee, they flee, and the women waiting at home divide the plunder:
Psa 68:13 Doves covered with silver with wings of yellow gold. When some of you people stayed among the sheepfolds, why did you do this?
Psa 68:14 The Most Powerful scattered kings there, it was as when it snowed on Mount Zalmon.
Psa 68:15 A mountain of the Almighty is the hill country of Bashan; a high mountain is the hill country of Bashan.
Psa 68:16 Why do you look in envy, you high hill country, at the mountain which the Almighty desires for the place he will live? Indeed, Yehowah will live in it forever.
Psa 68:17 The chariots of the Almighty are twenty thousand, thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among them in the Set-apart Place, as at Sinai.

Psa 68:18 You have ascended on high; you have led our vanquished enemies into captivity; you have received gifts from humans (Eph. 4:8), even from those who fought against you, so that you, Yah Almighty, might live there.
Psa 68:19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears our burdens, the Almighty who is our salvation. Selah.
Psa 68:20 Our Divine One is an Almighty who delivers; Yehowah the Lord is the One who is able to rescue us from death.
Psa 68:21 But the Almighty will strike through the heads of his enemies, through the hairy scalps of those who walk in offenses against him.
Psa 68:22 The Lord declared, “I will bring my enemies back from Bashan; I will bring them back from the depths of the sea,
Psa 68:23 so that you may crush your enemies, dipping your foot in blood, and so that the tongues of your dogs may have their share from your enemies.”
Psa 68:24 They have seen your processions, Almighty One, the processions of my Divine One, my King, into the Set-apart Place.
Psa 68:25 The singers went first, the minstrels followed after, and in the middle were the virgin girls playing tambourines.
Psa 68:26 Bless the Almighty in the congregation; praise Yehowah, you true descendants of Israel!
Psa 68:27 There is first Benjamin, the smallest tribe, then the leaders of Judah and their multitudes, the leaders of Zebulun and the leaders of Naphtali.
Psa 68:28 Your Divine One, Israel, has decreed your strength; reveal to us your power, Almighty One, as you have revealed it in times past.
Psa 68:29 Reveal your power to us from your temple at Jerusalem, where kings bring gifts to you.
Psa 68:30 Shout in battle against the wild beasts in the reeds, against the people, that multitude of bulls and calves. Humiliate them and make them bring you silver; scatter the people who love to wage war.
Psa 68:31 Princes will come out of Egypt; Cush will hurry to reach out with her hands to the Almighty.
Psa 68:32 Sing to the Almighty, you kingdoms of the earth; Selah. Sing praises to the Lord.
Psa 68:33 To him who rides on the Heaven of heavens, which exist from ancient times; see, he lifts up his voice with power.
Psa 68:34 Ascribe strength to the Almighty; his majesty is over Israel, and his strength is in the skies.
Psa 68:35 Almighty One, you are fearsome in your Set-apart Place; the Mighty One of Israel, he gives strength and power to his people. Blessed be the Almighty.

Psalms Chapter 69

Psa 69:1 (For the chief musician; set to Shoshannim. A psalm of David.) Save me, Almighty One; for the waters have put my life in danger.
Psa 69:2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no place to stand; I have come into deep waters, where the floods flow over me.
Psa 69:3 I am weary with my crying; my throat is dry; my eyes fail while I wait for my Divine One.
Psa 69:4 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs on my head (John 15:25); those who would cut me off, being my enemies for wrong reasons, are mighty; what I did not steal, I have to give back.
Psa 69:5 Almighty One, you know my foolishness, and my sins are not hidden from you.
Psa 69:6 Let not those who wait for you be put to shame because of me, Lord Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces; let not those who seek you be brought to dishonor because of me, Mighty One of Israel.
Psa 69:7 For your sake I have borne rebuke; shame has covered my face.
Psa 69:8 I have become a foreigner to my brothers, an alien to my mother's children.
Psa 69:9 For the zeal of your temple has eaten me up, and the rebukes of those who rebuke you have fallen on me.
Psa 69:10 When I wept and did not eat food, they insulted me.
Psa 69:11 When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became the object of a proverb to them.
Psa 69:12 Those who sit in the city gate talk about me; I am a song of drunkards.
Psa 69:13 But as for me, my prayer is to you, Yehowah, at a time that you will accept; Almighty One answer me in the truth of your salvation.
Psa 69:14 Pull me out of the mire, and do not let me sink; let me be taken away from those who hate me and rescued out of the deep waters.
Psa 69:15 Do not let the floods of water overwhelm me, neither let the deep swallow me up. Do not let the pit shut its mouth on me.
Psa 69:16 Answer me, Yehowah, for your covenant faithfulness is good; because your mercies for me are many, turn to me.
Psa 69:17 Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress; answer me quickly.
Psa 69:18 Come to me and redeem me. Because of my enemies, ransom me.
Psa 69:19 You know my rebuke, my shame, and my dishonor; my adversaries are all before you.

Psa 69:20 Rebuke has broken my heart; I am full of heaviness; I looked for someone to take pity, but there was none; I looked for comforters, but I found none.
Psa 69:21 They gave me poison for my food; in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.
Psa 69:22 Let their table before them become a snare; when they think they are in safety, let it become a trap.
Psa 69:23 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they cannot see; and always make their loins shake.
Psa 69:24 Pour out your indignation on them, and let the fierceness of your anger overtake them.
Psa 69:25 Let their place be a desolation; let no one live in their tents.
Psa 69:26 For they persecuted the one you struck down. They repeated the account of the pain of those you have wounded.
Psa 69:27 Accuse them of having committed iniquity after iniquity; do not let them come into your righteous victory.
Psa 69:28 Let them be deleted out of the Book of Life and not be written down along with the righteous.
Psa 69:29 But I am poor and sorrowful; let your salvation, Almighty One, set me up on high.
Psa 69:30 I will praise the name of the Almighty with a song and will exalt him with thanksgiving.
Psa 69:31 That will please Yehowah better than an ox or a bull that has horns and hooves.
Psa 69:32 The meek have seen it and are glad; you who seek after the Almighty, let your hearts live.
Psa 69:33 For Yehowah hears the needy and does not despise his prisoners.
Psa 69:34 Let Heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them.
Psa 69:35 For the Almighty will save Zion and will rebuild the cities of Judah; the people will live there and have it as a possession.
Psa 69:36 His servants' descendants will inherit it; and those who love his name will live there.

Psalms Chapter 70

Psa 70:1 (For the chief musician. A psalm of David; to bring to remembrance.) Save me, Almighty One! Yehowah, come quickly and help me.
Psa 70:2 Let those who try to take my life be ashamed and humiliated; let them be turned back and brought to dishonor, those who take pleasure in my pain.
Psa 70:3 Let them be turned back because of their shame, those who say, “Aha, aha!”
Psa 70:4 Let all those who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation always shout, “May the Almighty be praised!”
Psa 70:5 But I am poor and needy; hurry to me, Almighty One; you are my help, and you rescue me. Yehowah, do not delay.

Psalms Chapter 71

Psa 71:1 In you, Yehowah, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.
Psa 71:2 Rescue me and make me safe in your righteousness; turn your ear to me and save me.
Psa 71:3 Be to me a rock for refuge where I may always go; you have given a command to save me, for you are my Rock and my Fortress.
Psa 71:4 Rescue me, my Divine One, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel.
Psa 71:5 For you are my hope, Lord Yehowah. I have trusted in you ever since I was a child.
Psa 71:6 By you I have been supported from the womb; you are he who took me out of my mother's womb; my praise will always be about you.
Psa 71:7 I am a wondrous sign to many people; you are my strong refuge (Luke 2:34; 11:30).
Psa 71:8 My mouth will be filled with your praise, all the day with your honor.
Psa 71:9 Do not throw me away in my time of old age; do not abandon me when my strength fails.
Psa 71:10 For my enemies are talking about me; those who watch for my life are plotting together.
Psa 71:11 They say, "The Almighty has forsaken him; pursue and take him, for there is no one to save him."
Psa 71:12 Almighty One, do not be far from me; my Divine One, hurry to help me.
Psa 71:13 Let them be put to shame and destroyed, those who are hostile to my life; let them be covered with rebuke and dishonor, those who seek my hurt.
Psa 71:14 But I will always hope in you and will praise you more and more.
Psa 71:15 My mouth will tell about your righteousness and your salvation all the day, although I cannot understand it.
Psa 71:16 I will come with the mighty acts of Lord Yehowah; I will make mention of your righteousness, yours alone.
Psa 71:17 Almighty One, you have taught me from my youth; even now I declare your wonderful deeds.
Psa 71:18 Indeed, even when I am old and grayheaded, Almighty One, do not forsake me, as I have been declaring your strength to the next generation, your power to everyone who is to come.
Psa 71:19 Your righteousness also, Almighty One, is exalted on high; you who have done great things, Almighty One, who is like you?
Psa 71:20 You who have shown us many severe troubles will revive us again and will bring us up again from the depths of the earth.
Psa 71:21 May you increase my honor; turn again and comfort me.

Psa 71:22 I will also give thanks to you with the harp for your truth, my Divine One; to you I will sing praises with the harp, Set-apart One of Israel.
Psa 71:23 My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to you, even my soul, which you have redeemed.
Psa 71:24 My tongue will also talk about your righteousness all day long; for they have been put to shame and are confused, those who sought my hurt.

Psalms Chapter 72

Psa 72:1 (A psalm for Solomon.) Give the king your righteous decrees, Almighty One, your righteousness to the king's son.
Psa 72:2 May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.
Psa 72:3 May the mountains produce peace for the people; may the hills produce righteousness.
Psa 72:4 May he judge the poor of the people; may he save the children of the needy and break in pieces the oppressor.
Psa 72:5 May they honor you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon lasts throughout all generations.
Psa 72:6 May he come down like rain on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.
Psa 72:7 May the righteous flourish in his days, and may there be an abundance of peace till the moon is no more.
Psa 72:8 May he have dominion from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.
Psa 72:9 May those who live in the wilderness bow down before him; may his enemies lick the dust.
Psa 72:10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the islands render tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.
Psa 72:11 Indeed, may all kings fall down before him; may all ethnicities serve him.
Psa 72:12 For he helps the needy person who cries out and the poor person who has no other helper.
Psa 72:13 He has pity on the poor and needy, and he saves the lives of needy people.
Psa 72:14 He redeems their lives from oppression and violence, and their blood is precious in his sight.
Psa 72:15 May he live! May the gold of Sheba be given to him. May people always pray for him; may Yehowah bless him all day long.
Psa 72:16 May there be abundance of grain in the land; on the hilltops may their crops wave. May the fruit of it be like Lebanon; may the people flourish in the cities like the grass of the field.
Psa 72:17 May his name endure forever; his name continues from long before the sun; may people be blessed in him; may all ethnicities call him blessed.
Psa 72:18 May Yehowah Almighty, Mighty One of Israel, be blessed, who alone does wonderful things.

Psa 72:19 May his glorious name be blessed forever, and may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amein and Amein.
Psa 72:20 The prayers of David son of Jesse are finished.

Psalms Chapter 73

Psa 73:1 (A psalm of Asaph.) Surely the Almighty is good to Israel, to those with a pure heart.
Psa 73:2 But as for me, my feet almost slipped; my feet almost slipped out from under me,
Psa 73:3 because I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
Psa 73:4 For they have no pain until their death, but they are strong and well fed.
Psa 73:5 They are free from the burdens of other men; they are not afflicted like other men.
Psa 73:6 Pride adorns them like a necklace around their neck; violence clothes them like a robe.
Psa 73:7 Out of such blindness comes sin; evil thoughts pass through their hearts.
Psa 73:8 They mock and speak wickedly; in their arrogance they threaten oppression.
Psa 73:9 They set their mouth against Heaven, and their tongues march through the earth.
Psa 73:10 Therefore, his people turn to them and abundant waters are drained out.
Psa 73:11 They ask, “How does the Almighty know? Is there knowledge with the Most High?”
Psa 73:12 Take notice: These people are wicked; they are always carefree, becoming richer and richer.
Psa 73:13 Surely it is in vain that I have guarded my heart and washed my hands in innocence.
Psa 73:14 For all the day long I have been afflicted and disciplined every morning.
Psa 73:15 If I had said, “I will say these things,” then I would have betrayed this generation of your children.
Psa 73:16 Though I tried to understand these things, it was too difficult for me.
Psa 73:17 Then I went into the sanctuary of the Almighty and came to understand their fate.
Psa 73:18 Surely you put them in slippery places; you bring them down to ruin.
Psa 73:19 How they become a wilderness in a moment! They come to an end and are finished in awful terrors.
Psa 73:20 They are like a dream after one wakes up; Lord, when you arise, you will think nothing of those dreams.
Psa 73:21 For my heart was grieved, and I was deeply wounded.

Psa 73:22 I was ignorant and lacked insight; I was like a senseless animal before you.
Psa 73:23 Yet I am always with you; you hold my right hand.
Psa 73:24 You will guide me with your advice and afterward receive me to glory.
Psa 73:25 Whom have I in Heaven but you? There is no one on earth that I desire but you.
Psa 73:26 My flesh and my heart grow weak, but the Almighty is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
Psa 73:27 Those who are far from you will perish; you will destroy all those who are unfaithful to you.
Psa 73:28 But as for me, all I need to do is to approach the Almighty. I have made Lord Yehowah my refuge. I will declare all your deeds.

Psalms Chapter 74

Psa 74:1 (A maschil of Asaph.) Almighty One, why have you rejected us forever? Why does your anger burn against the sheep of your pasture?
Psa 74:2 Call to mind your people, whom you purchased in ancient times, the tribe whom you have redeemed to be your own heritage, and Mount Zion, where you live.
Psa 74:3 Come, look at the complete ruins, all the damage that the enemy has done in the Set-apart Place.
Psa 74:4 Your adversaries roared in the middle of your appointed place; they set up their battle flags.
Psa 74:5 They hacked away with axes as in a thick forest.
Psa 74:6 They smashed and broke down all the engravings; they broke them with axes and hammers.
Psa 74:7 They set your sanctuary on fire; they desecrated where you live, knocking it to the ground.
Psa 74:8 They said in their hearts, “We will destroy them all.” They burned up all of the meeting places of the Almighty in the land.
Psa 74:9 We do not see any more signs; there is no prophet any more, and no one among us knows how long this will last.
Psa 74:10 How long, Almighty One, will the enemy throw insults at you? Will the enemy blaspheme your name forever?
Psa 74:11 Why do you hold back your hand, your right hand? Take your right hand from your garment and destroy them.
Psa 74:12 Yet the Almighty has been my King from ancient times, bringing salvation on the earth.
Psa 74:13 You divided the SEA by your strength; you smashed the heads of the crocodiles in the waters.
Psa 74:14 You crushed the heads of Leviathan; you fed him to those living in the wilderness.
Psa 74:15 You broke open springs and streams; you dried up flowing rivers.
Psa 74:16 The day is yours, and the night is yours also; you established the light and the sun.
Psa 74:17 You have set all the borders of the earth; you have made summer and winter.
Psa 74:18 Call to mind how the enemy hurled insults at you, Yehowah, and that a foolish people has blasphemed your name.
Psa 74:19 Do not hand over the life of your dove to a wild animal. Do not forget the life of your oppressed people forever.

Psa 74:20 Remember your covenant, for the dark regions of the land are full of places of violence.
Psa 74:21 Do not let the oppressed be turned back in shame; let the poor and oppressed praise your name.
Psa 74:22 Arise, Almighty One; defend your own honor; call to mind how fools insult you all day long.
Psa 74:23 Do not forget the voice of your adversaries or the uproar of those who continually defy you.

Psalms Chapter 75

Psa 75:1 (For the chief musician; set to Al Tashheth. A psalm of Asaph, a song.) We give thanks to you, Almighty One; we give thanks, for you reveal your presence; people tell of your wondrous works.
Psa 75:2 At the appointed time I choose, I will judge fairly.
Psa 75:3 Though the earth and all the inhabitants shake in fear, I make steady the earth's pillars. Selah.
Psa 75:4 I said to the arrogant, "Do not be arrogant," and to the wicked, "Do not lift up the horn.
Psa 75:5 Do not lift up your horn to the heights; do not speak with an insolent neck."
Psa 75:6 It is not from the east or from the west, and it is not from the wilderness that lifting up comes.
Psa 75:7 But the Almighty is the judge; he brings down, and he lifts up.
Psa 75:8 For Yehowah holds in his hand a cup of foaming wine, which is mixed with spices, and pours it out. Surely all the wicked of the earth will drink it to the last drop.
Psa 75:9 But I will continually tell what you have done; I will sing praises to the Mighty One of Jacob!
Psa 75:10 He says, "I will cut off all the horns of the wicked, but the horns of the righteous will be raised up."

Psalms Chapter 76

Psa 76:1 (For the chief musician, on stringed instruments. A psalm of Asaph, a song.) The Almighty has made himself known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.
Psa 76:2 His tent is in Salem; his dwelling place is in Zion.
Psa 76:3 There he broke the arrows of the bow, the shield, the sword, and the other weapons of war. Selah.
Psa 76:4 You shine brightly and reveal your glory, as you descend from the mountains, where you killed your victims.
Psa 76:5 The brave-hearted were plundered; they died. All the warriors were helpless.
Psa 76:6 At your rebuke, Mighty One of Jacob, both rider and horse died.
Psa 76:7 You, yes you, are to be feared; who can stand in your sight when you are angry?
Psa 76:8 From Heaven you made your judgment heard; the earth was afraid and silent,
Psa 76:9 when you, Almighty, arose to execute judgment and to save all the oppressed of the earth. Selah.
Psa 76:10 Surely your angry judgment against humanity will bring you praise; you gird yourself with what is left of your anger.
Psa 76:11 Make vows to Yehowah your Divine One and keep them. May all who surround him bring gifts to him who is to be feared.
Psa 76:12 He cuts off the spirit of the princes; he is feared by the kings of the earth.

Psalms Chapter 77

Psa 77:1 (For the chief musician; after the manner of Jeduthun. A psalm of Asaph.) I will call out with my voice to the Almighty; I will call with my voice to the Almighty, and he will hear me.
Psa 77:2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; at night I stretched my hands out, and they would not become tired. My soul refused to be comforted.
Psa 77:3 I thought of the Almighty as I groaned; I thought about him as I grew faint. Selah.
Psa 77:4 You held my eyes open; I was too troubled to speak.
Psa 77:5 I thought about the days of old, about times long past.
Psa 77:6 During the night I called to mind the song I once sang. I thought carefully and tried to understand what had happened.
Psa 77:7 Will the Lord reject me forever? Will he never again show me grace?
Psa 77:8 Was his covenant faithfulness gone forever? Had his promise failed forever?
Psa 77:9 Had the Almighty forgotten to be gracious? Had his anger shut off his compassion? Selah.
Psa 77:10 I said, “This is my sorrow: the changing of the right hand of the Most High toward us.”
Psa 77:11 But I will call to mind your deeds, Yah; I will think about your wonderful deeds of old.
Psa 77:12 I will ponder all your deeds and will reflect on them.
Psa 77:13 Your Way, Almighty One, is set-apart; who is as great an Almighty as our Divine One?
Psa 77:14 You are the Almighty who does wonders; you have revealed your strength among the people.
Psa 77:15 You gave your people victory by your great power, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.
Psa 77:16 The waters saw you, Almighty One; the waters saw you, and they were afraid; the depths trembled.
Psa 77:17 The clouds poured down water; the cloudy skies gave voice; your arrows flew about.
Psa 77:18 Your thunderous voice was heard in the whirlwind; the lightning lit up the globe; the earth trembled and shook.
Psa 77:19 Your path went through the SEA and your way through the surging waters, but your footprints were not seen.
Psa 77:20 You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Psalms Chapter 78

Psa 78:1 (A maschil of Asaph.) Hear my law, my people, listen to the words of my mouth.
Psa 78:2 I will open my mouth in parables; I will sing about hidden things of the past.
Psa 78:3 These are things that we have heard and learned, things that our ancestors have told us.
Psa 78:4 We will not keep them from their descendants. We will tell the next generation about the praiseworthy deeds of Yehowah, his strength, and the wonders that he has done.
Psa 78:5 For he established covenant decrees in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel. He commanded our ancestors that they were to teach them to their children.
Psa 78:6 He commanded this, so that the generation to come might know his decrees, the children not yet born, who should tell them in turn to their own children.
Psa 78:7 Then they would place their hope in the Almighty and not forget the deeds of the Almighty but keep his commandments.
Psa 78:8 Then they would not be like their ancestors, who were a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose hearts were not right, and whose spirits were not committed and faithful to the Almighty.
Psa 78:9 The Ephraimites were armed with bows, but they turned back on the day of battle.
Psa 78:10 They did not keep the covenant with the Almighty, and they refused to obey his law.
Psa 78:11 They forgot his deeds, the wonderful things that he had shown them.
Psa 78:12 They forgot the marvelous things he did in the sight of their ancestors in the land of Egypt, in the land of Zoan.
Psa 78:13 He divided the sea and led them across it; he made the waters to stand like walls.
Psa 78:14 In the daytime, he led them with a cloud and all the night with the light of fire.
Psa 78:15 He split the rocks in the wilderness, and he gave them water abundantly, enough to fill the depths of the sea.
Psa 78:16 He made streams flow out of the rock and made the water flow like rivers.
Psa 78:17 Yet they continued to sin against him, rebelling against the Most High in the wilderness.

Psa 78:18 They challenged the Almighty in their hearts by asking for food to satisfy their appetites.
Psa 78:19 They spoke against the Almighty; they asked, “Can the Almighty really lay out a table for us in the wilderness?
Psa 78:20 See, when he struck the rock, waters gushed out and streams overflowed. But can he give bread also? Will he provide meat for his people?”
Psa 78:21 When Yehowah heard this, he was angry; so his fire burned against Jacob, and his anger attacked Israel,
Psa 78:22 because they did not believe in the Almighty and did not trust in his salvation.
Psa 78:23 Yet he commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of the sky.
Psa 78:24 He rained down manna for them to eat and gave them the grain from Heaven.
Psa 78:25 People ate the bread of angels. He sent them food in abundance.
Psa 78:26 He caused the east wind to blow in the sky, and by his power he guided the south wind.
Psa 78:27 He rained down meat on them like dust, birds as numerous as the sands of the sea.
Psa 78:28 They fell in the middle of their camp, all around their tents.
Psa 78:29 So they ate and were full. He gave them what they craved.
Psa 78:30 But they had not yet filled up; their food was still in their mouths.
Psa 78:31 Then the anger of the Almighty attacked them and killed the strongest of them. He brought down the young men of Israel.
Psa 78:32 Despite this, they continued to sin and did not believe his wonderful deeds.
Psa 78:33 Therefore, he cut short their days; their years were filled with terror.
Psa 78:34 Whenever he afflicted them, they would start to seek him, and they would return and look earnestly for the Almighty.
Psa 78:35 They would call to mind that the Almighty was their Rock, and that Most High Almighty was their Rescuer.
Psa 78:36 But they would flatter him with their mouth and lie to him with their words.
Psa 78:37 For their hearts were not firmly fixed on him, and they were not faithful to his covenant.
Psa 78:38 Yet he, being merciful, forgave their iniquity and did not destroy them. Yes, many times he held back his anger and did not stir up all his wrath.
Psa 78:39 He called to mind that they were made of flesh, a wind that passes away and does not return.
Psa 78:40 How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness and grieved him in the barren regions!

Psa 78:41 Again and again, they challenged the Almighty and offended the Set-apart One of Israel.
Psa 78:42 They did not think about his power in that day, how he had rescued them from the enemy,
Psa 78:43 when he performed his terrifying signs in Egypt and his wonders in the region of Zoan.
Psa 78:44 He turned the Egyptians' rivers to blood, so that they could not drink from their streams.
Psa 78:45 He sent swarms of dung beetles that devoured them, and frogs that overran their land.
Psa 78:46 He gave their crops to the grasshopper and their labor to the locust.
Psa 78:47 He destroyed their vines with hail and their sycamore trees with aphids.
Psa 78:48 He rained hail on their cattle and hurled lightning bolts at their livestock.
Psa 78:49 The fierceness of his anger lashed out against them. He sent wrath, fury, and trouble like agents who bring disaster.
Psa 78:50 He leveled a path for his anger; he did not spare them from death but gave them over to the plague.
Psa 78:51 He killed all the firstborn in Egypt, the firstborn of their strength in the tents of Ham.
Psa 78:52 He led his own people out like sheep and guided them through the wilderness like a flock.
Psa 78:53 He led them securely and unafraid, but the SEA overwhelmed their enemies.
Psa 78:54 Then he brought them to the border of his set-apart land, to this mountain that his right hand acquired.
Psa 78:55 He drove out the ethnicities from before them and assigned them their inheritance. He settled the tribes of Israel in their tents.
Psa 78:56 Yet they challenged and defied Most High Almighty and did not keep his commands.
Psa 78:57 They were unfaithful and acted treacherously like their fathers; they were as undependable as a faulty bow.
Psa 78:58 For they made him angry with their high places and provoked him to jealous anger with their idols.
Psa 78:59 When the Almighty heard this, he was angry and completely rejected Israel.
Psa 78:60 He abandoned the sanctuary of Shiloh, the tent where he had lived near the city of Adam.
Psa 78:61 He allowed his strength to be captured and gave his glory into the enemy's hand.

Psa 78:62 He handed his people over to the sword, and he was angry with his heritage.
Psa 78:63 Fire devoured their young men, and their young women had no wedding songs.
Psa 78:64 Their priests fell by the sword, and their widows could not weep.
Psa 78:65 Then the Lord awakened as one from sleep, like a warrior who shouts because of wine.
Psa 78:66 He drove his adversaries back; he put them to everlasting shame.
Psa 78:67 He rejected the tent of Joseph, and he did not choose the tribe of Ephraim.
Psa 78:68 He chose the tribe of Judah and Mount Zion that he loved.
Psa 78:69 He built his sanctuary like Heaven, like the earth that he has established forever.
Psa 78:70 He chose David, his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds.
Psa 78:71 He took him from following the ewes with their young, and he brought him to be shepherd of Jacob, his people, and of Israel, his heritage.
Psa 78:72 David shepherded them with the integrity of his heart, and he guided them with the skill of his hands.

Psalms Chapter 79

Psa 79:1 (A psalm of Asaph.) Almighty One, ethnicities have come into your inheritance; they have defiled your set-apart temple; they have turned Jerusalem into a heap of ruins.
Psa 79:2 They have given the dead bodies of your servants as food to the birds of the sky, the bodies of your faithful people to the beasts of the earth.
Psa 79:3 They have shed their blood like water around Jerusalem, and there was none to bury them.
Psa 79:4 We have become a reproach for our neighbors, mocking and derision to those who are around us.
Psa 79:5 How long, Yehowah? Will you stay angry forever? How long will your jealous anger burn like fire?
Psa 79:6 Pour out your wrath on the ethnicities that do not know you and on the kingdoms that do not call upon your name.
Psa 79:7 For they have devoured Jacob and destroyed his villages.
Psa 79:8 Do not hold the sins of our forefathers against us; may your mercies come to us, for we are extremely miserable.
Psa 79:9 Help us, Mighty One of our salvation, for the sake of the glory of your name; save us and forgive our sins for your name's sake.
Psa 79:10 Why should the ethnicities ask, "Where is their Divine One?" May the blood of your servants that was shed be avenged on the ethnicities before our eyes.
Psa 79:11 May the groans of the prisoners come before you; with the greatness of your power keep alive the children sentenced to execution.
Psa 79:12 Pay back into the laps of our neighboring countries seven times as much as the insults with which they have insulted you, O Lord.
Psa 79:13 So we your people and sheep of your pasture will give you thanks forever. We will tell your praises to all generations.

Psalms Chapter 80

Psa 80:1 (For the chief musician, set to the Shoshannim Eduth style. A psalm of Asaph.) Pay attention, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock; you who sit among the cherubim, shine on us!
Psa 80:2 In the sight of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your power; come and save us.
Psa 80:3 Almighty One, restore us; make your face shine on us, and we will be saved.
Psa 80:4 Yehowah, Mighty One of the heavenly armed forces, how long will you be angry with your people's prayer?
Psa 80:5 You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in great quantities.
Psa 80:6 You make us something for our neighbors to argue over, and our enemies laugh about us among themselves.
Psa 80:7 Mighty One of the heavenly armed forces, restore us; make your face shine on us, and we will be saved.
Psa 80:8 You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out ethnicities and transplanted it.
Psa 80:9 You cleared the land for it; it took root and filled the land.
Psa 80:10 The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars by its branches.
Psa 80:11 It sent out its branches as far as the Sea and its shoots to the Euphrates River.
Psa 80:12 Why have you broken down its walls, so that all they who pass by pluck its fruit?
Psa 80:13 The boars out of the forest ruin it, and the beasts of the field feed on it.
Psa 80:14 Turn back, Mighty One of the heavenly armed forces; look down from Heaven and take notice and take care of this vine.
Psa 80:15 This is the root that your right hand planted, the shoot that you made to grow.
Psa 80:16 It has been burned and cut down; they perish because of the rebuke of your face.
Psa 80:17 May your hand be on the man of your right hand, on the son of man whom you made strong for yourself.
Psa 80:18 Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.
Psa 80:19 Yehowah, Mighty One of the heavenly armed forces, restore us; make your face shine on us, and we will be saved.

Psalms Chapter 81

Psa 81:1 (For the chief musician; set to the Gittith style. A psalm of Asaph.) Sing aloud to the Almighty our strength; shout out for joy to the Mighty One of Jacob!
Psa 81:2 Sing a song and play the tambourine, the pleasant lyre with the harp.
Psa 81:3 Blow the trumpet monthly, on our appointed feast day (Num. 10:10).
Psa 81:4 For it is a statute for Israel, a decree given by the Mighty One of Jacob.
Psa 81:5 He issued it as a regulation in Joseph when he went against the land of Egypt, where I heard a language that I did not recognize:
Psa 81:6 “I removed the burden from his shoulder; his hands were freed from holding the basket.
Psa 81:7 In your distress you called out, and I helped you; I answered you from a dark thundercloud. I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Selah.
Psa 81:8 Listen, my people, for I will warn you, Israel, if you would only listen to me!
Psa 81:9 There must be no foreign deity among you; you must not worship any foreign deity.
Psa 81:10 I am Yehowah your Divine One, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.
Psa 81:11 But my people did not listen to my words; Israel did not obey me.
Psa 81:12 So I gave them over to their own stubborn way, so that they might do what seemed right to them.
Psa 81:13 Oh, that my people would listen to me; oh, that my people would walk in my Paths.
Psa 81:14 Then I would quickly subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their oppressors.
Psa 81:15 May those who hate Yehowah cringe in fear before him! May they be humiliated forever.
Psa 81:16 I would feed Israel with the finest wheat; I would satisfy you with honey out of the rock.”

Psalms Chapter 82

Psa 82:1 (A psalm of Asaph.) The Almighty stands in the assembly of the mighty; in the midst of the deities he renders judgment.
Psa 82:2 How long will you judge unjustly and show favoritism to the wicked? Selah.
Psa 82:3 Defend the poor and fatherless; maintain the rights of the afflicted and destitute.
Psa 82:4 Rescue the poor and needy; take them out of the hand of the wicked.
Psa 82:5 They neither know nor understand; they wander around in the darkness; all the foundations of the earth crumble.
Psa 82:6 I said, “You are deities, and all of you, sons of the Most High.
Psa 82:7 Nevertheless, you will die like men and fall like one of the princes.”
Psa 82:8 Arise, Almighty One, judge the earth, for you have an inheritance in all the ethnicities.

Psalms Chapter 83

Psa 83:1 (A song. A psalm of Asaph.) Eternal One, do not be silent! Do not ignore us and remain unmoved, Almighty One.
Psa 83:2 Look, your enemies are making a commotion, and those who hate you have raised their heads.
Psa 83:3 They conspire against your people and plan together against your protected ones.
Psa 83:4 They have said, “Come, let us destroy them as a nation. Then the name of Israel will no longer be remembered.”
Psa 83:5 They have schemed together with one strategy; against you they have made an alliance.
Psa 83:6 This includes the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, and the people of Moab and the Hagrites, who plot together with
Psa 83:7 Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek; it also includes Philistia and the inhabitants of Tyre.
Psa 83:8 Assyria also is allied with them; they are helping the descendants of Lot. Selah.
Psa 83:9 Do to them as you did to Midian, as you did to Sisera and to Jabin at the Kishon River.
Psa 83:10 They perished at Endor and became like manure for the earth.
Psa 83:11 Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb, and all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna.
Psa 83:12 They said, “Let us take for ourselves the pastures of the Almighty.”
Psa 83:13 My Divine One, make them like the whirling dust, like chaff before the wind,
Psa 83:14 like the fire that burns the forest, and like the flame that sets the mountains on fire.
Psa 83:15 Chase them with your hurricane-force wind, and terrify them with your windstorm.
Psa 83:16 Fill their faces with shame, so that they might seek your name, Yehowah.
Psa 83:17 May they be put to shame and be terrified forever; may they perish in disgrace.
Psa 83:18 Then they will know that you alone, whose name is Yehowah, are the Most High over all the earth.

Psalms Chapter 84

Psa 84:1 (For the chief musician; set to the Gittith style. A psalm of the sons of Korah.) How lovely is the place where you live, Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces!
Psa 84:2 I long for the courts of Yehowah, my desire for it has made me exhausted. My heart and all of my being call out to the living Almighty.
Psa 84:3 Even the sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest for herself where she may lay her young near your altars, Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, my King, and my Divine One.
Psa 84:4 Blessed are they who live in your house; they praise you continually. Selah.
Psa 84:5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways up to Zion.
Psa 84:6 Passing through the Valley of Tears, they find springs of water to drink. The autumn rains cover it with blessings.
Psa 84:7 They go from strength to strength; every one of them appears before the Almighty in Zion.
Psa 84:8 Yehowah, Mighty One of the heavenly armed forces, hear my prayer; Mighty One of Jacob, listen to what I am saying! Selah.
Psa 84:9 Almighty One, watch over our shield; show concern for your Messiah.
Psa 84:10 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the temple of my Divine One, than to live within the tents of the wicked.
Psa 84:11 For Yehowah Almighty is our sun and shield; Yehowah will give grace and glory; he does not withhold any good thing from those who walk in integrity.
Psa 84:12 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, blessed is the man who trusts in you.

Psalms Chapter 85

Psa 85:1 (For the chief musician. A psalm of the sons of Korah.) Yehowah, you have showed grace to your land; you have restored the well-being of Jacob.
Psa 85:2 You have forgiven the sin of your people; you have covered all their sin. Selah.
Psa 85:3 You have withdrawn all your wrath; you have turned back from your hot anger.
Psa 85:4 Restore us, Mighty One of our salvation, and let go of your displeasure with us.
Psa 85:5 Will you be angry with us forever? Will you remain angry throughout future generations?
Psa 85:6 Will you not revive us again? Then your people will rejoice in you.
Psa 85:7 Show us your covenant faithfulness, Yehowah, grant us your salvation.
Psa 85:8 I will listen to what Almighty Yehowah says, for he will make peace with his people, his faithful followers. Yet they must not turn again to foolish ways.
Psa 85:9 Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him; then glory will remain in our land.
Psa 85:10 Covenant faithfulness and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Psa 85:11 Truth springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.
Psa 85:12 Yes, Yehowah will give his good blessings, and our land will yield its crops.
Psa 85:13 Righteousness will go before him and make a way for his footsteps.

Psalms Chapter 86

Psa 86:1 (A prayer of David.) Listen, Yehowah, and answer me, for I am poor and oppressed.
Psa 86:2 Protect me, for I am loyal; my Divine One, save your servant who trusts in you.
Psa 86:3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I cry out to you all day long.
Psa 86:4 Make your servant glad, for to you, O Lord, I pray.
Psa 86:5 You, Lord, are good and ready to forgive, and you show great mercy to all those who cry out to you.
Psa 86:6 Yehowah, listen to my prayer; hear the sound of my pleas.
Psa 86:7 In the day of my trouble, I call on you, for you will answer me.
Psa 86:8 There is no one who compares to you among the deities, O Lord. There are no deeds like your deeds.
Psa 86:9 All the ethnicities that you have made will come and bow before you, O Lord. They will honor your name.
Psa 86:10 For you are great and do wonderful things; you only are the Almighty.
Psa 86:11 Teach me your Ways, Yehowah. Then I will walk in your truth. Unite my heart to reverence you.
Psa 86:12 Lord my Divine One, I will praise you with my whole heart; I will glorify your name forever.
Psa 86:13 For great is your covenant faithfulness toward me; you have rescued my life from the depths of the place of the dead.
Psa 86:14 Almighty One, the arrogant have risen up against me. A gang of violent men seek my life. They have no regard for you.
Psa 86:15 But you, O Lord, are a merciful and gracious Almighty, slow to anger, and abundant in covenant faithfulness and truth.
Psa 86:16 Turn toward me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant; save the son of your servant woman.
Psa 86:17 Show me a sign of your grace. Then those who hate me will see it and be put to shame because you, Yehowah, have helped me and comforted me.

Psalms Chapter 87

Psa 87:1 (A psalm of the sons of Korah; a song.) On the set-apart mount stands the city he founded;
Psa 87:2 Yehowah loves the gates of Zion more than all the tents of Jacob.
Psa 87:3 Glorious things are said of you, city of the Almighty. Selah.
Psa 87:4 “I mention Rahab and Babylon to my followers. See, there are Philistia, and Tyre, along with Cush, will say, ‘This one was born there.’”
Psa 87:5 Of Zion it will be said, “Each of these was born in her; and the Most High himself will establish her.”
Psa 87:6 Yehowah writes in the Census Book of the ethnicities, “This one was born there.” Selah.
Psa 87:7 So also the singers and the dancers sing together, “All my fountains are in you!”

Psalms Chapter 88

Psa 88:1 (A song, a psalm of the sons of Korah; for the chief musician; set to the Mahalath Leannoth style. A maschil of Heman the Ezrahite.) Yehowah, Mighty One of my salvation, I cry out day and night before you.
Psa 88:2 Listen to my prayer; pay attention to my cry.
Psa 88:3 For I am filled with troubles, and my life has reached the place of the dead.
Psa 88:4 People treat me like those who go down into the pit; I am a man with no strength.
Psa 88:5 I am abandoned among the dead; I am like the dead who lie in the grave, about whom you care no more, because they are cut off from your power.
Psa 88:6 You place me in the lowest part of the pit, in the dark and deep places.
Psa 88:7 Your wrath lies heavy on me, and all your waves crash over me. Selah.
Psa 88:8 Because of you, my acquaintances avoid me. You have made me a shocking sight to them. I am hemmed in, and I cannot escape.
Psa 88:9 My eyes grow weary from trouble; all day long I call out to you, Yehowah; I spread out my hands to you.
Psa 88:10 Will you do wonders for the dead? Will those who have died rise and praise you? Selah.
Psa 88:11 Will your covenant faithfulness be proclaimed in the grave, your loyalty in the place of the dead?
Psa 88:12 Will your wonderful deeds be known in the darkness or your righteousness in the place of forgetfulness?
Psa 88:13 But I cry to you, Yehowah; at dawn my prayer comes before you.
Psa 88:14 Yehowah, why do you reject me? Why do you hide your face from me?
Psa 88:15 I have always been afflicted and on the verge of death since my youth. I have suffered from your terrors; I am in despair.
Psa 88:16 Your angry actions have passed over me, and your terrifying deeds have annihilated me.
Psa 88:17 They surround me like water all the day long; they have all encircled me.
Psa 88:18 You have removed every lover and friend from me. My only acquaintance is the darkness.

Psalms Chapter 89

Psa 89:1 (A maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite.) I will sing of the acts of covenant faithfulness of Yehowah forever. I will proclaim your truthfulness to future generations.
Psa 89:2 For I have said, “Covenant faithfulness has been established forever; your truthfulness you have established in the heavens.”
Psa 89:3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have made an oath to David my servant.
Psa 89:4 I will establish your descendants forever, and I will establish your throne through all generations.” Selah.
Psa 89:5 The heavens praise your wonders, Yehowah; your truthfulness is praised in the congregation of the set-apart ones.
Psa 89:6 For who in the skies can be compared to Yehowah? Who among the sons of the mighty is like Yehowah?
Psa 89:7 He is an Almighty who is greatly honored in the council of the set-apart ones and is awesome among all who surround him.
Psa 89:8 Yehowah, Mighty One of the heavenly armed forces, who is strong like you, Yah? Your truthfulness surrounds you.
Psa 89:9 You rule the raging sea; when the waves surge, you calm them.
Psa 89:10 You crushed Rahab as one who is killed. You scattered your enemies with your strong arm.
Psa 89:11 The heavens belong to you and the earth also. You made the globe and all it contains; you set their foundation.
Psa 89:12 You created the north and the south. Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your name.
Psa 89:13 You have a mighty arm and a strong hand, and your right hand is high.
Psa 89:14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne. Covenant faithfulness and truth come before you.
Psa 89:15 Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound, Yehowah! They walk in the light of your face.
Psa 89:16 They rejoice in your name all day long, and in your righteousness they exalt you.
Psa 89:17 You are their majestic strength, and by your grace we are victorious.
Psa 89:18 For our shield belongs to Yehowah; our king is the Set-apart One of Israel.
Psa 89:19 Long ago you spoke in a vision to your faithful ones, “I have set a crown on a chief; I have raised up one chosen from among the people.

Psa 89:20 I have chosen David my servant; with my set-apart oil have I anointed him.
Psa 89:21 My hand will support him; my arm will strengthen him.
Psa 89:22 No enemy will deceive him; no son of wickedness will oppress him.
Psa 89:23 I will crush his enemies before him; I will kill those who hate him.
Psa 89:24 My truth and my covenant faithfulness will be with him; by my name he will be victorious.
Psa 89:25 I will place his hand over the sea and his right hand over the rivers.
Psa 89:26 He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my Divine One, and the Rock of my salvation.'
Psa 89:27 I also will place him as my firstborn son, the most exalted of the kings of the earth.
Psa 89:28 I will extend my covenant faithfulness to him forever; and my covenant with him will be secure.
Psa 89:29 I will make his descendants endure forever and his throne as enduring as the skies above.
Psa 89:30 If his children forsake my law and disobey my decrees,
Psa 89:31 if they break my rules and do not keep my commands,
Psa 89:32 then will I punish their rebellion with a rod and their iniquity with blows.
Psa 89:33 But I will not remove my steadfast love from him or be unfaithful to my promise.
Psa 89:34 I will not break my covenant or change the words of my lips.
Psa 89:35 Once and for all I have sworn by my consecration, I will not lie to David:
Psa 89:36 His descendants will continue forever and his throne as long as the sun before me.
Psa 89:37 It will be established forever like the moon, the faithful witness in the sky." Selah.
Psa 89:38 But you have refused and rejected; you have been angry with your anointed king.
Psa 89:39 You have renounced the covenant of your servant. You have desecrated his crown on the ground.
Psa 89:40 You have broken down all his walls. You have ruined his strongholds.
Psa 89:41 All who pass by have robbed him. He has become an object of disgust to his neighbors.
Psa 89:42 You have raised the right hand of his enemies; you have made all his enemies rejoice.
Psa 89:43 You turn back the edge of his sword and have not made him stand when in battle.

Psa 89:44 You have brought his splendor to an end; you have brought down his throne to the ground.
Psa 89:45 You have shortened the days of his youth. You have covered him with shame. Selah.
Psa 89:46 How long, Yehowah? Will you hide yourself forever? How long will your anger burn like fire?
Psa 89:47 Oh, think about how short my time is, and for what uselessness you have created all the children of mankind!
Psa 89:48 Who can live and not die, or rescue his own life from the hand of the place of the dead? Selah.
Psa 89:49 Lord, where are your former acts of covenant faithfulness that you swore to David in your truthfulness?
Psa 89:50 Call to mind, Lord, the mocking directed against your servants, and how I bear in my heart so many insults from the ethnicities.
Psa 89:51 Your enemies hurl insults, Yehowah; they mock the footsteps of your anointed.
Psa 89:52 Blessed be Yehowah forever. Amein and Amein.

Psalms Chapter 90

Psa 90:1 (A prayer of Moses the man of the Almighty.) Lord, you have been our refuge throughout all generations.
Psa 90:2 Before the mountains were formed, or you formed the land and the globe, from everlasting to everlasting, you are the Almighty.
Psa 90:3 You return man to dust, and you say, “Return, you descendants of mankind.”
Psa 90:4 For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night (2 Pet. 3:8).
Psa 90:5 You sweep them away as with a flood and they sleep; at dawn they are like the grass that sprouts up.
Psa 90:6 At dawn it blooms and grows up; at dusk it withers and dries up.
Psa 90:7 Truly, we are consumed in your anger, and in your wrath we are terrified.
Psa 90:8 You have set our iniquities before you, our hidden sins in the light of your presence.
Psa 90:9 Our lifespan declines under your wrath; our years quickly pass like a sigh.
Psa 90:10 Our years are seventy, or even eighty if we are healthy; but even our best years are marked by trouble and sorrow. Yes, they pass quickly, and we fly away.
Psa 90:11 Who knows the intensity of your anger, and your wrath that is equal to the fear of you?
Psa 90:12 So teach us to enumerate our days, so that we might live wisely.
Psa 90:13 Turn back, Yehowah! How long will it be? Have pity on your servants.
Psa 90:14 Satisfy us at dawn with your covenant faithfulness, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Psa 90:15 Make us glad in proportion to the days you afflicted us and to the years we have experienced trouble.
Psa 90:16 Let your servants see your work, and let our children see your majesty.
Psa 90:17 May the grace of Yehowah our Divine One be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; indeed, prosper the work of our hands.

Psalms Chapter 91

Psa 91:1 He who lives in the shelter of the Most High will stay in the shadow of the Most Powerful.
Psa 91:2 I will say of Yehowah, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my Divine One, in whom I trust.”
Psa 91:3 For he will rescue you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly plague.
Psa 91:4 He will cover you with his wings, and under his wings you will find refuge. His truth is a shield and protection.
Psa 91:5 You will not be afraid of terror in the night, or of the arrow that flies by day,
Psa 91:6 or of the plague that roams around in the darkness, or of the disease that comes at noontime.
Psa 91:7 A thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not reach you.
Psa 91:8 You will only observe and see the punishment of the wicked.
Psa 91:9 For Yehowah is my refuge! Make the Most High your dwelling also.
Psa 91:10 No evil will overtake you; no affliction will come near your home.
Psa 91:11 For he will direct his angels to protect you, to guard you in all your ways.
Psa 91:12 They will lift you up with their hand, so that you will not hit your foot on a stone.
Psa 91:13 You will crush lions and vipers under your feet; you will trample on young lions and serpents.
Psa 91:14 Because his soul delights in me, I will rescue him. I will protect him on high, because he has known my name.
Psa 91:15 When he calls to me, I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble; I will give him victory and will honor him.
Psa 91:16 I will satisfy him with long life and show him my salvation.

Psalms Chapter 92

Psa 92:1 (A psalm, a song for the Sabbath day.) It is a good thing to give thanks to Yehowah and to sing praises to your name, Most High,
Psa 92:2 to proclaim your covenant faithfulness at dawn and your truthfulness every night,
Psa 92:3 with an instrument of ten strings and with the melody of the lyre, to the musical chords of the harp.
Psa 92:4 For you, Yehowah, have made me glad through your deeds. I will sing for joy because of the deeds of your hands.
Psa 92:5 How great are your deeds, Yehowah! Your thoughts are extremely deep.
Psa 92:6 A brutish person does not know, nor does a fool understand this:
Psa 92:7 When the wicked sprout like the grass, and even when all the evildoers thrive, still they are doomed to eternal destruction.
Psa 92:8 But you, Yehowah, will reign forever.
Psa 92:9 Indeed, look at your enemies, Yehowah! Indeed, look at your enemies. They will perish! All those who do evil will be scattered.
Psa 92:10 You have lifted up my horn like the horn of the wild ox; I am anointed with fresh oil.
Psa 92:11 My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies; my ears have heard of the doom of my evil foes.
Psa 92:12 The righteous will flourish like the palm tree; they will grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
Psa 92:13 They are planted in the temple of Yehowah; they flourish in the courts of our Divine One.
Psa 92:14 They bear fruit even when they are old; they stay fresh and green,
Psa 92:15 to proclaim that Yehowah is just. He is my Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Psalms Chapter 93

Psa 93:1 Yehowah reigns; he is robed in majesty; Yehowah has clothed and girded himself with strength. The globe is firmly established; it cannot be moved.
Psa 93:2 Your throne is established from ancient times; you are from eternity.
Psa 93:3 The oceans rise, Yehowah; they have lifted up their voice; the oceans' waves crash and roar.
Psa 93:4 Above the crashing of many waves, the mighty breakers of the sea, Yehowah on high is mighty.
Psa 93:5 Your commands are extremely trustworthy; consecration adorns your temple, Yehowah, forever.

Psalms Chapter 94

Psa 94:1 (A psalm of David for the fourth day of the week.) Yehowah, the Almighty who avenges, the Almighty who avenges, shine over us.
Psa 94:2 Rise up, Judge of the earth, give to the proud what they deserve.
Psa 94:3 How long will the wicked, Yehowah, how long will the wicked rejoice?
Psa 94:4 They pour out their arrogant words; all those who do evil boast.
Psa 94:5 They crush your people, Yehowah; they afflict the nation that belongs to you.
Psa 94:6 They kill the widow and sojourning foreigner who lives in their country, and they murder the fatherless.
Psa 94:7 They say, “Yah will not see, the Mighty One of Jacob does not take notice of it.”
Psa 94:8 Understand, you stupid people! You fools, when will you ever learn?
Psa 94:9 He who made the ear, does he not hear? He who formed the eye, does he not see?
Psa 94:10 He who disciplines the ethnicities, does he not correct? He is the One who gives knowledge to mankind.
Psa 94:11 Yehowah knows the thoughts of mankind, that they are vapor.
Psa 94:12 Blessed is the one whom you instruct, Yah, the one whom you teach from your law.
Psa 94:13 You give him rest in times of trouble, until a pit is dug for the wicked.
Psa 94:14 For Yehowah will not forsake his people or abandon his inheritance.
Psa 94:15 For judgment will again be righteous; and all the upright in heart will follow it.
Psa 94:16 Who will rise up to defend me against the evildoers? Who will stand up for me against the wicked?
Psa 94:17 Unless Yehowah had been my help, I would soon be lying down in the place of silence.
Psa 94:18 When I cried, “My foot is slipping!” Your covenant faithfulness, Yehowah, held me up.
Psa 94:19 When cares within me are many, your consolations make me happy.
Psa 94:20 Can a throne of destruction be allied with you, one who creates injustice by statute?
Psa 94:21 They conspire together to take the life of the righteous, and they condemn the innocent to execution.
Psa 94:22 But Yehowah has been my high tower, and my Divine One has been the Rock of my refuge.
Psa 94:23 He will bring on them their own iniquity and will cut them off in their own wickedness. Yehowah our Divine One will cut them off.

Psalms Chapter 95

Psa 95:1 Oh come, let us sing to Yehowah; let us sing joyfully to the Rock of our salvation!
Psa 95:2 Let us enter his presence with thanksgiving; let us sing to him with psalms of praise!
Psa 95:3 For Yehowah is a great Almighty and a great King superior to all deities.
Psa 95:4 In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his.
Psa 95:5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.
Psa 95:6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Yehowah, our Creator:
Psa 95:7 For he is our Divine One, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Today, oh that you would hear his voice!
Psa 95:8 “Do not harden your heart, as at Meribah, or as on the day of testing in the wilderness,
Psa 95:9 where your forefathers tested me and tried me, though they had seen my deeds.
Psa 95:10 For forty years I was angry with that generation and said, ‘This is a people whose hearts wander astray; they have not known my Ways.’
Psa 95:11 Therefore, I vowed in my anger that they would never enter into my resting place” (Heb. 3:7-4:11).

Psalms Chapter 96

Psa 96:1 Oh, sing to Yehowah a new song; sing to Yehowah, all the earth.
Psa 96:2 Sing to Yehowah, bless his name; announce his salvation day after day.
Psa 96:3 Declare his glory among the ethnicities, his marvelous deeds among all the people.
Psa 96:4 For Yehowah is great and is to be exceedingly praised! He is to be feared above all false deities.
Psa 96:5 For all the deities of the ethnicities are idols, but it is Yehowah who made the heavens.
Psa 96:6 Splendor and majesty are in his presence. Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
Psa 96:7 Give to Yehowah, you clans of people, give praise to Yehowah for his glory and strength.
Psa 96:8 Give to Yehowah the glory that his name deserves. Bring an offering and come into his courts.
Psa 96:9 Bow down to Yehowah wearing clothing that honors his consecration. Tremble before him, all the earth.
Psa 96:10 Proclaim among the ethnicities, “Yehowah reigns!” The globe also is established; it cannot be shaken. He judges the people fairly.
Psa 96:11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and that which fills it shout with joy.
Psa 96:12 Let the fields rejoice and all that is in them. Then let all the trees in the forest shout for joy
Psa 96:13 before Yehowah, for he is coming! He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the ethnicities with his faithfulness.

Psalms Chapter 97

Psa 97:1 Yehowah reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad.
Psa 97:2 Clouds and darkness surround him. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
Psa 97:3 Fire goes before him and consumes his adversaries on every side.
Psa 97:4 His lightning lights up the globe; the earth sees and trembles.
Psa 97:5 The mountains melt like wax before Yehowah, the Lord of the whole earth.
Psa 97:6 The skies declare his justice, and all the ethnicities see his glory.
Psa 97:7 All those who worship carved figures will be shamed, those who boast in worthless idols, bow down to him, all you deities!
Psa 97:8 Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of your righteous decrees, Yehowah.
Psa 97:9 For you, Yehowah, are Most High above all the earth. You are exalted far above all deities.
Psa 97:10 You who love Yehowah, hate evil! He protects the lives of his saints, and he takes them out of the hand of the wicked.
Psa 97:11 Light is sown for the righteous and gladness for those with honest hearts.
Psa 97:12 Be glad in Yehowah, you righteous; and give thanks when you remember his consecration.

Psalms Chapter 98

Psa 98:1 (A psalm.) Oh, sing to Yehowah a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his set-apart arm have given him victory.
Psa 98:2 Yehowah has made known his salvation; he has openly showed his justice to all the ethnicities.
Psa 98:3 He calls to mind his covenant loyalty and faithfulness for the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our Divine One.
Psa 98:4 Shout for joy to Yehowah, all the earth; burst into song, sing for joy, and sing praises!
Psa 98:5 Sing praises to Yehowah with the harp, with the harp and melodious song.
Psa 98:6 With trumpets and the sound of the cornet, make a joyful noise before the King, Yehowah!
Psa 98:7 Let the sea shout and everything in it, the globe and those who live on it!
Psa 98:8 Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the mountains shout for joy!
Psa 98:9 Yehowah is coming to judge the earth; he will judge the world with righteousness and the ethnicities with fairness.

Psalms Chapter 99

Psa 99:1 Yehowah reigns; let the ethnicities tremble. He sits enthroned above the cherubim; the earth quakes.
Psa 99:2 Yehowah is great in Zion; he is exalted above all the ethnicities.
Psa 99:3 Let them praise your great and awesome name; he is set apart.
Psa 99:4 The King is strong, and he loves justice. You have established fairness; you have done righteousness and justice in Jacob.
Psa 99:5 Praise Yehowah our Divine One and worship at his footstool. He is set apart.
Psa 99:6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests, and Samuel was among those who prayed to him. They prayed to Yehowah, and he answered them.
Psa 99:7 He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud. They kept his commands and the statutes that he gave them.
Psa 99:8 You answered them, Yehowah our Divine One. A forgiving Almighty you were to them, but One who punished their sinful deeds.
Psa 99:9 Praise Yehowah our Divine One, and worship at his set-apart hill, for Yehowah our Divine One is set apart.

Psalms Chapter 100

Psa 100:1 (A psalm of thanksgiving.) Shout joyfully to Yehowah, all the earth.
Psa 100:2 Serve Yehowah with gladness; come before his presence with joyful singing.
Psa 100:3 Know that Yehowah is the Almighty; he made us, we did not make ourselves. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Psa 100:4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise! Give thanks to him and bless his name.
Psa 100:5 For Yehowah is good; his covenant faithfulness endures forever and his truthfulness through all generations.

Psalms Chapter 101

Psa 101:1 (A psalm of David.) I will sing of covenant faithfulness and justice; to you, Yehowah, I will sing praises.
Psa 101:2 I will walk in the Way of integrity. Oh, when will you come to me? I will walk with integrity within my house.
Psa 101:3 I will not put wrongdoing before my eyes; I hate worthless evil; it will not cling to me.
Psa 101:4 Perverse people will leave me; I am not loyal to evil.
Psa 101:5 I will destroy whoever secretly slanders his neighbor. I will not tolerate anyone who has a proud demeanor and an arrogant attitude.
Psa 101:6 I will look to the faithful of the land to sit at my side. Those who walk in the Way of integrity may serve me.
Psa 101:7 Deceitful people will not remain within my house; liars will not be welcome before my eyes.
Psa 101:8 At my earliest convenience, I will destroy all the wicked from the land; I will remove all evildoers from the City of Yehowah.

Psalms Chapter 102

Psa 102:1 (A prayer of the afflicted when he is overwhelmed and pours out his lament before Yehowah.) Hear my prayer, Yehowah; hear my cry to you.
Psa 102:2 Do not hide your face from me in my time of trouble. Listen to me. When I call out to you, answer me quickly.
Psa 102:3 For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like fire.
Psa 102:4 My heart is crushed, and I am like grass that has withered. I forget to eat any food.
Psa 102:5 With my continual groaning, I have become extremely thin.
Psa 102:6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness; I have become like an owl in the ruins.
Psa 102:7 I lie awake like a solitary bird, alone on the housetop.
Psa 102:8 My enemies taunt me all day long; those who mock me use my name in curses.
Psa 102:9 I eat ashes like bread and mix my drink with tears.
Psa 102:10 Because of your raging anger, you have lifted me up to throw me down.
Psa 102:11 My days are like a shadow that fades, and I have withered like grass.
Psa 102:12 But you, Yehowah, live forever, and your fame is for all generations.
Psa 102:13 You will rise up and have mercy on Zion. Now is the time to have mercy upon her; the appointed time has come.
Psa 102:14 For your servants hold her stones dear and feel compassion for the dust of her ruins.
Psa 102:15 The ethnicities will respect your name, Yehowah, and all the kings of the earth will honor your glory.
Psa 102:16 Yehowah will rebuild Zion and will appear in his glory.
Psa 102:17 At that time, he will respond to the prayer of the destitute; he will not reject their prayer.
Psa 102:18 This will be written for the last generation, and a people not yet born will praise Yah.
Psa 102:19 For he has looked down from the set-apart heights; from Heaven Yehowah has viewed the earth,
Psa 102:20 to hear the groaning of the prisoners, to release those who were condemned to execution.
Psa 102:21 Then men will proclaim the name of Yehowah in Zion and his praise in Jerusalem,
Psa 102:22 when the people and kingdoms gather together to serve Yehowah.
Psa 102:23 He has taken away my strength in the middle of life. He has shortened my days.

Psa 102:24 I prayed, “My Divine One, do not take me away in the middle of life; you are here throughout all generations.
Psa 102:25 In ancient times you set the earth in place; the heavens are the work of your hands.
Psa 102:26 They will perish, but you will remain; they will all grow old like a garment; like clothing, you will remove them, and they will disappear.
Psa 102:27 But you are the same, and your years will have no end.
Psa 102:28 The children of your servants will live on, and their descendants will live in your presence.”

Psalms Chapter 103

Psa 103:1 (A psalm of David.) I give praise to Yehowah with all my life, and with all that is within me, I give praise to his set-apart name!
Psa 103:2 I give praise to Yehowah with all my life, and I remember all of his good deeds.
Psa 103:3 He forgives all your sins; he heals all your diseases.
Psa 103:4 He redeems your life from destruction; he crowns you with covenant faithfulness and acts of tender mercy.
Psa 103:5 He satisfies your life with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle.
Psa 103:6 Yehowah does what is fair and does acts of justice for all who are oppressed.
Psa 103:7 He made known his Ways to Moses, his deeds to the descendants of Israel.
Psa 103:8 Yehowah is merciful and gracious; he is patient; he has great covenant loyalty.
Psa 103:9 He will not always discipline; he is not always angry.
Psa 103:10 He does not deal with us as our sins deserve or repay us for what our sins demand.
Psa 103:11 For as the skies are high above the earth, so great is his covenant faithfulness toward those who honor him.
Psa 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, this is how far he has removed the guilt of our sins from us.
Psa 103:13 As a father has compassion on his children, so Yehowah has compassion on those who honor him.
Psa 103:14 For he knows how we are formed; he knows that we are dust.
Psa 103:15 As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower in a field.
Psa 103:16 The wind blows over it, and it disappears, and no one can even tell where it once grew.
Psa 103:17 But the covenant faithfulness of Yehowah is from everlasting to everlasting on those who honor him. His righteousness extends to their descendants.
Psa 103:18 They keep his covenant and remember to obey his instructions.
Psa 103:19 Yehowah has established his throne in Heaven, and his kingdom rules over everyone.
Psa 103:20 Give praise to Yehowah, you his angels, you mighty ones who are strong and do his word, and obey the sound of his word.

Psa 103:21 Give praise to Yehowah, all his angel armed forces, you are his servants who carry out his will.
Psa 103:22 Give praise to Yehowah, all his creatures, in all the places where he reigns. I will give praise to Yehowah with all my life.

Psalms Chapter 104

Psa 104:1 I give praise to Yehowah with all my life, Yehowah my Divine One, you are extremely magnificent; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.
Psa 104:2 You cover yourself with light as with a garment; you spread out the heavens like a tent curtain.
Psa 104:3 You lay the beams of your chambers on the clouds; you make the clouds your chariot; you walk on the wings of the wind.
Psa 104:4 He makes his angels spirits, flames of fire his servants.
Psa 104:5 He laid the foundations of the earth, and it will never be moved.
Psa 104:6 You covered the earth with water like a garment; the water covered the mountains.
Psa 104:7 Your rebuke made the waters recede; at the sound of your thunderous voice they fled.
Psa 104:8 The mountains rose, and the valleys spread out into the places that you had appointed for them.
Psa 104:9 You have set a boundary for them that they will not cross; they will not cover the earth again.
Psa 104:10 He made springs flow into the valleys; the streams flow between the mountains.
Psa 104:11 They supply water for all the animals of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.
Psa 104:12 By the riverbanks the birds build their nests; they sing among the branches.
Psa 104:13 He waters the mountains from his water chambers in the sky. The earth is filled with the fruit of his labor.
Psa 104:14 He makes the grass grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, so that man may produce food from the earth.
Psa 104:15 He makes wine to make man happy, oil to make his face shine, and food to sustain his life.
Psa 104:16 The trees of Yehowah get plenty of rain; the cedars of Lebanon which he planted.
Psa 104:17 There the birds make their nests. The stork makes the cypress tree her home.
Psa 104:18 The wild goats live on the high mountains; the mountain heights are a refuge for the hyraxes.
Psa 104:19 He made the moon for animals' nocturnal hunting season; the sun knows its time for setting.
Psa 104:20 You make the darkness of the night when all the beasts of the forest come out.

Psa 104:21 The young lions roar for their prey and seek their food from the Almighty.
Psa 104:22 When the sun rises, they retreat and sleep in their dens.
Psa 104:23 Meanwhile, people go out to their work and labor away until dusk.
Psa 104:24 Yehowah, how many and varied are your works! With wisdom you made them all; the earth overflows with your works.
Psa 104:25 Over there is the sea, deep and wide, teeming with innumerable creatures, both small and great.
Psa 104:26 The ships travel there, and Leviathan is also there, which you formed to play in the sea.
Psa 104:27 All these look to you to give them their food on time.
Psa 104:28 When you give to them, they gather; when you open your hand, they are satisfied.
Psa 104:29 When you hide your face, they are troubled; if you take away their breath, they die and return to dust.
Psa 104:30 When you send out your Ruach, they are created, and you renew the countryside.
Psa 104:31 May the glory of Yehowah last forever; may Yehowah enjoy his creation.
Psa 104:32 He looks down on the earth, and it shakes; he touches the mountains, and they smoke.
Psa 104:33 I will sing to Yehowah all my life; I will sing praise to my Divine One as long as I live.
Psa 104:34 May my thoughts be sweet to him; I will rejoice in Yehowah.
Psa 104:35 May sinners vanish from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. I give praise to Yehowah with all my life. Praise Yah!

Psalms Chapter 105

Psa 105:1 Give thanks to Yehowah, call on his name; make known his deeds among the ethnicities.
Psa 105:2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; speak of all his marvelous deeds.
Psa 105:3 Boast in his set-apart name; let the heart of those who seek Yehowah rejoice.
Psa 105:4 Seek Yehowah and his strength; seek his presence continually.
Psa 105:5 Recall the marvelous things he has done, his miracles and the decrees from his mouth,
Psa 105:6 you descendants of Abraham his servant, you people of Jacob, his chosen ones.
Psa 105:7 He is Yehowah our Divine One. His decrees are on all the earth.
Psa 105:8 He keeps in mind his covenant forever, the word that he commanded for a thousand generations.
Psa 105:9 He calls to mind the covenant that he made with Abraham and his oath to Isaac.
Psa 105:10 This is what he confirmed to Jacob as a statute and to Israel as an everlasting covenant.
Psa 105:11 He promised, “I will give you the land of Canaan as your share of your inheritance.”
Psa 105:12 He said this when they were only few in number, so few, and were sojourners in the land.
Psa 105:13 They went from ethnicity to ethnicity and from one kingdom to another.
Psa 105:14 He did not allow anyone to oppress them; he rebuked kings for their sakes.
Psa 105:15 He commanded, “Do not touch my anointed ones, and do not harm my prophets.”
Psa 105:16 He called for a famine on the land; he cut off the whole supply of bread.
Psa 105:17 He sent a man ahead of them; Joseph was sold as a servant.
Psa 105:18 His feet were bound by shackles; on his neck was put an iron collar,
Psa 105:19 until the time his words came true, and the Word of Yehowah tested him.
Psa 105:20 The king sent servants to release him; the ruler of the people set him free.
Psa 105:21 He put him in charge of his household as ruler of all his possessions,
Psa 105:22 to instruct his princes as he wished and to teach his elders wisdom.

Psa 105:23 Then Israel came into Egypt (c. 1875 BC), and Jacob lived for a time in the land of Ham.
Psa 105:24 Yehowah made his people fruitful and made them stronger than their enemies.
Psa 105:25 He caused their enemies to hate his people, to mistreat his servants.
Psa 105:26 He sent Moses, his servant, and Aaron, whom he had chosen.
Psa 105:27 They performed his signs among the Egyptians, his wonders in the land of Ham.
Psa 105:28 He sent darkness and made that land dark, but its people did not obey his commands.
Psa 105:29 He turned their water into blood and killed their fish.
Psa 105:30 Their land swarmed with frogs, even in the rooms of their rulers.
Psa 105:31 He spoke, and swarms of dung beetles and gnats came throughout their country.
Psa 105:32 He turned their rain into hail, with fire flaming on their land.
Psa 105:33 He destroyed their vines and fig trees; he broke the trees of their country.
Psa 105:34 He spoke, and the locusts came, so many locusts.
Psa 105:35 The locusts ate up all of the vegetation in their land. They ate up all the crops of the ground.
Psa 105:36 He killed every firstborn in their land, the firstfruits of all their strength.
Psa 105:37 He brought the Israelis out with silver and gold; none of his tribes stumbled on the way.
Psa 105:38 Egypt was glad when they went away, for the Egyptians were afraid of them.
Psa 105:39 He spread a cloud for a covering and made a fire to light up the night.
Psa 105:40 The Israelis asked for food, and he brought quail and satisfied them with bread from Heaven.
Psa 105:41 He split the rock, and waters gushed from it; they flowed in the wilderness like a river (Exo. 17:6; Num. 20:11).
Psa 105:42 For he called to mind his set-apart promise that he made to Abraham his servant.
Psa 105:43 He led his people out with joy, his chosen with shouts of triumph.
Psa 105:44 He gave them the lands of the ethnicities; they took possession of the wealth of the people,
Psa 105:45 so that they might keep his statutes and obey his law. Praise Yah!

Psalms Chapter 106

Psa 106:1 Praise Yah! Give thanks to Yehowah, for he is good, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.
Psa 106:2 Who can recount the mighty acts of Yehowah or proclaim in full all his praiseworthy deeds?
Psa 106:3 Blessed are those who do what is right, and whose deeds are always just.
Psa 106:4 Call me to mind, Yehowah, when you show grace to your people; help me when you save them.
Psa 106:5 Then I will see the prosperity of your chosen, rejoice in the gladness of your nation, and glory with your inheritance.
Psa 106:6 We have sinned like our ancestors; we have done wrong, and we have done evil.
Psa 106:7 Our fathers did not appreciate your marvelous deeds in Egypt; they ignored your many acts of covenant faithfulness; they were rebellious at the SEA.
Psa 106:8 Nevertheless, he saved them for his name's sake, so that he might reveal his power.
Psa 106:9 He rebuked the SEA, and it dried up. Then he led them through the depths, as through a wilderness.
Psa 106:10 He saved them from the hand of those who hated them, and he rescued them from the hand of the enemy.
Psa 106:11 But the waters covered their adversaries; not one of them survived.
Psa 106:12 Then they believed his words, and they sang his praise.
Psa 106:13 But they quickly forgot what he had done; they did not wait for his instructions.
Psa 106:14 They had insatiable cravings in the wilderness, and they challenged the Almighty in the desert.
Psa 106:15 He gave them their request but sent a disease that consumed their bodies.
Psa 106:16 In the camp they became jealous of Moses and Aaron, the set-apart priest of Yehowah.
Psa 106:17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan and covered the followers of Abiram.
Psa 106:18 Fire broke out among them; the fire consumed the wicked.
Psa 106:19 They made a calf at Horeb and worshiped a cast metal figure.
Psa 106:20 They traded the glory of Yehowah for the image of a bull that eats grass.

Psa 106:21 They forgot the Almighty their Savior, who had done great deeds in Egypt.
Psa 106:22 He had done wonderful things in the land of Ham and mighty acts at the SEA.
Psa 106:23 He would have decreed their destruction, had not Moses, his chosen one, intervened with him in the breach to turn away his anger from destroying them.
Psa 106:24 Then they despised the fruitful land; they did not believe his promise
Psa 106:25 but grumbled in their tents, and did not obey Yehowah.
Psa 106:26 Therefore, he raised his hand and swore to them that he would let them die in the desert,
Psa 106:27 scatter their descendants among the ethnicities, and scatter them in foreign lands.
Psa 106:28 They worshiped Baal of Peor and ate the sacrifices offered to the dead.
Psa 106:29 They provoked him to anger with their actions, and a plague broke out among them.
Psa 106:30 Then Phinehas rose to intervene, and the plague subsided.
Psa 106:31 It was counted to him as a righteous deed to all generations forever.
Psa 106:32 They also angered Yehowah at the waters of Meribah, and Moses suffered because of them.
Psa 106:33 They made Moses bitter, and he spoke rashly.
Psa 106:34 They did not destroy the ethnicities as Yehowah had commanded them,
Psa 106:35 but they mingled with the ethnicities and learned their ways,
Psa 106:36 and worshiped their idols, which became a snare to them.
Psa 106:37 They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons.
Psa 106:38 They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, desecrating the land with blood.
Psa 106:39 They were defiled by their deeds; in their actions they were like prostitutes.
Psa 106:40 So Yehowah was angry with his people, and he despised his own people.
Psa 106:41 He gave them into the hand of the ethnicities, and those who hated them ruled over them.
Psa 106:42 Their enemies oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection to their authority.
Psa 106:43 Many times he came to help them, but they kept rebelling and were brought low by their own sin.

Psa 106:44 Nevertheless, he paid attention to their distress when he heard their cry for help.
Psa 106:45 He called to mind his covenant with them and relented because of his steadfast love.
Psa 106:46 He caused all their conquerers to have pity on them.
Psa 106:47 Save us, Yehowah, our Divine One. Gather us from among the ethnicities, so that we may give thanks to your set-apart name and glory in your praises.
Psa 106:48 May Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, be praised from everlasting to everlasting. All the people said, “Amein.” Praise Yah!

Psalms Chapter 107

Psa 107:1 Give thanks to Yehowah, for he is good, and his covenant faithfulness endures forever.
Psa 107:2 Let the redeemed of Yehowah speak out, those he has rescued from the hand of the enemy.
Psa 107:3 He has gathered them out of foreign lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
Psa 107:4 They wandered in the wilderness on a desert road and found no city in which to live.
Psa 107:5 Because they were hungry and thirsty, they fainted from exhaustion.
Psa 107:6 Then they called out to Yehowah in their trouble, and he rescued them out of their distress.
Psa 107:7 He led them by a direct path, so that they would go to a city to live in.
Psa 107:8 Oh that people would praise Yehowah for his covenant faithfulness and for the amazing things he has done for humanity!
Psa 107:9 For he satisfies the longings of those who are thirsty, and the desires of those who are hungry, he fills up with good things.
Psa 107:10 Some sat in darkness and in gloom, prisoners in affliction and chains.
Psa 107:11 This was because they had rebelled against the word of the Almighty and rejected the instruction of the Most High.
Psa 107:12 He humbled their hearts through hardship; they stumbled, and there was no one to help them up.
Psa 107:13 Then they called out to Yehowah in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress.
Psa 107:14 He brought them out of darkness and gloom and broke their bonds.
Psa 107:15 Oh that people would praise Yehowah for his covenant faithfulness and for the amazing things he has done for humanity!
Psa 107:16 For he has broken the gates of bronze and cut through the bars of iron.
Psa 107:17 They were foolish in their rebellious ways and afflicted because of their sins.
Psa 107:18 They lost their desire to eat any food, and they came close to the gates of death.
Psa 107:19 Then they called out to Yehowah in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress.
Psa 107:20 He sent his word and healed them, and he rescued them from their destruction.
Psa 107:21 Oh that people would praise Yehowah for his covenant faithfulness and for the amazing things he has done for humanity!

Psa 107:22 Let them offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving and proclaim his deeds in singing.
Psa 107:23 Some travel on the sea in ships and do business overseas.
Psa 107:24 These saw the deeds of Yehowah and his wonders on the seas.
Psa 107:25 For he commanded and aroused the windstorm that stirs up the seas.
Psa 107:26 They reached up to the sky; they went down to the depths. Their lives melted away in distress.
Psa 107:27 They swayed and staggered like drunkards and were at their wits' end.
Psa 107:28 Then they called out to Yehowah in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress.
Psa 107:29 He calmed the storm, and the waves were stilled.
Psa 107:30 Then they rejoiced because the sea was calm, and he brought them to their desired harbor.
Psa 107:31 Oh that people would praise Yehowah for his covenant faithfulness and for the amazing things he has done for humanity!
Psa 107:32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people and praise him in the Sanhedrin of the elders.
Psa 107:33 He turns rivers into a wilderness, springs of water into dry land,
Psa 107:34 and a fruitful land into a barren place because of the wickedness of its people.
Psa 107:35 He turns the wilderness into a pool of water and dry land into springs of water.
Psa 107:36 He settles the hungry there, and they build a city to live in.
Psa 107:37 They build a city to plant fields in, to plant vineyards, and to bring in an abundant harvest.
Psa 107:38 He blesses them, so they are extremely numerous. He does not let their livestock decrease in number.
Psa 107:39 They were diminished and brought low by painful distress and suffering.
Psa 107:40 He pours contempt on the leaders and causes them to wander in the wilderness, where there are no roads.
Psa 107:41 But he protects the needy from affliction and cares for his families like a flock.
Psa 107:42 The upright will see this and rejoice, and all wickedness shuts its mouth.
Psa 107:43 Whoever is wise should take note of these things and meditate on the acts of covenant faithfulness of Yehowah.

Psalms Chapter 108

Psa 108:1 (A song, a psalm of David.) My heart is fixed, Almighty One; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises also with my honored heart!
Psa 108:2 Wake up, lute and harp; I will wake up the dawn.
Psa 108:3 I will give thanks to you, Yehowah, among the people; I will sing praises to you among the ethnicities!
Psa 108:4 For your covenant faithfulness is great above the heavens; and your truth reaches to the skies.
Psa 108:5 Be exalted, Almighty One, above the heavens, and may your glory be exalted over all the earth.
Psa 108:6 So that those you love may be rescued, rescue us with your right hand and answer me.
Psa 108:7 The Almighty has spoken in his consecration; "I will rejoice; I will divide Shechem and apportion out the Valley of Succoth.
Psa 108:8 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is my helmet; Judah is my scepter.
Psa 108:9 Moab is my washbasin; over Edom I will throw my sandal; I will shout in triumph because of Philistia.
Psa 108:10 Who will bring me into the strong city? Who will lead me to Edom?"
Psa 108:11 Almighty One, have you not rejected us? You do not go into battle with our military force, Almighty One.
Psa 108:12 Give us help against the enemy, for man's help is futile.
Psa 108:13 We will triumph with the help of the Almighty; he will trample down our enemies.

Psalms Chapter 109

Psa 109:1 (For the chief musician. A psalm of David.) Almighty One whom I praise, do not be silent,
Psa 109:2 for the wicked and deceitful attack me; they speak lies against me.
Psa 109:3 They surround me and say hateful things, and they attack me without cause.
Psa 109:4 In return for my love, they slander me, but I pray for them.
Psa 109:5 They repay me evil for good, and they hate my love.
Psa 109:6 Appoint a wicked man over such an enemy as these people; appoint an accuser to stand at his right hand.
Psa 109:7 When he is judged, may he be found guilty; may his prayer be considered sinful.
Psa 109:8 May his days be few; may another take his office.
Psa 109:9 May his children be fatherless, and may his wife be a widow.
Psa 109:10 May his children wander about and beg, asking for handouts as they leave their ruined home.
Psa 109:11 May the creditor take all he owns; may foreigners plunder what he earns.
Psa 109:12 May no one extend any kindness to him; may no one have pity on his fatherless children.
Psa 109:13 May his children be cut off; may their name be blotted out in the next generation.
Psa 109:14 May his ancestors' sins be mentioned to Yehowah; and may the sin of his mother not be forgotten.
Psa 109:15 May their guilt always be before Yehowah; may he cut off their memory from the earth.
Psa 109:16 May Yehowah do this, because this man never bothered to show any covenant faithfulness but instead harassed the oppressed, the needy, and the disheartened to death.
Psa 109:17 He loved cursing; may it come back upon him. He hated blessing; may no blessing come to him.
Psa 109:18 He clothed himself with cursing as his garment, and his curse came into his inner being like water, like oil into his bones.
Psa 109:19 May his curses be to him like the clothes he wears to cover himself, like the belt he always wears.
Psa 109:20 May this be the reward of my accusers from Yehowah, of those who say evil things about me.
Psa 109:21 Yehowah my Lord, deal kindly with me for your name's sake. Because your covenant faithfulness is good, save me.

Psa 109:22 For I am oppressed and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.
Psa 109:23 I am fading away like the shadow of the evening; I am shaken off like a locust.
Psa 109:24 My knees are weak from fasting; I am turning to skin and bones.
Psa 109:25 I am disdained by my accusers; when they see me, they shake their heads.
Psa 109:26 Help me, Yehowah my Divine One; save me by your covenant faithfulness.
Psa 109:27 May they know that this is your doing, that you, Yehowah, have done this.
Psa 109:28 Though they curse me, please bless me; when they attack, may they be put to shame, but may your servant rejoice.
Psa 109:29 May my adversaries be clothed with shame; may they wear their shame like a robe.
Psa 109:30 With my mouth I give great thanks to Yehowah; I will praise him in the midst of a crowd!
Psa 109:31 For he will stand at the right hand of the one who is needy, to save him from those who judge him.

Psalms Chapter 110

Psa 110:1 (A psalm of David.) Yehowah invites my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool” (Mat. 22:44; 26:64; Mark 12:36; Luke 20:42-43; Acts 2:34-35).
Psa 110:2 Yehowah will hold out the scepter of your strength from Zion; commanding, “Rule among your enemies!”
Psa 110:3 Your people will follow you in set-apart garments of their own free will on the Day of your power; from the womb of dawn your youth will be to you like the dew.
Psa 110:4 Yehowah has sworn and will not change: “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek” (Heb. 5, 6, 7).
Psa 110:5 The Lord is at your right hand. He will kill kings on the Day of his anger.
Psa 110:6 He will judge the ethnicities; he will fill the battlegrounds with dead bodies; he will kill the leaders in many countries.
Psa 110:7 He will drink of the brook along the road, and then he will lift his head up high after victory.

Psalms Chapter 111

Psa 111:1 Praise Yah! I will give thanks to Yehowah with my whole heart in the congregation of the upright, in their gathering.
Psa 111:2 The works of Yehowah are great, eagerly awaited by all those who desire them.
Psa 111:3 His work is majestic and glorious, and his righteousness endures forever.
Psa 111:4 He does wonderful things that will be remembered; Yehowah is gracious and merciful.
Psa 111:5 He gives food to his faithful followers. He will always call to mind his covenant.
Psa 111:6 He showed his powerful works to his people in giving them the inheritance of the ethnicities.
Psa 111:7 The works of his hands are trustworthy and just; all his instructions are reliable.
Psa 111:8 They are established forever, to be observed faithfully and properly.
Psa 111:9 He gave victory to his people; he ordained his covenant forever; set apart and awesome is his name.
Psa 111:10 To fear Yehowah is the beginning of wisdom; those who carry out his instructions have good understanding. His praise endures forever.

Psalms Chapter 112

Psa 112:1 Praise Yah! Blessed is the man who obeys Yehowah, who greatly delights in his commandments.
Psa 112:2 His descendants will be powerful on earth; the descendants of the reverent man will be blessed.
Psa 112:3 Wealth and riches are in his house; his righteousness will endure forever.
Psa 112:4 Light shines in the darkness for the reverent person; he is gracious, merciful, and just.
Psa 112:5 It goes well for the man who deals graciously and lends money, who conducts his affairs with good judgment.
Psa 112:6 For he will never be moved; the righteous person will be remembered forever.
Psa 112:7 He does not fear bad news; he is confident, trusting in Yehowah.
Psa 112:8 His heart is tranquil, without fear, until he looks in triumph over his adversaries.
Psa 112:9 He generously gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; he will be exalted with honor.
Psa 112:10 The wicked person will see this and be angry; he will gnash with his teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked people will perish.

Psalms Chapter 113

Psa 113:1 Praise Yah! Praise him, you servants of Yehowah; praise the name of Yehowah!
Psa 113:2 Blessed be the name of Yehowah, both now and forevermore.
Psa 113:3 From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of Yehowah should be praised!
Psa 113:4 Yehowah is exalted above all ethnicities, and his glory reaches above the skies.
Psa 113:5 Who is like Yehowah our Divine One, who has his seat on high,
Psa 113:6 who looks down at the sky and at the earth?
Psa 113:7 He raises up the poor out of the dirt and lifts up the needy from the ash heap,
Psa 113:8 so that he may seat him with princes, with the princes of his people.
Psa 113:9 He gives a home to the barren woman of the house, he makes her a joyful mother of children. Praise Yah!

Psalms Chapter 114

Psa 114:1 When Israel left Egypt, the house of Jacob from that foreign people,
Psa 114:2 Judah became his Set-apart Place, Israel his kingdom.
Psa 114:3 The SEA looked and fled; the Jordan River turned back.
Psa 114:4 The mountains skipped like rams, the hills skipped like lambs.
Psa 114:5 Why did you flee, SEA? Jordan River, why did you turn back?
Psa 114:6 Mountains, why did you skip like rams? You little hills, why did you skip like lambs?
Psa 114:7 Tremble, earth, before the Lord, at the presence of the Mighty One of Jacob.
Psa 114:8 He turned the rock into a pool of water, the hard rock into a spring of water.

Psalms Chapter 115

Psa 115:1 Not to us, Yehowah, not to us, but to your name bring glory, for your covenant faithfulness and for your truth.
Psa 115:2 Why should the ethnicities ask, “Where is their Divine One?”
Psa 115:3 Our Divine One is in Heaven; he does whatever he pleases.
Psa 115:4 The ethnicities’ idols are silver and gold, the work of men’s hands.
Psa 115:5 Those idols have mouths, but they do not speak; they have eyes, but they do not see;
Psa 115:6 they have ears, but they do not hear; they have noses, but they do not smell.
Psa 115:7 Those idols have hands but do not feel; they have feet, but they cannot walk; nor do they speak from their mouths.
Psa 115:8 Those who make them are like them, as is everyone who trusts in them.
Psa 115:9 Israel, trust in Yehowah; he is your help and shield.
Psa 115:10 House of Aaron, trust in Yehowah; he is your help and shield.
Psa 115:11 You who honor Yehowah, trust in Yehowah; he is your help and shield.
Psa 115:12 Yehowah takes notice of us and will bless us; he will bless the family of Israel; he will bless the family of Aaron.
Psa 115:13 He will bless those who honor Yehowah, both young and old.
Psa 115:14 May Yehowah greatly increase you and your descendants.
Psa 115:15 May you be blessed by Yehowah, who made the heavens and the earth.
Psa 115:16 Heaven, even the heavens belong to Yehowah; but the earth he has given to mankind.
Psa 115:17 The dead do not praise Yah, nor do any who go down into silence.
Psa 115:18 But we will bless Yah now and forevermore. Praise Yah!

Psalms Chapter 116

Psa 116:1 I love Yehowah, because he hears my voice and my pleas for mercy.
Psa 116:2 Because he listened to me, I will call on him as long as I live.
Psa 116:3 The cords of death surrounded me, and the snares of the place of the dead confronted me; I felt anguish and sorrow.
Psa 116:4 Then I called on the name of Yehowah: “Please Yehowah, rescue my life!”
Psa 116:5 Yehowah is merciful and fair; our Divine One is compassionate.
Psa 116:6 Yehowah protects the naive; I was brought low, and he saved me.
Psa 116:7 My soul can return to its resting place, for Yehowah has been good to me.
Psa 116:8 For you rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
Psa 116:9 I will serve Yehowah in the land of the living.
Psa 116:10 I believed in him, even when I said, “I am greatly afflicted.”
Psa 116:11 I rashly said, “All men are liars.”
Psa 116:12 How can I repay Yehowah for all his kindnesses to me?
Psa 116:13 I will raise the cup of salvation, and call on the name of Yehowah.
Psa 116:14 I will fulfill my vows to Yehowah in the presence of all his people.
Psa 116:15 Precious in the sight of Yehowah is the death of his saints.
Psa 116:16 Yehowah, indeed, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your servant woman; you have taken away my bonds.
Psa 116:17 I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of Yehowah.
Psa 116:18 I will fulfill my vows to Yehowah in the presence of all his people,
Psa 116:19 in the courts of the temple of Yehowah, in your midst, Jerusalem. Praise Yah!

Psalms Chapter 117

Psa 117:1 Praise Yehowah, all you ethnicities; exalt him, all you people!
Psa 117:2 For his covenant faithfulness is great toward us, and the truth of Yehowah endures forever. Praise Yah!

Psalms Chapter 118

Psa 118:1 Give thanks to Yehowah, for he is good, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.
Psa 118:2 Let Israel say, “His covenant faithfulness endures forever.”
Psa 118:3 Let the house of Aaron say, “His covenant faithfulness endures forever.”
Psa 118:4 Let the loyal followers of Yehowah say, “His covenant faithfulness endures forever.”
Psa 118:5 In my distress I called out to Yah; Yah answered me and set me free.
Psa 118:6 Yehowah is with me; I will not be afraid (Heb. 13:6); what can man do to me?
Psa 118:7 Yehowah is on my side as my helper; I will look in triumph on those who hate me.
Psa 118:8 It is better to take shelter in Yehowah than to put confidence in mankind.
Psa 118:9 It is better to take refuge in Yehowah than to put one’s trust in princes.
Psa 118:10 All the ethnicities surrounded me; in the name of Yehowah I cut them off.
Psa 118:11 They surrounded me; yes, they surrounded me; in the name of Yehowah I cut them off.
Psa 118:12 They surrounded me like bees; they disappeared as quickly as fire among thorns; in the name of Yehowah I cut them off.
Psa 118:13 They attacked me to knock me down, but Yehowah helped me.
Psa 118:14 Yah is my strength and song, and has become my salvation (Exo. 15:2; Isa. 12:2).
Psa 118:15 The joyful shout of victory is heard in the tents of the righteous; the right hand of Yehowah conquers!
Psa 118:16 The right hand of Yehowah is exalted; the right hand of Yehowah conquers.
Psa 118:17 I will not die but live and declare the deeds of Yah.
Psa 118:18 Yah has punished me harshly; but he has not handed me over to death.
Psa 118:19 Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them, and I will give thanks to Yah.
Psa 118:20 This is the gate of Yehowah; the righteous enter through it.
Psa 118:21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me, and you have become my salvation.
Psa 118:22 The Stone that the builders rejected has become the chief Cornerstone (Acts 4:11).

Psa 118:23 This is the doing of Yehowah; it is marvelous in our eyes (Mat. 21:42).
Psa 118:24 This is the day on which Yehowah has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it!
Psa 118:25 Please, Yehowah, save us! Please, Yehowah, give us success!
Psa 118:26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of Yehowah; we bless you from the temple of Yehowah (Mat. 23:39; 21:9; Luke 13:35; 19:38-40).
Psa 118:27 Almighty Yehowah has given us light; bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.
Psa 118:28 You are my Divine One, and I will give thanks to you; you are my Divine One; I will exalt you.
Psa 118:29 Oh, give thanks to Yehowah; for he is good; for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

Psalms Chapter 119

Psa 119:1 ALEPH. Blessed are those whose Ways are blameless, who walk in the Law of Yehowah.
Psa 119:2 Blessed are they who keep his commandments, who seek him with all their heart.
Psa 119:3 They do no wrong; they walk in his Ways.
Psa 119:4 You have commanded us to keep your instructions, so that we should carefully observe them.
Psa 119:5 Oh, that I would be firmly established in the observance of your statutes!
Psa 119:6 Then I would not be put to shame when I think of all your commandments.
Psa 119:7 I will give thanks to you with an upright heart when I learn your righteous decrees.
Psa 119:8 I will observe your statutes; do not leave me alone.
Psa 119:9 BETH. How can a young person keep his Path pure? By obeying your word.
Psa 119:10 With my whole heart I seek you; Do not let me stray from your commandments.
Psa 119:11 I have stored up your word in my heart, so that I might not sin against you.
Psa 119:12 Blessed you are, Yehowah; teach me your statutes.
Psa 119:13 With my mouth I have declared all the righteous decrees that you have revealed.
Psa 119:14 I rejoice in the Way of your covenant decrees more than in all riches.
Psa 119:15 I will meditate on your instructions and pay attention to your Ways.
Psa 119:16 I delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.
Psa 119:17 GIMEL. Be kind to your servant, so that I may live and keep your word.
Psa 119:18 Open my eyes, so that I may see marvelous things in your law.
Psa 119:19 I am a sojourning foreigner in the land; do not hide your commandments from me.
Psa 119:20 My desires are crushed by the longing to know your righteous decrees at all times.
Psa 119:21 You rebuke the proud, who are cursed, who wander from your commandments.
Psa 119:22 Spare me from disgrace and humiliation, for I have obeyed your covenant decrees.

Psa 119:23 Though rulers plot and slander me, your servant meditates on your statutes.
Psa 119:24 Your covenant decrees are my delight, and they are my counselors.
Psa 119:25 DALETH. My life clings to the dust! Give me life by your word.
Psa 119:26 I told you my ways, and you answered me; teach me your statutes.
Psa 119:27 Make me understand the Ways of your instructions, so that I can meditate on your wondrous teachings.
Psa 119:28 I am overwhelmed with grief! Strengthen me by your word.
Psa 119:29 Turn from me the path of deceit; graciously teach me your law.
Psa 119:30 I have chosen the Way of faithfulness; I have always kept your righteous decrees before me.
Psa 119:31 I cling to your covenant decrees; Yehowah, do not let me be shamed.
Psa 119:32 I will run in the Path of your commandments, for you enlarge my heart to do so.
Psa 119:33 HE. Teach me, Yehowah, the Way of your statutes, and I will keep them to the end.
Psa 119:34 Give me understanding, and I will keep your law; I will observe it with all my heart.
Psa 119:35 Guide me in the Path of your commandments, for I delight to walk in it.
Psa 119:36 Direct my heart toward your covenant decrees and away from unrighteous gain.
Psa 119:37 Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; revive me in your Ways.
Psa 119:38 Carry out for your servant your promise that you made to those who honor you.
Psa 119:39 Take away the insults I dread, for your righteous judgments are good.
Psa 119:40 See, I have longed for your instructions; revive me in your righteousness.
Psa 119:41 WAW. Yehowah, give me your unfailing love, your salvation, according to your promise;
Psa 119:42 then I will have a reply for the one who mocks me, for I trust in your word.
Psa 119:43 Do not take the Word of Truth from my mouth, for I have waited for your righteous decrees.
Psa 119:44 I will observe your law continually, forever and ever.
Psa 119:45 I will walk in liberty, for I seek your instructions.
Psa 119:46 I will speak of your commandments before kings and will not be ashamed.
Psa 119:47 I delight in your commandments, which I love dearly.

Psa 119:48 I will lift up my hands to your commandments, which I love; I will meditate on your statutes.
Psa 119:49 ZAYIN. Call to mind your promise to your servant, because you have given me hope.
Psa 119:50 This is my comfort in my affliction: That your promise has kept me alive.
Psa 119:51 The proud have scoffed at me, yet I have not turned away from your law.
Psa 119:52 I have thought about your righteous decrees from ancient times, Yehowah, and I comfort myself.
Psa 119:53 Hot anger has taken hold of me, because of the wicked who reject your law.
Psa 119:54 Your statutes have been my songs in the house where I temporarily live.
Psa 119:55 I think about your name during the night, Yehowah, and I keep your law.
Psa 119:56 This has been my practice, because I have observed your instructions.
Psa 119:57 HETH. Yehowah is my portion; I have determined to observe your words.
Psa 119:58 I earnestly request your grace with my whole heart; be merciful to me, as your word promised.
Psa 119:59 I examined my ways and turned my feet to your covenant decrees.
Psa 119:60 I hurry and do not delay to keep your commandments.
Psa 119:61 The cords of the wicked have ensnared me; I have not forgotten your law.
Psa 119:62 At midnight, I rise to give thanks to you because of your righteous decrees.
Psa 119:63 I am a companion of all who honor you, to all who observe your instructions.
Psa 119:64 The earth, Yehowah, is full of your covenant faithfulness; teach me your statutes.
Psa 119:65 TETH. You have done good to your servant, Yehowah, by means of your word.
Psa 119:66 Teach me proper discernment and understanding, for I have believed in your commandments.
Psa 119:67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I observe your word.
Psa 119:68 You are good, and you are One who does good; teach me your statutes.
Psa 119:69 The arrogant have smeared me with lies, but I keep your instructions with my whole heart.

Psa 119:70 Their hearts are hardened, but I delight in your law.
Psa 119:71 It is good for me that I have suffered, so that I would learn your statutes.
Psa 119:72 Instruction from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of gold and silver-currency.
Psa 119:73 YOD. Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding, so that I may learn your commandments.
Psa 119:74 Those who honor you will be glad when they see me, because I find hope in your word.
Psa 119:75 I know, Yehowah, that your decrees are just, and that in faithfulness you afflicted me.
Psa 119:76 Let your covenant faithfulness comfort me, as you promised your servant.
Psa 119:77 Show me compassion, so that I may live, for your law is my delight.
Psa 119:78 Let the proud be put to shame, for they have slandered me; but I will meditate on your instructions.
Psa 119:79 May those who honor you turn to me, those who know your covenant decrees.
Psa 119:80 May my heart be blameless with respect to your statutes, so that I may not be put to shame.
Psa 119:81 KAPH. I faint with longing that you might rescue me! I have hope in your word.
Psa 119:82 My eyes long to see your promise; when will you comfort me?
Psa 119:83 For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke; I do not forget your statutes.
Psa 119:84 How long must your servant endure this; when will you judge those who persecute me?
Psa 119:85 The proud have dug pits for me, defying your law.
Psa 119:86 All your commandments are reliable; those people persecute me wrongfully; help me.
Psa 119:87 They have almost made an end of me on earth, but I do not reject your instructions.
Psa 119:88 By your steadfast love, keep me alive, so that I may obey your commands.
Psa 119:89 LAMEDH. Yehowah, your word stands forever; your word is established firmly in Heaven.
Psa 119:90 Your faithfulness lasts for all generations; you have established the earth, and it remains.
Psa 119:91 All things continue to this day, just as you said in your righteous decrees, for all things are your servants.

Psa 119:92 If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.
Psa 119:93 I will never forget your instructions, for through them you have kept me alive.
Psa 119:94 I am yours; save me, for I seek your instructions.
Psa 119:95 The wicked prepare to destroy me, but I will seek to understand your covenant decrees.
Psa 119:96 I have seen that everything has its limits, but your commandments are broad, beyond limits.
Psa 119:97 MEM. Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.
Psa 119:98 Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies, for your commandments are always with me.
Psa 119:99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, for I meditate on your covenant decrees.
Psa 119:100 I understand more than those older than I am; this is because I have kept your instructions.
Psa 119:101 I have kept my feet back from every evil path, so that I might observe your word.
Psa 119:102 I have not turned aside from your righteous decrees, for you have instructed me.
Psa 119:103 How sweet are your words to my taste, yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
Psa 119:104 Through your instructions I gain discernment; therefore, I hate every false way.
Psa 119:105 NUN. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my Path.
Psa 119:106 I have sworn and have confirmed it, that I will observe your righteous decrees.
Psa 119:107 I am extremely afflicted; keep me alive, Yehowah, as you have promised in your word.
Psa 119:108 Yehowah, please accept the freewill offerings of my mouth and teach me your righteous decrees.
Psa 119:109 My life is always in my hand, yet I do not forget your law.
Psa 119:110 The wicked have set a snare for me, but I have not strayed from your instructions.
Psa 119:111 I claim your covenant decrees as my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart.
Psa 119:112 My heart is set on obeying your statutes forever to the last end.
Psa 119:113 SAMEKH. I hate those who have a double mind, but I love your law.
Psa 119:114 You are my hiding place and my shield; I wait for your word.
Psa 119:115 Get away from me, you evildoers, so that I may observe the commandments of my Divine One.

Psa 119:116 Sustain me by your word, so that I may live and not be ashamed of my hope.
Psa 119:117 Support me, and I will be safe; I will always meditate on your statutes.
Psa 119:118 You reject all those who stray from your statutes, for those people are deceptive and unreliable.
Psa 119:119 You remove all the wicked of the earth like slag; therefore I love your commands.
Psa 119:120 My body trembles in fear of you, and I am afraid of your righteous decrees.
Psa 119:121 AYIN. I do what is just and right; do not abandon me to my oppressors.
Psa 119:122 Guarantee the welfare of your servant; do not let the proud oppress me.
Psa 119:123 My eyes grow tired as I wait for your salvation and for your righteous word.
Psa 119:124 Show your servant your covenant faithfulness and teach me your statutes.
Psa 119:125 I am your servant; give me understanding, so that I may know your covenant decrees.
Psa 119:126 It is time for Yehowah to act, for people have broken your law.
Psa 119:127 Truly, I love your commandments more than gold, more than fine gold.
Psa 119:128 Therefore, I carefully follow all your instructions, they keep me on the straight Path, and I hate every path of falsehood.
Psa 119:129 PE. Your rules are wonderful, that is why I obey them.
Psa 119:130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the untrained.
Psa 119:131 I open my mouth and pant, for I long for your commandments.
Psa 119:132 Turn to me and have mercy on me, as you always do for those who love your name.
Psa 119:133 Direct my footsteps by your word; do not let any sin rule me.
Psa 119:134 Redeem me from human oppression, so that I may observe your instructions.
Psa 119:135 Let your face shine on your servant and teach me your statutes.
Psa 119:136 Streams of tears run down from my eyes, because people do not observe your law.
Psa 119:137 TSADHE. You are righteous, Yehowah, and your decrees are fair.
Psa 119:138 You have given your covenant decrees righteously and faithfully.
Psa 119:139 Anger has destroyed me, because my adversaries forget your words.
Psa 119:140 Your word has been thoroughly tested, and your servant loves it.

Psa 119:141 I am insignificant and despised, yet I do not forget your instructions.
Psa 119:142 Your justice is forever right, and your law is truth.
Psa 119:143 Though distress and anguish have found me, your commandments are still my delight.
Psa 119:144 Your covenant decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.
Psa 119:145 QOPH. I cried out with my whole heart, “Answer me, Yehowah, I will keep your statutes!
Psa 119:146 I call to you; save me, and I will observe your covenant decrees!”
Psa 119:147 I rise before dawn and cry for help. I hope in your words.
Psa 119:148 My eyes are open before the night watches change, so that I might meditate on your word.
Psa 119:149 Hear my voice in your covenant faithfulness; keep me alive, Yehowah, as you have promised in your righteous decrees.
Psa 119:150 Those who are persecuting me are coming closer to me, but they are far from your law.
Psa 119:151 You are near, Yehowah, and all your commandments are truth.
Psa 119:152 Long ago I learned from your covenant decrees that you had set them in place forever.
Psa 119:153 RESH. Look on my affliction and help me, for I do not forget your law.
Psa 119:154 Plead my cause and redeem me; keep me, as you have promised in your word.
Psa 119:155 Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not love your statutes.
Psa 119:156 Great are your mercies, Yehowah; keep me alive, as you always do.
Psa 119:157 My persecutors and my foes are many, yet I have not turned from your covenant decrees.
Psa 119:158 I view the treacherous with disgust, because they do not keep your word.
Psa 119:159 See how I love your instructions; keep me alive, Yehowah, as you have promised by your covenant faithfulness.
Psa 119:160 Your word is true from the beginning; every one of your righteous decrees lasts forever.
Psa 119:161 SHIN. Princes persecute me without cause; my heart trembles, afraid of disobeying your word.
Psa 119:162 I rejoice at your word, like one who finds great plunder.
Psa 119:163 I hate and despise falsehood, but I love your law.
Psa 119:164 Seven times a day I praise you because of your righteous decrees.
Psa 119:165 Great peace they have, those who love your law; nothing makes them stumble.

Psa 119:166 I wait for your salvation, Yehowah, and I obey your commandments.
Psa 119:167 I observe your commands, and I love them greatly.
Psa 119:168 I keep your instructions and your commands, for you are aware of everything I do.
Psa 119:169 TAV. Listen to my cry for help, Yehowah; give me understanding into your word.
Psa 119:170 May my plea come before you; help me, as you have promised in your word.
Psa 119:171 May my lips pour out praise, for you teach me your statutes.
Psa 119:172 Let my tongue sing about your word, for all your commandments are right.
Psa 119:173 May your hand help me, for I have chosen your instructions.
Psa 119:174 I long for your rescue, Yehowah, and your law is my delight.
Psa 119:175 May I live and praise you, and may your righteous decrees help me.
Psa 119:176 I have wandered off like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I have not forgotten your commandments.

Psalms Chapter 120

Psa 120:1 (A song of ascents.) In my distress I called out to Yehowah, and he answered me.
Psa 120:2 Rescue my life, Yehowah, from those who lie with their lips and deceive with their tongues.
Psa 120:3 How will he punish you, and what more will he do to you, you who have a lying tongue?
Psa 120:4 He will punish you with the arrows of a warrior sharpened over burning coals of the broom tree.
Psa 120:5 Woe is me, because I temporarily live in Meshech; I lived previously among the tents of Kedar.
Psa 120:6 For too long I have lived with those who hate peace.
Psa 120:7 I am for peace, but when I speak, they are for war.

Psalms Chapter 121

Psa 121:1 (A song of ascents.) I will lift up my eyes to the mountains. From where will my help come?
Psa 121:2 My help comes from Yehowah, who made the heavens and the earth.
Psa 121:3 He will not allow your foot to slip; he who protects you will not slumber.
Psa 121:4 See, the guardian of Israel never slumbers nor sleeps.
Psa 121:5 Yehowah is your guardian; Yehowah is the shade at your right hand.
Psa 121:6 The sun will not harm you by day nor the moon by night.
Psa 121:7 Yehowah will protect you from all harm, and he will protect your life.
Psa 121:8 Yehowah will protect you in all you do now and forevermore.

Psalms Chapter 122

Psa 122:1 (A song of ascents, of David.) I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the temple of Yehowah.”
Psa 122:2 Jerusalem, our feet are standing within your gates!
Psa 122:3 Jerusalem, built as a city carefully planned!
Psa 122:4 The tribes go up to Jerusalem, the tribes of Yah, as a testimony for Israel, to give thanks to the name of Yehowah.
Psa 122:5 There, thrones of judgment were set, thrones of the House of David.
Psa 122:6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! “May those who love you have success.
Psa 122:7 May there be peace within the walls that defend you, and may they have peace within your fortresses.”
Psa 122:8 For the sake of my brothers and my friends, I will bless, “May there be peace within you.”
Psa 122:9 For the sake of the temple of Yehowah our Divine One, I will seek good for you.

Psalms Chapter 123

Psa 123:1 (A song of ascents.) To you I lift up my eyes, you who are enthroned in Heaven.
Psa 123:2 See, as the eyes of servants look to their master's hand, as the eyes of a maid look to her mistress's hand, so our eyes look to Yehowah our Divine One, until he has mercy on us.
Psa 123:3 Have mercy on us, Yehowah, have mercy on us, for we are filled with humiliation.
Psa 123:4 We are more than full of the scoffing of the insolent and with the contempt of the proud.

Psalms Chapter 124

Psa 124:1 (A song of ascents; of David.) “If Yehowah had not been on our side,” let Israel say now,
Psa 124:2 “If it had not been Yehowah who was on our side, when men rose up against us,
Psa 124:3 then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger raged against us.
Psa 124:4 The water would have swept us away; the river would have overwhelmed us.
Psa 124:5 Then the raging waters would have drowned us.”
Psa 124:6 Blessed be Yehowah, who has not allowed us to be torn by their teeth.
Psa 124:7 We have escaped like a bird out of the snare of the fowlers; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped.
Psa 124:8 Our help is in the name of Yehowah, who made the heavens and the earth.

Psalms Chapter 125

Psa 125:1 (A song of ascents.) Those who trust in Yehowah are like Mount Zion, unshakable, forever enduring.
Psa 125:2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so Yehowah surrounds his people now and forever.
Psa 125:3 The scepter of wickedness must not rule in the land of the righteous. Otherwise the righteous might do what is wrong.
Psa 125:4 Do good, Yehowah, to those who are good and to those who are upright in their hearts.
Psa 125:5 But as for those who turn aside to their crooked ways, Yehowah will lead them away with the evildoers. May peace be on Israel.

Psalms Chapter 126

Psa 126:1 (A song of ascents.) When Yehowah restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
Psa 126:2 Then our mouths were filled with laughter and our tongues with singing. Then they proclaimed among the ethnicities, “Yehowah has done great things for them!”
Psa 126:3 Yehowah did great things for us; how glad we were!
Psa 126:4 Restore our fortunes, Yehowah, like the streams in the Negev.
Psa 126:5 Those who sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy!
Psa 126:6 He who goes out weeping, carrying seed for sowing, will return again with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him!

Psalms Chapter 127

Psa 127:1 (A song of ascents, of Solomon.) Unless Yehowah builds the house, they work uselessly, those who build it. Unless Yehowah guards the city, the watchman stands guard uselessly.
Psa 127:2 It is useless for you to rise up early, to come home late, or to eat the bread of hard work, for he provides sleep for his beloved.
Psa 127:3 See, children are a heritage from Yehowah, and the fruit of the womb is a reward from him.
Psa 127:4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth.
Psa 127:5 How blessed is the man that has his quiver full of them. He will not be put to shame when he confronts his enemies in the gate.

Psalms Chapter 128

Psa 128:1 (A song of ascents.) Blessed is everyone who honors Yehowah, who walks in his Ways.
Psa 128:2 What your hands provide, you will enjoy; you will be blessed and prosper.
Psa 128:3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in your house; your children will be like olive plants as they sit around your table.
Psa 128:4 Yes, indeed, the man will be blessed who honors Yehowah.
Psa 128:5 May Yehowah bless you from Zion; may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
Psa 128:6 May you live to see your children's children. May peace be on Israel.

Psalms Chapter 129

Psa 129:1 (A song of ascents.) “Often since my youth they have attacked me,” let Israel say.
Psa 129:2 “Often since my youth they have attacked me, yet they have not defeated me.
Psa 129:3 The plowers plowed on my back; they made their furrows long.
Psa 129:4 Yehowah is righteous; he has cut the ropes of the wicked.”
Psa 129:5 May they all be put to shame and turned back, those who hate Zion.
Psa 129:6 May they be like the grass on the housetops that withers before it grows up,
Psa 129:7 that cannot fill the reaper’s hand or the chest of the one who binds sheaves.
Psa 129:8 May those who pass by not say, “May the blessing of Yehowah be on you; we bless you in the name of Yehowah.”

Psalms Chapter 130

Psa 130:1 (A song of ascents.) Out of the depths I cry to you, Yehowah.
Psa 130:2 Lord, hear my voice; let your ears be attentive to my pleas for mercy.
Psa 130:3 If you, Yah, would mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
Psa 130:4 But there is forgiveness with you, that you may be revered.
Psa 130:5 I wait for Yehowah, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.
Psa 130:6 My soul has hoped in the Lord, from the morning watch until night.
Psa 130:7 Israel, hope in Yehowah. Yehowah is merciful, and with him is abundant redemption.
Psa 130:8 It is he who will redeem Israel from all his sins.

Psalms Chapter 131

Psa 131:1 (A song of ascents; of David.) Yehowah, my heart is not proud or my eyes haughty. I do not have great hopes for myself or concern myself with things that are beyond me.
Psa 131:2 Indeed, I have stilled and quieted my soul; like a weaned child with his mother, my soul within me is like a weaned child.
Psa 131:3 Israel, hope in Yehowah now and forever.

Psalms Chapter 132

Psa 132:1 (A song of ascents.) Yehowah, for David's sake call to mind all his afflictions.
Psa 132:2 Call to mind how he swore to Yehowah, how he vowed to the Strong One of Jacob.
Psa 132:3 He said, "I will not enter my house or get into my bed,
Psa 132:4 I will not give sleep to my eyes or rest to my eyelids,
Psa 132:5 until I find a place for Yehowah, a tabernacle for the Strong One of Jacob."
Psa 132:6 See, we heard about it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar.
Psa 132:7 We will go into the tabernacle of the Almighty; we will worship at his footstool.
Psa 132:8 Arise, Yehowah, to your resting place, you and the ark of your strength!
Psa 132:9 May your priests be clothed with integrity; may your faithful ones shout for joy!
Psa 132:10 For your servant David's sake, do not turn away from your anointed king.
Psa 132:11 Yehowah swore a sure oath to David, a sure oath that he will not revoke: "I will place one of your descendants on your throne.
Psa 132:12 If your sons keep my covenant and the laws that I will teach them, their children also will sit on your throne forevermore."
Psa 132:13 Certainly Yehowah has chosen Zion, he has desired her for his seat.
Psa 132:14 "This is my resting place forever. I will live here, for I desire her.
Psa 132:15 I will abundantly bless her with provisions. I will satisfy her poor with bread.
Psa 132:16 I will clothe her priests with salvation, her faithful ones will shout aloud for joy!
Psa 132:17 There I will make a horn to sprout for David and set up a lamp for my anointed one.
Psa 132:18 I will clothe his enemies with shame, but on him his crown will shine."

Psalms Chapter 133

Psa 133:1 (A song of ascents, of David.) Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to live in unity together!
Psa 133:2 It is like fine oil on the head pouring down on the beard, Aaron's beard, and then it pours down on the collar of his robes.
Psa 133:3 It is like the dew of Hermon which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there Yehowah commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

Psalms Chapter 134

Psa 134:1 (A song of ascents.) Come, bless Yehowah, all you servants of Yehowah, you who serve during the night in the temple of Yehowah.
Psa 134:2 Lift up your hands in the Set-apart Place and bless Yehowah.
Psa 134:3 May Yehowah bless you from Zion, he who made the heavens and the earth.

Psalms Chapter 135

Psa 135:1 Praise Yah! Praise the name of Yehowah! Praise him, you servants of Yehowah,
Psa 135:2 you who stand in the temple of Yehowah, in the courtyards of the temple of our Divine One.
Psa 135:3 Praise Yah, for Yehowah is good; sing praises to his name, for it is pleasant!
Psa 135:4 For Yah has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his treasured possession.
Psa 135:5 I know that Yehowah is great, that our Lord is above all deities.
Psa 135:6 Whatever Yehowah desires, he does in Heaven, on earth, in the seas, and all the ocean depths.
Psa 135:7 He brings the clouds from far away, making lightning bolts accompany the rain and bringing the wind out of his storehouse.
Psa 135:8 He killed the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and animals.
Psa 135:9 He sent signs and wonders into your midst, Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants.
Psa 135:10 He attacked many ethnicities and killed mighty kings,
Psa 135:11 Sihon king of the Amorites and Og king of Bashan and all the kingdoms of Canaan.
Psa 135:12 He gave us their land as an inheritance, an inheritance to Israel his people.
Psa 135:13 Your name, Yehowah, endures forever; your renown, Yehowah, endures throughout all generations.
Psa 135:14 For Yehowah defends his people and has compassion on his servants.
Psa 135:15 The ethnicities' idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.
Psa 135:16 Those idols have mouths, but they do not speak; they have eyes, but they do not see;
Psa 135:17 they have ears, but they do not hear, nor is there breath in their mouths.
Psa 135:18 Those who make them are like them, as is everyone who trusts in them.
Psa 135:19 Descendants of Israel, bless Yehowah; descendants of Aaron, bless Yehowah.
Psa 135:20 Descendants of Levi, bless Yehowah; you who honor Yehowah, bless Yehowah.
Psa 135:21 Blessed be Yehowah in Zion, he who lives in Jerusalem. Praise Yah!

Psalms Chapter 136

Psa 136:1 Oh, give thanks to Yehowah; for he is good, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.
Psa 136:2 Oh, give thanks to the Mighty One of deities, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.
Psa 136:3 Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.
Psa 136:4 Give thanks to him who alone does great wonders, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever,
Psa 136:5 to him who by wisdom made the heavens, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.
Psa 136:6 Give thanks to him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever,
Psa 136:7 to him who made great lights, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.
Psa 136:8 Give thanks to him who gave the sun to rule by day, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever,
Psa 136:9 the moon, and the stars to rule by night, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever (Gen. 1:16; Jer. 31:35; Acts 27:20).
Psa 136:10 Give thanks to him who killed the firstborn of Egypt, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever,
Psa 136:11 and brought out Israel from among them, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever,
Psa 136:12 with a strong hand and a raised arm, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.
Psa 136:13 Give thanks to him who divided the SEA, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever,
Psa 136:14 and made Israel to pass through the middle of it, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever,
Psa 136:15 but overthrew Pharaoh and his military force in the SEA, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.
Psa 136:16 Give thanks to him who led his people through the wilderness, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever,
Psa 136:17 to him who killed great kings, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.
Psa 136:18 Give thanks to him who killed famous kings, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever,
Psa 136:19 Sihon king of the Amorites, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever,

Psa 136:20 and Og king of Bashan, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.
Psa 136:21 Give thanks to him who gave their land as an inheritance, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever,
Psa 136:22 an inheritance to Israel his servant, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever,
Psa 136:23 to him who called us to mind and helped us in our humiliation, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.
Psa 136:24 Give thanks to him who has given us victory over our enemies, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever,
Psa 136:25 who gives food to all living beings, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.
Psa 136:26 Oh, give thanks to the Mighty One of Heaven, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

Psalms Chapter 137

Psa 137:1 By the rivers of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we thought about Zion.
Psa 137:2 On the poplars there we hung our harps.
Psa 137:3 There our captors required songs from us, and those who mocked us required us to be happy, requesting, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion.”
Psa 137:4 How could we sing a song about Yehowah in a foreign land?
Psa 137:5 If I ignore the memory of you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her skill.
Psa 137:6 Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth, if I think about you no more, if I do not prefer Jerusalem more than my greatest delights.
Psa 137:7 Call to mind, Yehowah, what the Edomites did on the day Jerusalem fell. They shouted, “Tear it down, tear it down to its foundations!”
Psa 137:8 Daughter of Babylon, soon to be destroyed, may the person be blessed, whoever pays you back for what you have done to us.
Psa 137:9 May the person be blessed, whoever takes and dashes your little ones against a rock.

Psalms Chapter 138

Psa 138:1 (A psalm of David.) I will give you thanks with my whole heart; in the presence of Divinity I will sing your praise!
Psa 138:2 I will bow down toward your set-apart temple and give thanks to your name for your covenant faithfulness and for your truth. You have magnified your name and your word above everything else.
Psa 138:3 On the day that I called you, you answered me; you encouraged and strengthened my soul.
Psa 138:4 All the kings of the earth will give you thanks, Yehowah, for they will hear the words from your mouth.
Psa 138:5 Indeed, they will sing of the deeds of Yehowah, for great is the glory of Yehowah.
Psa 138:6 For though Yehowah is high, yet he cares for the lowly, but the proud he knows from far off.
Psa 138:7 Though I walk in the middle of danger, you will preserve my life; you will reach out with your hand against the anger of my enemies, and your right hand will save me.
Psa 138:8 Yehowah is with me to the end; your covenant faithfulness, Yehowah, endures forever. Do not forsake the ones whom your hands have made.

Psalms Chapter 139

Psa 139:1 (For the chief musician. A psalm of David.) Yehowah, you have examined me, and you know me.
Psa 139:2 You know when I sit down, and when I get up; you understand my thoughts from far away.
Psa 139:3 You observe my path and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
Psa 139:4 For before there is a word on my tongue, you know it completely, Yehowah.
Psa 139:5 Behind me and before me you surround me and place your hand upon me.
Psa 139:6 Such knowledge is too much for me; it is too high, and I cannot reach it.
Psa 139:7 Where can I go from your Ruach? Where can I flee from your presence?
Psa 139:8 If I ascend up to Heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in the place of the dead, behold, you are there.
Psa 139:9 If I fly away on the wings of dawn and go to live in the uttermost parts across the sea,
Psa 139:10 even there your hand will lead me, your right hand will hold on to me.
Psa 139:11 If I said, “Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light will become night around me,”
Psa 139:12 even the darkness would not be dark to you. The night would shine like the day, for the darkness and the light are both alike to you.
Psa 139:13 You formed my inner parts; you formed me in my mother’s womb.
Psa 139:14 I will praise you, for I am reverently and wonderfully made! Your actions are great. My soul knows this extremely well.
Psa 139:15 My bones were not hidden from you when I was made in private, when I was intricately made in the depths of the earth.
Psa 139:16 You saw me inside the womb; all the days assigned to me were recorded in your Book, even before the first one happened.
Psa 139:17 How precious are your thoughts to me, Almighty One! How vast is their sum!
Psa 139:18 If I tried to count them, they would be more in number than the sand. When I awake, I am still with you.
Psa 139:19 If only you would execute the wicked, Almighty One; get away from me, you violent men!
Psa 139:20 They rebel against you and act deceitfully; your enemies tell lies.

Psa 139:21 Do I not hate those, Yehowah, who hate you? Do I not despise those who rise up against you?
Psa 139:22 I hate them completely; they have become my enemies.
Psa 139:23 Examine me, Almighty One, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.
Psa 139:24 See if there is any wicked way in me and lead me in the everlasting Way.

Psalms Chapter 140

Psa 140:1 (For the chief musician. A psalm of David.) Yehowah, rescue me from the wicked; preserve me from violent men.
Psa 140:2 They plan evil in their hearts; they cause battles every day.
Psa 140:3 Their tongues wound like serpents; vipers' poison is on their lips. Selah.
Psa 140:4 Keep me from the hands of the wicked, Yehowah; preserve me from violent men who plan to knock me over.
Psa 140:5 The proud have set a trap for me; they have spread a net; they have set a snare for me. Selah.
Psa 140:6 I said to Yehowah, "You are my Divine One; listen to my cries for mercy, Yehowah."
Psa 140:7 Yehowah, my Lord, you are powerfully able to save me; you shield my head in the day of battle.
Psa 140:8 Yehowah, do not grant the desires of the wicked; do not let their plots succeed, or they will exalt themselves. Selah.
Psa 140:9 Those who surround me raise their heads; let the mischief of their own lips cover them.
Psa 140:10 Let burning coals fall on them; throw them into the fire, into bottomless pits, never more to rise.
Psa 140:11 May men of evil tongues not be made secure on the earth; may evil hunt down the violent man to strike him dead.
Psa 140:12 I know that Yehowah will judge in favor of the afflicted, and that he will give justice to the needy.
Psa 140:13 Surely, the righteous people will give thanks to your name; the upright people will live in your presence.

Psalms Chapter 141

Psa 141:1 (A psalm of David.) Yehowah, I am crying out to you; come quickly to me. Listen to me when I call to you.
Psa 141:2 May my prayer be like incense before you; may my lifted hands be like the evening sacrifice.
Psa 141:3 Yehowah, place a guard over my mouth; guard the door of my lips.
Psa 141:4 Do not let my heart desire any evil thing or participate in sinful activities with men who behave wickedly. May I not eat any of their delicacies.
Psa 141:5 Let a righteous man hit me; it will be a kindness to me. Let him correct me; it will be like oil on my head; may my head not refuse to accept it. But my prayer is always against their wicked deeds.
Psa 141:6 Their leaders will be thrown down from the top of cliffs; they will hear that my own words are pleasant.
Psa 141:7 They will have to say, “As when one plows and breaks up the ground, so our bones have been scattered at the mouth of the place of the dead.”
Psa 141:8 Surely my eyes are on you, O Lord Yehowah; in you I take refuge; do not leave my soul defenseless.
Psa 141:9 Protect me from the snares that they have laid for me, from the traps of evildoers.
Psa 141:10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I escape.

Psalms Chapter 142

Psa 142:1 (A maschil of David, when he was in the cave; a prayer.) With my voice I cry out for help to Yehowah; with my voice I plead for the grace of Yehowah.
Psa 142:2 I pour out my lament before him; I tell him my troubles.
Psa 142:3 When my spirit is weak within me, you know my path. In the Way that I walk, they have hidden a trap for me.
Psa 142:4 I look to my right and see that there is no one who cares about me. There is no escape for me; no one cares about my life.
Psa 142:5 I called out to you, Yehowah; I said, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.
Psa 142:6 Listen to my call, for I have been brought extremely low; rescue me from my persecutors, for they are stronger than I.
Psa 142:7 Bring my soul out of prison, so that I may give thanks to your name. The righteous will gather around me, because you have been good to me.”

Psalms Chapter 143

Psa 143:1 (A psalm of David.) Hear my prayer, Yehowah; listen to my pleas. Because of your faithfulness and righteousness, answer me!
Psa 143:2 Do not enter into judgment with your servant, for in your sight no one is righteous.
Psa 143:3 The enemy has pursued my soul; he has pushed me down to the ground; he has made me to live in darkness like those who have been dead for ages.
Psa 143:4 My spirit is overwhelmed within me; my heart despairs.
Psa 143:5 I call to mind the old days; I meditate on all your deeds; I reflect on your accomplishments.
Psa 143:6 I spread my hands out to you in prayer; my soul thirsts for you in a parched land. Selah.
Psa 143:7 Answer me quickly, Yehowah, because my spirit faints. Do not hide your face from me, or I will become like those who go down into the pit.
Psa 143:8 Let me hear your covenant faithfulness at dawn, for I trust in you. Show me the Way where I should walk, for I lift up my soul to you.
Psa 143:9 Rescue me from my enemies, Yehowah; I flee to you to hide.
Psa 143:10 Teach me to do your will, for you are my Divine One. May your good Ruach lead me in the land of uprightness.
Psa 143:11 Yehowah, for your name's sake, keep me alive; in your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.
Psa 143:12 In your covenant faithfulness cut off my enemies and destroy all the enemies of my life, for I am your servant.

Psalms Chapter 144

Psa 144:1 (A psalm of David.) Blessed be Yehowah, my Rock, who trains my hands for war and my fingers for battle.
Psa 144:2 You are my covenant faithfulness and my fortress, my high tower and the One who rescues me, my shield and the One in whom I take refuge, the One who subdues ethnicities under me.
Psa 144:3 Yehowah, what is man that you take notice of him or the son of man that you think about him?
Psa 144:4 Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow.
Psa 144:5 Cause the sky to sink and come down, Yehowah; touch the mountains and make them smoke.
Psa 144:6 Send flashes of lightning and scatter my enemies; shoot your arrows and drive them back in confusion.
Psa 144:7 Reach out your hand from above; rescue me and deliver me out of many waters, from the hand of foreigners.
Psa 144:8 Their mouths speak lies, and their right hand is falsehood.
Psa 144:9 I will sing a new song to you, Almighty One; on a lute of ten strings I will sing praises to you,
Psa 144:10 who gives salvation to kings, who rescued David your servant from an evil sword.
Psa 144:11 Rescue me and free me from the hand of foreigners. Their mouths speak lies, and their right hand is falsehood.
Psa 144:12 May our sons be like plants who grow to full size in their youth and our daughters like carved corner pillars, shapely like those of a palace.
Psa 144:13 May our storehouses be full with every kind of produce, and may our sheep produce thousands and ten thousands in our fields.
Psa 144:14 Then our oxen will have many young. No one will break through our walls; there will be no exile and no outcry in our streets.
Psa 144:15 Blessed is the people with such blessings; happy is the people whose Divine One is Yehowah.

Psalms Chapter 145

Psa 145:1 (A psalm of praise. Of David.) I will extol you, my Divine One, my King; I will bless your name forever and ever.
Psa 145:2 Every day will I bless you; I will praise your name forever and ever!
Psa 145:3 Great is Yehowah and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable!
Psa 145:4 One generation will praise your deeds to the next and will proclaim your mighty actions.
Psa 145:5 I will meditate on the majesty of your glory and on your marvelous deeds.
Psa 145:6 They will speak of the power of your awesome works, and I will declare your greatness.
Psa 145:7 They will declare your abounding goodness, and they will sing about your righteousness.
Psa 145:8 Yehowah is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in covenant faithfulness.
Psa 145:9 Yehowah is good to all; his tender mercies are over all his works.
Psa 145:10 All you have made will give thanks to you, Yehowah; your faithful ones will bless you.
Psa 145:11 Your faithful ones will speak of the glory of your kingdom, and they will tell of your power.
Psa 145:12 They will make known to mankind his mighty deeds and the glorious splendor of his kingdom.
Psa 145:13 Your kingdom is an eternal kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. Yehowah is faithful in his words and gracious in all his works.
Psa 145:14 Yehowah supports all who are falling and raises up all those who are bent over.
Psa 145:15 The eyes of all wait for you; you give them their food at the right time.
Psa 145:16 You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
Psa 145:17 Yehowah is righteous in all his Ways and gracious in all he does.
Psa 145:18 Yehowah is near to all those who call to him, to all who call to him in truth.
Psa 145:19 He fulfills the desire of those who honor him; he hears their cry and saves them.
Psa 145:20 Yehowah watches over all those who love him, but he will destroy all the wicked.

Psa 145:21 My mouth will speak out the praise of Yehowah; let all mankind bless his set-apart name forever and ever!

Psalms Chapter 146

Psa 146:1 Praise Yah! Praise Yehowah, O my soul!
Psa 146:2 I give praise to Yehowah with all my life; I will sing praises to my Divine One as long as I exist!
Psa 146:3 Do not put your trust in princes or in mankind, in whom there is no salvation.
Psa 146:4 When a person's life's breath stops, he returns to the ground; on that day his plans end.
Psa 146:5 Blessed is he who has the Mighty One of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in Yehowah his Divine One.
Psa 146:6 Yehowah made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them; he observes truth forever.
Psa 146:7 He executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. Yehowah frees the prisoners;
Psa 146:8 Yehowah opens the eyes of the blind; Yehowah raises up those who are bowed down; Yehowah loves the righteous people.
Psa 146:9 Yehowah protects the sojourning foreigners in the land; he lifts up the fatherless and widow, but he opposes the wicked.
Psa 146:10 Yehowah will reign forever, your Divine One, Zion, for all generations. Praise Yah!

Psalms Chapter 147

Psa 147:1 Praise Yah, for it is good to sing praises to our Divine One, it is pleasant, and praise is suitable!
Psa 147:2 Yehowah rebuilds Jerusalem, he gathers together the scattered people of Israel.
Psa 147:3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
Psa 147:4 He counts the stars, he gives names to all of them.
Psa 147:5 Great is our Lord and awesome in power, his understanding cannot be measured.
Psa 147:6 Yehowah lifts up the oppressed, he brings the wicked down to the ground.
Psa 147:7 Sing to Yehowah with thanksgiving, sing praises to our Divine One with a harp!
Psa 147:8 He covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making the grass to grow on the mountains.
Psa 147:9 He gives food to the animals and to the young ravens when they cry.
Psa 147:10 He finds no delight in the strength of a horse, he takes no pleasure in the strong legs of a man.
Psa 147:11 Yehowah takes pleasure in those who honor him, who hope in his covenant faithfulness.
Psa 147:12 Praise Yehowah, Jerusalem, praise your Divine One, Zion!
Psa 147:13 For he strengthens the bars of your gates, he blesses your children among you.
Psa 147:14 He brings prosperity inside your borders, he satisfies you with the finest of wheat.
Psa 147:15 He sends out his commandment to earth, his command runs quite swiftly.
Psa 147:16 He makes the snow like wool, he scatters the frost like ashes.
Psa 147:17 He dispenses the hail like crumbs, who can withstand the cold he sends?
Psa 147:18 He sends out his command and melts them, he makes the wind to blow and the water to flow.
Psa 147:19 He proclaimed his word to Jacob, his statutes and his righteous decrees to Israel.
Psa 147:20 He has not done so with any other ethnicity, and as for his decrees, they do not know them. Praise Yah!

Psalms Chapter 148

Psa 148:1 Praise Yah! Praise Yehowah, you in the heavens; praise him, you in the heights!
Psa 148:2 Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly armed forces!
Psa 148:3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
Psa 148:4 Praise him, highest Heaven and you waters that are above the sky!
Psa 148:5 Let them praise the name of Yehowah, for he gave the command, and they were created!
Psa 148:6 He has also established them forever and ever; he issued a decree that will never change.
Psa 148:7 Praise Yehowah from the earth, you sea creatures and all ocean depths,
Psa 148:8 fire and hail, snow and clouds, stormy wind fulfilling his word!
Psa 148:9 Praise him, mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,
Psa 148:10 animals wild and tame, creatures that crawl and birds!
Psa 148:11 Praise Yehowah, kings of the earth and all ethnicities, princes and all who govern on the earth,
Psa 148:12 both young men and young women, elderly and children!
Psa 148:13 Let them all praise the name of Yehowah, for his name alone is exalted, and his glory extends over the earth and Heaven!
Psa 148:14 He has lifted up the horn of his people for praise from all his faithful ones, the Israelis, the people near to him. Praise Yah!

Psalms Chapter 149

Psa 149:1 Praise Yah! Sing to Yehowah a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful ones.
Psa 149:2 Let Israel rejoice in the One who made them; let the people of Zion rejoice in their king!
Psa 149:3 Let them praise his name with dancing; let them sing praises to him with tambourine and harp!
Psa 149:4 For Yehowah takes pleasure in his people; he glorifies the humble with salvation.
Psa 149:5 Let the reverent rejoice in victory; let them sing for joy on their beds!
Psa 149:6 May the praises of the Almighty be in their mouths and a two-edged sword in their hand,
Psa 149:7 to execute vengeance on the ethnicities and acts of punishment on the people!
Psa 149:8 They will bind their kings with chains and their nobles with iron shackles.
Psa 149:9 They will execute the judgment that is written. This will be an honor for all his faithful ones. Praise Yah!

Psalms Chapter 150

Psa 150:1 Praise Yah! Praise the Almighty in his Set-apart Place; praise him in the expanse of his might!
Psa 150:2 Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him for his surpassing greatness!
Psa 150:3 Praise him with the blast of the trumpet; praise him with lute and harp!
Psa 150:4 Praise him with tambourines and dancing; praise him with stringed instruments and wind instruments!
Psa 150:5 Praise him with loud cymbals; praise him with high sounding cymbals!
Psa 150:6 Let everything that has breath praise Yah! Praise Yah!

Book of Proverbs

Proverbs Chapter 1

Pro 1:1 The proverbs of Solomon son of David, the king of Israel.
Pro 1:2 These proverbs are to teach wisdom and instruction, to teach words of insight,
Pro 1:3 that you may receive instruction in order to live by doing what is right, just, and fair.
Pro 1:4 These proverbs are also to give wisdom to the naive, and to give knowledge and discretion to young people.
Pro 1:5 Let wise people listen and increase their learning, and let discerning people get guidance,
Pro 1:6 to understand proverbs, sayings, and words of wise people and their riddles.
Pro 1:7 The fear of Yehowah is the beginning of knowledge, fools despise wisdom and instruction.
Pro 1:8 My son, hear the instruction of your father and do not lay aside the law of your mother;
Pro 1:9 they will be a graceful wreath for your head and pendants hanging from your neck.
Pro 1:10 My son, if sinners try to entice you into their sin, refuse to follow them.
Pro 1:11 If they say, “Come with us, let us lie in wait to commit murder, let us hide and attack innocent people for no reason.
Pro 1:12 Let us swallow them up alive, like the place of the dead takes away those who are healthy, and make them like those who fall into the pit.
Pro 1:13 We will find all kinds of valuable things; we will fill our houses with what we steal from others.
Pro 1:14 Throw in your lot with us; we will all have one purse together.”
Pro 1:15 My son, do not walk down that road with them; do not let your foot touch where they walk;
Pro 1:16 their feet run to evil, and they hurry to shed blood.
Pro 1:17 For it is useless to spread the net to trap a bird, while the bird is watching.
Pro 1:18 These men lie in wait to kill themselves, they set a trap for themselves.
Pro 1:19 So are the ways of everyone who gains riches by injustice; unjust gain takes away the lives of those who hold on to it.
Pro 1:20 Wisdom cries aloud in the street, she raises her voice in the open places;

Pro 1:21 at the head of the noisy streets she cries out, at the entrance of the city gates she speaks,
Pro 1:22 “How long, you naive people, will you love being naive? How long, you mockers, will you delight in mockery, and how long, you fools, will you hate knowledge?
Pro 1:23 Pay attention to my correction; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you.
Pro 1:24 I have called, and you have refused to listen; I reached out with my hand, but there was no one who paid attention.
Pro 1:25 But you have ignored all my instruction and paid no attention to my correction.
Pro 1:26 I will laugh at your calamity, I will mock you when the terror comes,
Pro 1:27 when your fearful dread comes like a storm, and disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.
Pro 1:28 Then they will call upon me, and I will not answer; they will desperately call for me, but they will not find me.
Pro 1:29 Because they hate knowledge and did not choose the fear of Yehowah,
Pro 1:30 they would not follow my instruction, and they despised all my correction.
Pro 1:31 They will eat the fruit of their ways, and with the fruit of their schemes, they will be filled.
Pro 1:32 For the naive are killed when they turn away, and the indifference of fools will destroy them.
Pro 1:33 But whoever listens to me will live in safety and will rest secure with no fear of disaster.”

Proverbs Chapter 2

Pro 2:1 My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you,
Pro 2:2 make your ears pay attention to wisdom and incline your heart to understanding.
Pro 2:3 If you cry out for understanding and raise your voice for wisdom,
Pro 2:4 if you seek it like you would seek silver and search for understanding as you would seek hidden treasures,
Pro 2:5 then you will understand the fear of Yehowah, and you will find the knowledge of the Almighty.
Pro 2:6 For Yehowah gives wisdom, from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding.
Pro 2:7 He stores up sound wisdom for those who please him, he is a shield for those who walk in integrity,
Pro 2:8 he guards the Paths of justice, and he will preserve the Way of those who are faithful to him.
Pro 2:9 Then you will understand righteousness, justice, equity, and every good Path.
Pro 2:10 For wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.
Pro 2:11 Discretion will watch over you, understanding will guard you.
Pro 2:12 They will rescue you from the way of evil, from those who speak perverse things,
Pro 2:13 who abandon the right Paths and walk in the ways of darkness.
Pro 2:14 They rejoice when they do evil and delight in the perversities of evil.
Pro 2:15 They follow crooked paths, and using deception, they hide their tracks.
Pro 2:16 Wisdom and discretion will save you from an adulterous woman, from an immoral woman and her flattering words.
Pro 2:17 She forsakes the companion of her youth and forgets the covenant of her Divine One.
Pro 2:18 For her house leads down to death, and her tracks will lead you to those in the grave.
Pro 2:19 All who go in to her will not return again, and they will not find the Paths of life.
Pro 2:20 So you will walk in the Way of good people and follow the Paths of the righteous.
Pro 2:21 For those doing right will make a home in the land, and those with integrity will remain in it.

Pro 2:22 But the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the faithless will be cut off from it.

Proverbs Chapter 3

Pro 3:1 My son, do not forget my law, keep my commandments in your heart,
Pro 3:2 for length of days, years of life, and peace they will add to you.
Pro 3:3 Do not let covenant faithfulness and truth ever leave you, tie them together about your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.
Pro 3:4 Then you will find grace and a good reputation in the sight of the Almighty and mankind.
Pro 3:5 Trust in Yehowah with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding;
Pro 3:6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your Paths straight.
Pro 3:7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear Yehowah and turn away from evil.
Pro 3:8 It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment for your body.
Pro 3:9 Honor Yehowah with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce,
Pro 3:10 and your storehouses will be filled up, and your vats will be bursting, full of new wine.
Pro 3:11 My son, do not despise the instruction of Yehowah and do not hate his rebuke,
Pro 3:12 for Yehowah disciplines those he loves, as a father deals with a son who pleases him.
Pro 3:13 The one who finds wisdom is blessed; he also gets understanding.
Pro 3:14 What you gain from wisdom is better than what silver will give in return, and its profit is better than gold.
Pro 3:15 Wisdom is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare to her.
Pro 3:16 She has length of days in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor.
Pro 3:17 Her Ways are ways of kindness, and all her Paths are peace.
Pro 3:18 She is a tree of life to those who take hold of it, those who hold on to it are happy.
Pro 3:19 By wisdom Yehowah founded the earth, by understanding he established the heavens.
Pro 3:20 By his knowledge the depths broke open, and the clouds dropped their dew.
Pro 3:21 My son, keep sound judgment and discernment, and do not lose sight of them.
Pro 3:22 They will be life to your soul and an adornment of grace to wear around your neck.
Pro 3:23 Then you will walk on your way in safety and your foot will not stumble;

Pro 3:24 when you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.
Pro 3:25 Do not be afraid of sudden terror or devastation caused by the wicked, when it comes,
Pro 3:26 for Yehowah will be on your side and will keep your foot from being caught in a trap.
Pro 3:27 Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act.
Pro 3:28 Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come again, and tomorrow I will give it,” when you have the money with you.
Pro 3:29 Do not make a plan to harm your neighbor, the one who lives close and trusts you.
Pro 3:30 Do not argue with a person without a reason, when he has done nothing to harm you.
Pro 3:31 Do not envy a violent person or choose any of his ways.
Pro 3:32 For the devious person is detestable to Yehowah, but he brings the upright person into his confidence.
Pro 3:33 The curse of Yehowah is on the house of the wicked person, but he blesses the home of righteous people.
Pro 3:34 He mocks mockers, but he gives his grace to humble people.
Pro 3:35 Wise people inherit honor, but fools will be lifted up in their shame.

Proverbs Chapter 4

Pro 4:1 Listen, sons, to a father's instruction, and pay attention, so you will know what understanding is.
Pro 4:2 I am giving you good instructions; do not forsake my law.
Pro 4:3 When I was a son of my father, the tender and only child of my mother,
Pro 4:4 he taught me, "Let your heart hold fast to my words; keep my commands and live.
Pro 4:5 Acquire wisdom and understanding; do not forget and do not reject the words of my mouth;
Pro 4:6 do not abandon wisdom, and she will watch over you; love her, and she will keep you safe.
Pro 4:7 Wisdom is the most important thing, so acquire wisdom and invest all your wealth into purchasing understanding.
Pro 4:8 Cherish wisdom, and she will exalt you; she will honor you when you embrace her.
Pro 4:9 She will put a wreath of honor on your head; she will give you a beautiful crown."
Pro 4:10 Listen, my son, and pay attention to my words, and you will have many years in your life.
Pro 4:11 I direct you in the Way of wisdom; I lead you down straight Paths.
Pro 4:12 When you walk, no one will stand in your way, and if you run, you will not stumble.
Pro 4:13 Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it, for it is your life.
Pro 4:14 Do not follow the path of the wicked and do not go along the way of those who do evil.
Pro 4:15 Avoid it, do not go on it; turn away from it and go another way.
Pro 4:16 For they cannot sleep, until they do evil, and they are robbed of sleep, until they cause someone to stumble.
Pro 4:17 For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence.
Pro 4:18 But the Path of righteous people is like the first light that grows brighter; it shines more and more, until the fullness of the day comes.
Pro 4:19 The way of the wicked is like darkness, they do not know what it is they stumble over.
Pro 4:20 My son, pay attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings.
Pro 4:21 Do not let them turn away from your eyes; keep them in your heart.
Pro 4:22 For my words are life to those who find them and health to their whole body.
Pro 4:23 Keep your heart safe and guard it with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life.

Pro 4:24 Put crooked speech away from you and put corrupt talk far from you.
Pro 4:25 Let your eyes look straight ahead and fix your gaze straight before you.
Pro 4:26 Make a level path for your foot; then all your ways will be secure.
Pro 4:27 Do not turn aside to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.

Proverbs Chapter 5

Pro 5:1 My son, pay attention to my wisdom; incline your ears to my understanding,
Pro 5:2 so you may learn about discretion, and your lips may protect knowledge.
Pro 5:3 For the lips of an adulteress drip with honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil,
Pro 5:4 but in the end, she is as bitter as wormwood, cutting like a sharp two-edged sword.
Pro 5:5 Her feet go down to death; her steps go all the way to the place of the dead.
Pro 5:6 She gives no thought to the Path of life. Her footsteps wander; she does not know where she is going.
Pro 5:7 Now my sons, listen to me; do not turn away from listening to the words of my mouth.
Pro 5:8 Keep your path far away from her and do not come near the door of her house.
Pro 5:9 In that way, you will not give away your honor to others or years of your life to a cruel person;
Pro 5:10 foreigners will not feast on your wealth; what you have worked for will not go into the house of strangers.
Pro 5:11 At the end of your life, you will groan when your flesh and your body waste away.
Pro 5:12 You will say, “How I hated instruction, and my heart despised correction!
Pro 5:13 I would not obey my teachers or incline my ear to my instructors.
Pro 5:14 I was almost completely ruined in the midst of the congregation, among the gathering of the people.”
Pro 5:15 Drink water from your own cistern and drink running water from your own well.
Pro 5:16 Should your springs overflow everywhere, and your streams of water flow in the public squares?
Pro 5:17 Let them be for yourself alone and not for foreigners with you.
Pro 5:18 May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth,
Pro 5:19 for she is a loving deer and a graceful doe. Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; may you be continually intoxicated by her love.
Pro 5:20 For why should you, my son, be captivated by an adulteress; why should you embrace the breasts of an immoral woman?

Pro 5:21 Yehowah sees everything a person does and watches all the paths he takes.
Pro 5:22 A wicked person will be seized by his own iniquities; the cords of his sin will hold him tight.
Pro 5:23 He will die, because he lacks instruction; he is led astray by his great foolishness.

Proverbs Chapter 6

Pro 6:1 My son, if you set aside your money as a guarantee for your neighbor's loan, if you gave your promise for a loan to someone you do not know,
Pro 6:2 then you have laid a trap for yourself by your promise, and you have been caught by the words of your mouth.
Pro 6:3 When you are caught by your words, my son, do this and save yourself, since you have fallen into the hand of your neighbor; go and humble yourself and make your case before your neighbor.
Pro 6:4 Give your eyes no sleep and your eyelids no slumber.
Pro 6:5 Save yourself like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, like a bird from the hand of the fowler.
Pro 6:6 Look at the ant, you lazy person, consider her ways and be wise.
Pro 6:7 It has no commander, officer, or ruler,
Pro 6:8 yet it prepares its food in the summer, and during the harvest it stores up what it will eat.
Pro 6:9 How long will you sleep, you lazy person? When will you rise from your sleep?
Pro 6:10 "A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest,"
Pro 6:11 and your poverty will come like a robber and your needs like an armed man.
Pro 6:12 A worthless person, a wicked man, lives by the crookedness of his speech,
Pro 6:13 winking his eyes, making signals with his feet, and pointing with his fingers.
Pro 6:14 He plots evil with deceit in his heart; he always stirs up discord.
Pro 6:15 Therefore, his disaster will overtake him in an instant; in a moment he will be broken beyond healing.
Pro 6:16 There are six things that Yehowah hates, seven that are disgusting to him:
Pro 6:17 the eyes of a proud person, a tongue that lies, hands that shed the blood of innocent people,
Pro 6:18 a heart that invents wicked schemes, feet that quickly run to do evil,
Pro 6:19 a witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.
Pro 6:20 My son, obey the command of your father and do not forsake the law of your mother.
Pro 6:21 Always bind them on your heart; tie them about your neck.
Pro 6:22 When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; and when you wake up, they will teach you.

Pro 6:23 For the commands are a lamp, and the law is a light; the corrections that come by instruction are the Way of life.
Pro 6:24 It keeps you from the immoral woman, from the smooth words of an immoral woman.
Pro 6:25 Do not lust in your heart after her beauty and do not let her capture you with her eyelashes.
Pro 6:26 Having sex with a prostitute can cost the price of a loaf of bread, but the wife of another may cost you your life's reputation.
Pro 6:27 Can a man carry a fire against his chest without burning his clothes?
Pro 6:28 Can a man walk on hot coals without scorching his feet?
Pro 6:29 So is the man who has sex with his neighbor's wife; the one who has sex with her will not go unpunished.
Pro 6:30 People do not despise a thief, if he steals to satisfy his need when he is hungry.
Pro 6:31 Yet if he is caught, he will pay back seven times what he stole; he must give up everything of value in his house.
Pro 6:32 The one who commits adultery has no sense; the one who does it destroys himself.
Pro 6:33 Wounds and shame are what he deserves, and his disgrace will not be wiped away.
Pro 6:34 For jealousy makes a man furious; he will show no mercy when he takes his revenge.
Pro 6:35 He will accept no compensation, and he cannot be bought off, though you offer him many gifts.

Proverbs Chapter 7

Pro 7:1 My son, keep my words and store up my commands within yourself.
Pro 7:2 Keep my commands and live and keep my law as the apple of your eye.
Pro 7:3 Tie them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.
Pro 7:4 Say to wisdom, “You are my sister,” and call understanding your relative,
Pro 7:5 in order to keep yourself from the adulterous woman, from the immoral woman with her smooth words.
Pro 7:6 At the window of my house I was looking out through the lattice.
Pro 7:7 I looked at the naive people, and I noticed among the young men a youth who had no sense.
Pro 7:8 That young man passed down the street near her corner, and he went toward her house.
Pro 7:9 It was dusk, in the evening of the day, at the time of night and darkness.
Pro 7:10 There a woman met him, dressed like a prostitute, with a false heart.
Pro 7:11 She was loud and wayward; her feet did not stay at home.
Pro 7:12 Now in the streets, then in the market place, and at every corner she waited in ambush.
Pro 7:13 So she grabbed him and kissed him, with a strong face she said to him,
Pro 7:14 “I made my peace offering today, I paid my vows,
Pro 7:15 so I came out to meet you, to eagerly seek your face, and I have found you.
Pro 7:16 I have spread coverings on my bed, tapestries and colored linens from Egypt.
Pro 7:17 I have sprinkled my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
Pro 7:18 Come, let us drink our fill of love until morning; let us take great pleasure in sex acts of love.
Pro 7:19 For my husband is not at his house; he has gone on a long journey.
Pro 7:20 He took a bag of silver-currency with him; he will return on the appointed day.”
Pro 7:21 With much talk she turned him; with her smooth lips she misled him.
Pro 7:22 He went after her suddenly like an ox going to slaughter, like a fool caught in a trap,
Pro 7:23 until an arrow pierces through his liver. He was like a bird rushing into a snare. He did not know that it would cost his life.
Pro 7:24 Now my sons, listen to me; pay attention to the words of my mouth.
Pro 7:25 May your heart not turn aside onto her paths; do not be led astray onto her paths.
Pro 7:26 She has caused many people to fall down pierced; her dead victims are many.

Pro 7:27 Her house is on the paths to the place of the dead; they go down to the dark bedrooms of death.

Proverbs Chapter 8

Pro 8:1 Does not Wisdom call out? Does not Understanding raise her voice?
Pro 8:2 On the hilltops beside the road, at the crossroads, Wisdom has taken her stand.
Pro 8:3 Before the gates at the entrance into the city, at the entrances into the city, she calls out.
Pro 8:4 “It is to you, people, that I call; my voice is for the sons of mankind.
Pro 8:5 You who are naive, learn wisdom; and you who are foolish, you must get an understanding mind.
Pro 8:6 Listen, because I will speak of noble things, and when my lips open, I will say upright things.
Pro 8:7 For my mouth speaks what is truth, and wickedness is disgusting to my lips.
Pro 8:8 All the words of my mouth are just; in them is nothing twisted or misleading.
Pro 8:9 All of them are straight for the person who understands; my words are upright for those who find knowledge.
Pro 8:10 Acquire my instruction rather than silver; acquire knowledge rather than pure gold.
Pro 8:11 For Wisdom is better than jewels; no treasure is equal to her.
Pro 8:12 I, Wisdom, live with Prudence, and I possess knowledge and discretion.
Pro 8:13 The fear of Yehowah is to hate evil. I hate pride and arrogance, the evil way, and perverted speech. I hate them.
Pro 8:14 I have good advice and sound wisdom; I am insight; strength belongs to me.
Pro 8:15 By me kings reign, also noblemen, and all who govern justly.
Pro 8:16 By me princes rule, nobles, and all who govern with justice.
Pro 8:17 I love those who love me, and those who diligently seek me, find me.
Pro 8:18 With me are riches and honor, lasting wealth and righteousness.
Pro 8:19 My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold; my produce is better than pure silver.
Pro 8:20 I walk in the Path of righteousness, in the midst of the Paths of justice.
Pro 8:21 As a result, I make those who love me inherit wealth; I fill up their treasuries.
Pro 8:22 Yehowah possessed me at the beginning of his Way, the first of his deeds then.
Pro 8:23 In ages long ago I was made, from the first, from the beginnings of the earth.

Pro 8:24 Before there were oceans, I was given birth, before there were springs abounding with water.
Pro 8:25 Before the mountains were settled and before the hills, I was born.
Pro 8:26 I was born before Yehowah had made the earth or the fields, or even the first dust on the globe.
Pro 8:27 I was there when he established the heavens, when he drew a circular horizon on the surface of the deep.
Pro 8:28 I was there when he established the clouds above, and when the springs in the deep became fixed.
Pro 8:29 I was there when he made his limit for the sea, so the waters should not spread beyond his command, and when there was set the limit for the foundations of the dry land.
Pro 8:30 I was beside him, as a skilled craftsman; I was his delight day after day, always rejoicing before him.
Pro 8:31 I was rejoicing in his whole world, and my delight was in the sons of mankind.
Pro 8:32 Now my sons, listen to me, for those who keep my Ways will be blessed.
Pro 8:33 Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not neglect it.
Pro 8:34 The one who listens to me will be blessed. He will be watching every day at my doors, waiting beside the posts of my doors.
Pro 8:35 For whoever finds me, finds life, and he will find the grace of Yehowah.
Pro 8:36 But he who sins harms his own life; all who hate me love death.”

Proverbs Chapter 9

Pro 9:1 Wisdom has built her own house; she has carved seven pillars out of rocks.
Pro 9:2 She has slaughtered her animals; she has mixed her wine; and she has set her table.
Pro 9:3 She has sent out her maids; she calls out from the highest points of the city,
Pro 9:4 “Who is naive? Let him turn aside here!” To the one lacking good sense she speaks,
Pro 9:5 “Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed.
Pro 9:6 Leave your naive actions and live; walk in the Path of understanding.
Pro 9:7 Whoever disciplines a mocker receives abuse, and whoever rebukes a wicked person receives insults.
Pro 9:8 Do not reprove a mocker, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you (Lev. 19:17; Luke 17:3).
Pro 9:9 Give to a wise person, and he will become even wiser; teach a righteous person, and he will add to his learning.
Pro 9:10 The fear of Yehowah is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Set-apart One is understanding.
Pro 9:11 For through me your days will be multiplied, and years of life will be added to you.
Pro 9:12 If you are wise, you are wise for yourself, and if you mock, you will carry it by yourself.”
Pro 9:13 The woman of foolishness is ignorant; she is untaught and knows nothing.
Pro 9:14 She sits at the door of her house, on a seat in the highest places of the town.
Pro 9:15 She is calling out to those who pass by in the streets, to people walking straight on their way.
Pro 9:16 “Let anyone who is naive turn aside here,” she says to those who have no sense.
Pro 9:17 “Stolen waters are sweet, and bread of secrecy is delicious.”
Pro 9:18 But he does not know that the dead are there, that her invited guests are in the depths of the place of the dead.

Proverbs Chapter 10

Pro 10:1 The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son makes his father rejoice, but a foolish son brings grief to his mother.
Pro 10:2 Treasures accumulated by wickedness have no value, but doing what is right keeps you from death.
Pro 10:3 Yehowah does not let the soul of the righteous person go hungry, but he frustrates the cravings of the wicked.
Pro 10:4 A lazy hand causes a person to be poor, but the hand of the diligent person gains riches.
Pro 10:5 A wise son gathers a crop in the summer, but it is disgraceful for him to sleep during harvest.
Pro 10:6 Gifts from Yehowah are upon the head of the righteous person, but the mouth of the wicked covers up violence.
Pro 10:7 The righteous person makes those who remember him happy, but the name of the wicked will rot away.
Pro 10:8 Those who are sensible accept commands, but a talkative fool will come to ruin.
Pro 10:9 He who walks in integrity walks in safety, but the one who makes his ways crooked, he will be found out.
Pro 10:10 He who winks the eye causes grief, but a talkative fool will be thrown down.
Pro 10:11 The mouth of the righteous person is a water spring of life, but the mouth of the wicked covers up violence.
Pro 10:12 Hatred stirs up conflicts, but love covers over all offenses.
Pro 10:13 Wisdom is found on the lips of a discerning person, but a rod is for the back of the one who has no sense.
Pro 10:14 Wise men store up knowledge, but the mouth of a fool brings destruction near.
Pro 10:15 The wealth of a rich man is his fortified city; the poverty of the poor is their destruction.
Pro 10:16 The wage of the righteous person leads to life; the profit of the wicked leads them to sin.
Pro 10:17 There is a Path to life for the one who follows discipline, but the one who rejects correction is led astray.
Pro 10:18 Whoever conceals hatred has lying lips, and whoever spreads slander is a fool.
Pro 10:19 When there are many words, transgression is not lacking, but he who is careful in what he says is wise.

Pro 10:20 The tongue of the righteous person is pure silver; there is little value in the heart of the wicked.
Pro 10:21 The lips of the righteous person nourish many, but fools die because of their lack of sense.
Pro 10:22 The good gifts of Yehowah bring wealth, and he adds no pain to it.
Pro 10:23 Wickedness is a game a fool plays, but wisdom is a pleasure to a man of understanding.
Pro 10:24 The fear of the wicked person will overtake him, but the desire of righteous people will be granted.
Pro 10:25 The wicked are like the storm that passes by, and they are no more, but the righteous person is a foundation that lasts forever.
Pro 10:26 Like vinegar on the teeth and smoke in the eyes, so is the sluggard to those who send him.
Pro 10:27 The fear of Yehowah prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be short.
Pro 10:28 The hope of righteous people is their joy, but the expectation of wicked people will disappear.
Pro 10:29 the Way of Yehowah protects those who have integrity, but it is destruction for the wicked.
Pro 10:30 The righteous person will never be overthrown, but the wicked will not remain in the land.
Pro 10:31 Out of the mouth of the righteous person comes the fruit of wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut out.
Pro 10:32 The lips of the righteous person know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked, they know what is perverse.

Proverbs Chapter 11

Pro 11:1 Yehowah hates scales that are not accurate, but he delights in a precise weight (1 weight = 11.5 grams; Lev. 27:25; Deut. 25:15; Lev. 19:36; Prov. 20:23).
Pro 11:2 When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.
Pro 11:3 The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crooked ways of the treacherous destroy them.
Pro 11:4 Wealth is worthless on the day of wrath, but doing right keeps you from death.
Pro 11:5 The right conduct of a blameless person makes his Way straight, but the wicked will fall because of their own wickedness.
Pro 11:6 The right conduct of those who please Yehowah keeps them safe, but the treacherous are trapped by their cravings.
Pro 11:7 When a wicked man dies, his hope perishes, and the hope that was in his strength comes to nothing.
Pro 11:8 The righteous person is kept away from trouble, and it comes upon the wicked instead.
Pro 11:9 With his mouth the irreverent person destroys his neighbor, but through knowledge righteous people are kept safe.
Pro 11:10 When righteous people prosper, a city rejoices; when the wicked perish, there are shouts of joy.
Pro 11:11 Through the good gifts of those who please Yehowah, the city becomes great; by the mouth of the wicked, the city is torn down.
Pro 11:12 The man who has contempt for his friend has no sense, but a man of understanding keeps quiet.
Pro 11:13 Whoever goes around slandering reveals secrets, but a faithful person keeps a matter covered.
Pro 11:14 Where there is no wise direction, a nation falls, but victory comes by consulting many advisors.
Pro 11:15 Whoever guarantees a loan for a profane person will surely suffer harm, but the one who hates giving a pledge in that kind of promise is safe.
Pro 11:16 A gracious woman gets honor, but ruthless people grasp for wealth.
Pro 11:17 A kind person benefits himself, but one who is cruel hurts himself.
Pro 11:18 The wicked person lies to get his wages, but one who sows what is right reaps the wages of truth.
Pro 11:19 An honest person who does what is right will live, but the one who pursues evil will die.
Pro 11:20 Yehowah hates those whose hearts are perverse, but he delights in those whose Ways are blameless.

Pro 11:21 Be sure of this, the wicked person will not go unpunished, but the descendants of righteous people will be kept safe.
Pro 11:22 Like a gold ring in a pig's nose is a beautiful woman without discretion.
Pro 11:23 The desires of righteous people result in good, but wicked people can only hope for wrath.
Pro 11:24 There is one who sows seed, he will accumulate even more; another does not sow, he comes to poverty.
Pro 11:25 The generous person will prosper, and the one who gives water to others will have water for himself.
Pro 11:26 People curse the man who refuses to sell grain, but good gifts crown the head of him who sells it.
Pro 11:27 The one who diligently seeks good is also seeking grace, but the one who searches for evil will find it.
Pro 11:28 Those who trust in their riches will fall, but like the leaf, righteous people will flourish.
Pro 11:29 The one who brings trouble on his own household will inherit the wind, and the fool will become a servant to the wise of heart.
Pro 11:30 The righteous person will be like a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.
Pro 11:31 Behold! The righteous person receives what he deserves on earth; how much more the wicked and the sinner!

Proverbs Chapter 12

Pro 12:1 Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but the one who hates correction is stupid.
Pro 12:2 Yehowah gives grace to a good man, but he condemns a man who makes evil plans.
Pro 12:3 A person cannot be established by wickedness, but righteous people cannot be uprooted.
Pro 12:4 A worthy wife is her husband's crown, but she who brings shame is like a disease that rots his bones.
Pro 12:5 The plans of the righteous are just, but the advice of the wicked is deceitful.
Pro 12:6 The words of wicked people are an ambush waiting for a chance to kill, but the words of the upright keep them safe.
Pro 12:7 Wicked people are overthrown, and they are gone, but the house of the righteous person will stand.
Pro 12:8 A person is praised by how much wisdom he has, but the one who makes perverse choices is despised.
Pro 12:9 Better to have an unimportant position, only being a servant, than to brag about your importance but have no food.
Pro 12:10 The righteous person cares about the needs of his animal, but even the compassion of the wicked is cruel.
Pro 12:11 The one who works his land will have plenty of food, but whoever chases after worthless projects has no sense.
Pro 12:12 The wicked person desires what evil men have stolen from others, but the fruit of righteous people comes from themselves.
Pro 12:13 An evil person is trapped by his wicked talk, but the righteous person escapes from trouble.
Pro 12:14 From the fruit of his words a person is filled with good things, just as the work of his hands rewards him.
Pro 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.
Pro 12:16 A fool shows his anger at once, but one who ignores an insult is prudent.
Pro 12:17 The one who speaks the truth says what is right, but a false witness tells lies.
Pro 12:18 The words of one who speaks rashly are like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.
Pro 12:19 Truthful lips last forever, but a lying tongue is only for a moment.

Pro 12:20 There is deceit in the hearts of those who plan to do evil, but joy comes to the advisors of peace.
Pro 12:21 No ill comes on the righteous person, but wicked people are filled with difficulties.
Pro 12:22 Yehowah hates lying lips, but those who live faithfully are his delight.
Pro 12:23 A prudent man conceals his knowledge, but the heart of fools shouts out folly.
Pro 12:24 The hand of the diligent will rule, but lazy people will be put to forced labor.
Pro 12:25 Anxiety in the heart of a person weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad.
Pro 12:26 The righteous person is a guide for his friend, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.
Pro 12:27 Lazy people would not roast their own game, but the diligent man will obtain precious wealth.
Pro 12:28 Those who walk in the right Way find life, and in its Path there is no death.

Proverbs Chapter 13

Pro 13:1 A wise son hears his father’s instruction, but a mocker will not listen to rebuke.
Pro 13:2 From the fruit of his mouth a person enjoys good things, but the appetite of the treacherous is for violence.
Pro 13:3 The one who guards his mouth protects his life, but the one who opens wide his lips will ruin himself.
Pro 13:4 The appetite of lazy people craves but gets nothing, but the appetite of diligent people will be richly satisfied.
Pro 13:5 The righteous person hates lies, but a wicked person makes himself repugnant, and he does what is shameful.
Pro 13:6 Righteousness protects those who are faultless in their Path, but wickedness turns away those who commit sin.
Pro 13:7 There is someone who enriches himself but has nothing at all, and there is someone who gives everything away yet is truly wealthy.
Pro 13:8 The ransom of a rich man’s life is his wealth, but a poor person does not hear a threat.
Pro 13:9 The light of righteous people rejoices, but the lamp of wicked people will be put out.
Pro 13:10 Pride only breeds conflict, but for those who listen to good advice there is wisdom.
Pro 13:11 Wealth dwindles away when there is too much vanity, but the one who makes money by working with his hands will make his money grow.
Pro 13:12 When hope is postponed, it breaks the heart, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.
Pro 13:13 The one who scorns instruction will still be subject to it, but the one who honors the command will be rewarded.
Pro 13:14 The law of a wise person is a fountain of life, turning you away from the snares of death.
Pro 13:15 Good insight wins grace, but the way of the treacherous is never-ending.
Pro 13:16 Prudent people act out of knowledge in every decision, but a fool parades his folly.
Pro 13:17 A wicked messenger falls into trouble, but a faithful envoy brings reconciliation.
Pro 13:18 The one who ignores instruction will have poverty and shame, but honor will come to him who learns from correction.
Pro 13:19 A longing realized is sweet to the appetite, but fools hate to turn away from evil.

Pro 13:20 Walk with wise people, and you will be wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.
Pro 13:21 Disaster runs after sinners, but righteous people are rewarded with good.
Pro 13:22 A good person leaves an inheritance for his grandchildren, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous person.
Pro 13:23 An unplowed field owned by the poor could produce much food, but it is swept away by injustice.
Pro 13:24 The one who does not whip his son with his trekking pole hates him, but one who loves his son is careful to instruct him.
Pro 13:25 The righteous person eats until he satisfies his appetite, but the stomach of the wicked is always hungry.

Proverbs Chapter 14

Pro 14:1 The wise woman builds her house, but a foolish woman tears it down with her own hands.
Pro 14:2 The one who walks uprightly fears Yehowah, but the one who is dishonest in his ways despises him.
Pro 14:3 From the mouth of a fool comes an offshoot of his pride, but the lips of the wise will preserve them.
Pro 14:4 Where there are no cattle the stall is clean, but an abundant crop can come by the strength of an ox.
Pro 14:5 A faithful witness does not lie, but a false witness breathes out lies.
Pro 14:6 A mocker seeks wisdom, and there is none, but knowledge comes easy to the one who is discerning.
Pro 14:7 Walk away from a foolish person, for you will not find knowledge on his lips.
Pro 14:8 The wisdom of the prudent person is to understand his own way, but the folly of fools is deception.
Pro 14:9 Fools mock when the guilt offering is sacrificed, but among the upright grace is shared.
Pro 14:10 The heart knows its own bitterness, and no stranger shares its joy.
Pro 14:11 The house of wicked people will be destroyed, but the tent of upright people will flourish.
Pro 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end only leads to death.
Pro 14:13 A heart can laugh but still be in pain, and joy may end up being grief.
Pro 14:14 The one who is not faithful will get what his ways deserve, but a good person will get what is his.
Pro 14:15 The one who is naive believes everything, but the prudent man thinks about his steps.
Pro 14:16 A wise man fears and turns away from evil, but the fool confidently dismisses a warning.
Pro 14:17 One who is quick to become angry does foolish things, and a person who makes evil schemes is hated.
Pro 14:18 The naive inherit foolishness, but prudent people are crowned with knowledge.
Pro 14:19 Evil people will bow down before those who are good, and those who are wicked will bow down at the gates of the righteous person.
Pro 14:20 The poor person is hated even by his own companions, but the rich people have many friends.

Pro 14:21 The one who shows contempt for his neighbor is sinning, but the one who shows grace to the poor is blessed.
Pro 14:22 Do not those who plot evil go astray? But those who plan to do good will receive covenant faithfulness and truth.
Pro 14:23 With all hard work comes a profit, but when there is only talk, it leads to poverty.
Pro 14:24 The crown of wise people is their wealth, but the folly of fools brings them only more folly.
Pro 14:25 A truthful witness saves lives, but a false witness breathes out lies.
Pro 14:26 When someone fears Yehowah, he also has much confidence in him; these things will be like a strong place of protection for this man's children.
Pro 14:27 The fear of Yehowah is a fountain of life, so that a person may turn away from the snares of death.
Pro 14:28 The glory of a king is found in the great number of his people, but without people the prince is ruined.
Pro 14:29 A patient person has great understanding, but the quick-tempered person exalts folly.
Pro 14:30 A tranquil heart is life for the body, but envy rots the bones.
Pro 14:31 The one who oppresses the poor curses his Maker, but the one who shows grace to the needy honors him.
Pro 14:32 The wicked person is brought down by his evil actions, but the righteous person has a refuge even in death.
Pro 14:33 Wisdom rests in the heart of the discerning, but even among fools she lets herself be known.
Pro 14:34 Doing what is right exalts an ethnicity, but sin is a disgrace to any people.
Pro 14:35 The grace of the king is with the servant who acts prudently, but his anger is for the one who acts shamefully.

Proverbs Chapter 15

Pro 15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
Pro 15:2 The tongue of wise people compliments knowledge, but the mouth of fools pours out folly.
Pro 15:3 The eyes of Yehowah are everywhere, keeping watch over the evil and the good.
Pro 15:4 A healing tongue is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.
Pro 15:5 A fool has contempt for his father's instruction, but he who learns from correction is prudent.
Pro 15:6 In the house of the righteous person there is great treasure, but the earnings of the wicked person give him trouble.
Pro 15:7 The lips of wise people scatter knowledge about, but not so the hearts of fools.
Pro 15:8 Yehowah hates the sacrifices of wicked people, but the prayer of upright people is his delight.
Pro 15:9 Yehowah hates the way of wicked people, but he loves the one who pursues what is right.
Pro 15:10 Harsh discipline awaits anyone who forsakes the Way, and he who hates correction will die.
Pro 15:11 The place of the dead and destruction are open before Yehowah; how much more the hearts of the children of mankind?
Pro 15:12 The mocker resents correction; he will not go to the wise.
Pro 15:13 A joyful heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit.
Pro 15:14 The heart of the discerning seeks knowledge, but the mouth of fools feeds on folly.
Pro 15:15 All the days of oppressed people are miserable, but a cheerful heart has an unending feast.
Pro 15:16 Better is little with the fear of Yehowah than great treasure with confusion.
Pro 15:17 Better is a meal with vegetables where there is love, than a fatted calf served with hatred.
Pro 15:18 An angry man stirs up arguments, but a person who is slow to anger quiets a quarrel.
Pro 15:19 The path of the sluggard is like a place with a hedge of thorns, but the Path of the upright is a built-up highway.
Pro 15:20 A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish person despises his mother.

Pro 15:21 Folly delights a person who lacks sense, but the one who has understanding walks a straight Path.
Pro 15:22 Plans go wrong where there is no advice, but with numerous advisors they succeed.
Pro 15:23 A person finds joy when he gives a pertinent reply; how good is a timely word!
Pro 15:24 The Path of life leads upward for prudent people, that they may turn away from the place of the dead beneath.
Pro 15:25 Yehowah tears down the legacy of the proud, but he protects the boundary stone of the widow.
Pro 15:26 Yehowah hates the thoughts of wicked people, but the words of kindness are pure.
Pro 15:27 The robber brings trouble to his family, but the one who hates bribes will live.
Pro 15:28 The heart of the righteous person ponders before it answers, but the mouth of wicked people pours out all its evil.
Pro 15:29 Yehowah is far away from wicked people, but he hears the prayer of righteous people.
Pro 15:30 The light of the eyes brings joy to the heart, and good news is health to the body.
Pro 15:31 If you pay attention when someone corrects how you live, you will remain among wise people.
Pro 15:32 The one who rejects discipline despises himself, but he who listens to correction gains understanding.
Pro 15:33 The fear of Yehowah teaches wisdom, and humility comes before honor.

Proverbs Chapter 16

Pro 16:1 The plans of the heart belong to a person, but from Yehowah comes the answer from his tongue.
Pro 16:2 All of a person's ways are pure in his own eyes, but Yehowah weighs the spirits.
Pro 16:3 Commit your works to Yehowah, and your plans will succeed.
Pro 16:4 Yehowah has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble.
Pro 16:5 Yehowah hates everyone who has an arrogant heart, but be sure of this, they will not go unpunished.
Pro 16:6 By covenant faithfulness and truth iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of Yehowah people turn away from evil.
Pro 16:7 When a person's Ways are pleasing to Yehowah, he makes even that person's enemies to be at peace with him.
Pro 16:8 Better is a little with what is right, than a large income with injustice.
Pro 16:9 In his heart a person plans out his way, but Yehowah directs his steps.
Pro 16:10 An oracle is on the lips of a king, in judgment his mouth does not speak deceitfully.
Pro 16:11 Honest scales come from Yehowah; all the weights in the bag are his work (Deut. 25:15).
Pro 16:12 When kings do wicked things, that is something to be despised, for a throne is established by doing what is right.
Pro 16:13 A king delights in lips that say what is right, and he loves the one who speaks straight.
Pro 16:14 A king's wrath is a messenger of death, but a wise man will try to calm his anger.
Pro 16:15 In the light of a king's face is life, and his grace is like a cloud that brings a spring rain.
Pro 16:16 How much better it is to get wisdom than gold. To get understanding should be chosen more than silver-currency.
Pro 16:17 The highway of upright people turns away from evil; the one who protects his life guards his Way.
Pro 16:18 Pride comes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a downfall.
Pro 16:19 It is better to be humble among poor people than to divide the spoil with proud people.
Pro 16:20 Whoever contemplates what they are taught will find what is good, and those who trust in Yehowah will be blessed.
Pro 16:21 The one who is wise in heart is called discerning, and sweetness of speech improves the ability to teach.

Pro 16:22 Understanding is a fountain of life to the one who has it, but the instruction of fools is their foolishness.
Pro 16:23 The heart of a wise person gives insight to his mouth and adds persuasiveness to his lips.
Pro 16:24 Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.
Pro 16:25 There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.
Pro 16:26 The laborer's appetite works for him; his hunger urges him on.
Pro 16:27 A worthless person digs up mischief, and his speech is like a scorching fire.
Pro 16:28 A perverse person stirs up conflict, and a gossip separates close friends.
Pro 16:29 A man of violence lies to his neighbor and leads him down a path that is not good.
Pro 16:30 The one who winks the eye is plotting perverse things; those who purse the lips will bring evil to pass.
Pro 16:31 Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained by living the right Way.
Pro 16:32 It is better to be slow to anger than to be a warrior, and one who rules his spirit is stronger than one who conquers a city.
Pro 16:33 The lot is thrown into the lap, but the decision is from Yehowah (Isa. 34:17; Acts 1:26; Prov. 18:18).

Proverbs Chapter 17

Pro 17:1 It is better to have quiet with a dry morsel of bread than a house full of feasting with strife.
Pro 17:2 A wise servant will rule over a son who acts shamefully and will share the inheritance as one of the brothers.
Pro 17:3 The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold, but Yehowah refines hearts.
Pro 17:4 The evildoer pays attention to wicked lips; a liar gives ear to a destructive tongue.
Pro 17:5 Whoever mocks the poor insults his Maker, and the one who rejoices at misfortune will not go unpunished.
Pro 17:6 Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and parents bring honor to their children.
Pro 17:7 Eloquent speech is not suitable for a fool; much less are lying lips suitable for royalty.
Pro 17:8 A bribe is like a magic stone to the one who gives it; wherever he turns, he succeeds.
Pro 17:9 Whoever overlooks an offense seeks love, but the one who repeats a matter alienates close friends.
Pro 17:10 A rebuke goes deeper into a person who has understanding than a hundred blows go into a fool.
Pro 17:11 An evil person only seeks rebellion, so a cruel messenger will be sent against him.
Pro 17:12 It is better to meet a bear robbed of her cubs than to meet a fool in his foolishness.
Pro 17:13 When someone returns evil for good, evil will never leave his house.
Pro 17:14 The beginning of conflict is like one who releases water everywhere, so walk away from the dispute before it has broken out.
Pro 17:15 The person who acquits the wicked person, and the person who condemns the righteous person, both are an abomination to Yehowah.
Pro 17:16 Why should a fool pay money to learn about wisdom, when he has no ability to learn it?
Pro 17:17 A friend is loving at all times, and a brother is born for times of trouble.
Pro 17:18 A person having no sense makes binding promises and becomes responsible for his neighbor’s debts.
Pro 17:19 Whoever loves conflict loves sin; the one who makes the threshold of his door too high causes bones to be broken.
Pro 17:20 A person who has a crooked heart finds nothing that is good; the one who has a perverse tongue falls into calamity.

Pro 17:21 Whoever is the parent of a fool brings grief to himself; and the father of a fool has no joy.
Pro 17:22 A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones.
Pro 17:23 A wicked man accepts a secret bribe to pervert the Ways of justice.
Pro 17:24 The one who has understanding sets his face toward wisdom, but the eyes of a fool are set on the ends of the earth.
Pro 17:25 A foolish son is a grief to his father and bitterness to the woman who bore him.
Pro 17:26 Also, it is never good to punish the righteous person; neither is it good to flog noble men who have integrity.
Pro 17:27 One who has knowledge uses few words, and one with understanding is even-tempered.
Pro 17:28 Even a fool is thought to be wise if he keeps silent; when he keeps his mouth shut, he is considered to be intelligent.

Proverbs Chapter 18

Pro 18:1 One who isolates himself seeks his own desire, and he quarrels with all sound judgment.
Pro 18:2 A fool finds no pleasure in understanding, but only in revealing what is in his own heart.
Pro 18:3 When a wicked person comes, contempt comes with him, along with shame and reproach.
Pro 18:4 The words of a man's mouth are deep waters; the fountain of wisdom is a flowing stream.
Pro 18:5 It is not good to be partial to the wicked person, nor to deny justice to the righteous person.
Pro 18:6 A fool's lips bring him conflict, and his mouth invites a beating.
Pro 18:7 A fool's mouth is his ruin, and he ensnares himself with his lips.
Pro 18:8 The words of a gossip are like delicious morsels, and they go down into the inner parts of the body.
Pro 18:9 Also, one who is slack in his work is a brother to the one who destroys the most.
Pro 18:10 The name of Yehowah is a strong tower; the righteous person runs into it and is safe.
Pro 18:11 The wealth of the rich is his fortified city, and in his imagination it is like a high wall.
Pro 18:12 Before his downfall a person's heart is proud, but humility comes before honor.
Pro 18:13 One who answers before listening, it is his folly and shame.
Pro 18:14 A person's spirit will survive sickness, but a broken spirit who can bear it?
Pro 18:15 The heart of the intelligent acquires knowledge, and the hearing of the wise seeks it out.
Pro 18:16 A man's gift opens the way and brings him before an important person.
Pro 18:17 The first to plead his case seems right, until his opponent comes and questions him.
Pro 18:18 Casting the lot settles disputes and separates strong opponents (Isa. 34:17; Acts 1:26; Prov. 16:33).
Pro 18:19 An offended brother is harder to be won than a strong city, and quarreling is like the bars of a fortress.
Pro 18:20 From the fruit of his mouth one's stomach is filled; with the harvest of his lips he is satisfied.

Pro 18:21 Death and life are controlled by the tongue, and those who love the tongue will eat its fruit.
Pro 18:22 He who finds a wife finds a good thing and receives grace from Yehowah.
Pro 18:23 A poor person pleads for mercy, but a rich person answers harshly.
Pro 18:24 The one who claims many friends is brought to ruin by them, but there is a Friend who comes closer than a brother.

Proverbs Chapter 19

Pro 19:1 Better is a poor person who walks in his integrity than one who is perverse in speech and is a fool.
Pro 19:2 Also, it is not good to have desire without knowledge, and the one who runs too fast misses the Path.
Pro 19:3 A person's folly ruins his life, and his heart rages against Yehowah.
Pro 19:4 Wealth adds many friends, but a poor person is separated from his friends.
Pro 19:5 A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who breathes out lies will not escape.
Pro 19:6 Many will ask for a favor from a generous person, and everyone is a friend of the one who gives gifts.
Pro 19:7 All the brothers of a poor man hate him; how much more do his friends who go far away from him! He calls out to them, but they are gone.
Pro 19:8 He who gets wisdom loves his own life; he who keeps understanding will find what is good.
Pro 19:9 A false witness will not go unpunished, but the one who breathes out lies will perish.
Pro 19:10 It is not fitting for a fool to live in luxury, much less for a slave to rule over princes.
Pro 19:11 Discretion makes a person slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense.
Pro 19:12 The wrath of the king is like the roaring of a young lion, but his grace is like dew on the grass.
Pro 19:13 A foolish son is ruin to his father, and a quarreling wife is a constant dripping of water.
Pro 19:14 A house and wealth are inherited from parents, but a prudent wife is from Yehowah.
Pro 19:15 Laziness throws a person into a deep sleep, but the one not willing to work will go hungry.
Pro 19:16 The one who obeys the command guards his life, but the person who does not think about his ways will die.
Pro 19:17 Whoever is kind to the poor lends to Yehowah, and he will repay him for what he has done.
Pro 19:18 Discipline your son while there is hope and do not set your desire on putting him to death.
Pro 19:19 A hot-tempered person must pay the penalty; if you rescue him, you will have to do it a second time.

Pro 19:20 Listen to advice and accept instruction, so you may become wise by the end of your life.
Pro 19:21 Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the purpose of Yehowah that will stand.
Pro 19:22 Loyalty is what a person desires, and a poor person is better than a liar.
Pro 19:23 Honor for Yehowah leads people to life; anyone who has it will be satisfied and not afflicted by harm.
Pro 19:24 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; he will not even bring it back up to his mouth.
Pro 19:25 Strike a mocker, and the naive person will become prudent; discipline one who is discerning, and he will gain knowledge.
Pro 19:26 The one who robs his father and chases his mother away is a son who brings shame and reproach.
Pro 19:27 If you cease to hear instruction, my son, you will stray from the words of knowledge.
Pro 19:28 A corrupt witness mocks justice, and the mouth of the wicked swallows iniquity.
Pro 19:29 Condemnation is ready for mockers and flogging for the backs of fools.

Proverbs Chapter 20

Pro 20:1 Wine is a mocker, and beer is a brawler; whoever is led astray by drink (false doctrine) is not wise.
Pro 20:2 The fear of a king is like the fear of a young lion that is roaring; the one who makes him angry forfeits his life.
Pro 20:3 It is an honor for anyone to avoid conflict, but every fool jumps into an argument.
Pro 20:4 The lazy person does not plow in autumn; he seeks a crop at harvest time but will have nothing.
Pro 20:5 The purpose in a human heart is like deep water, but someone with understanding will draw it out.
Pro 20:6 Many a person proclaims he is loyal, but who can find one who is faithful?
Pro 20:7 The righteous person walks in his integrity, and his sons who follow after him will be blessed.
Pro 20:8 A king who sits on the throne performing the duties of a judge is winnowing with his eyes all the evil that is before him.
Pro 20:9 Who can say, “I have kept my heart (mind) clean; I am free from my sin?”
Pro 20:10 Differing weights and unequal measures, Yehowah hates them both.
Pro 20:11 Even a youth is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and upright.
Pro 20:12 Ears that hear and eyes that see, Yehowah made them both.
Pro 20:13 Do not love sleep, or you will come to poverty; open your eyes, and you will have plenty to eat.
Pro 20:14 “Bad! Bad!” says the buyer, but when he goes away he boasts.
Pro 20:15 There is gold and an abundance of costly stones, but lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.
Pro 20:16 Take a garment of one who has put up security for a stranger, and hold it in pledge when he puts up security for an immoral woman.
Pro 20:17 Bread gained by deceit tastes sweet, but afterward his mouth will be full of gravel.
Pro 20:18 Plans are established by advice, and only with wise guidance should you wage war.
Pro 20:19 A gossip reveals secrets, and so you should not associate with people who talk too much.
Pro 20:20 If a person curses his father or his mother, his lamp will be snuffed out in the middle of darkness.

Pro 20:21 An inheritance gained quickly at the beginning will do less good in the end.
Pro 20:22 Do not say, “I will pay you back for this wrong!” Wait for Yehowah, and he will rescue you.
Pro 20:23 Yehowah hates unequal weights, and dishonest scales are not good (Deut. 25:15; Lev. 19:36; Prov. 11:1).
Pro 20:24 A person’s steps are directed by Yehowah; how then can he understand his Way?
Pro 20:25 It is a snare for a person to say rashly, “This thing is set apart,” and begin to think about what it means only after making his vow.
Pro 20:26 A wise king winnows the wicked, and he turns a threshing wheel over them.
Pro 20:27 The spirit of a person is the lamp of Yehowah, searching all his inmost parts.
Pro 20:28 Covenant faithfulness and truth preserve the king; his throne is made secure by love.
Pro 20:29 The glory of young men is their strength, and the splendor of old people is their gray hair.
Pro 20:30 Blows that make a wound cleanse away evil, and beatings make the innermost parts clean.

Proverbs Chapter 21

Pro 21:1 The king’s heart is a stream of water in the hand of Yehowah; he turns it wherever he pleases.
Pro 21:2 Every person’s way is right in his own eyes, but it is Yehowah who weighs the hearts.
Pro 21:3 To do what is right and just is more acceptable to Yehowah than sacrifice.
Pro 21:4 Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, are sin.
Pro 21:5 The plans of the diligent lead only to prosperity, but everyone who acts too quickly comes only to poverty.
Pro 21:6 Acquiring riches by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a snare that kills.
Pro 21:7 The violence of the wicked will drag them away, for they refuse to do what is just.
Pro 21:8 The way of a guilty person is crooked, but the one who is pure does what is right.
Pro 21:9 It is better to live on a corner of the roof than in a house shared with a quarrelsome wife.
Pro 21:10 The appetite of the wicked craves evil; his neighbor sees no kindness in his eyes.
Pro 21:11 When the mocker is punished, the naive become wise, and when the wise person is instructed, he lays hold of knowledge.
Pro 21:12 The righteous person watches the house of the wicked person; he brings wicked people to disaster.
Pro 21:13 The one who shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he also will cry out, but he will not be answered.
Pro 21:14 A gift in secret appeases anger, and a concealed gift appeases strong wrath.
Pro 21:15 When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous person, but it brings terror to evildoers.
Pro 21:16 The one who wanders from the Way of understanding, he will rest in the assembly of the dead.
Pro 21:17 Whoever loves pleasure will become poor; the one who loves wine and oil will not be rich.
Pro 21:18 A wicked person is ransom for the righteous person, and the treacherous person is ransom for upright people.
Pro 21:19 It is better to live in the desert than with a quarreling and angry wife.
Pro 21:20 Precious treasure and oil are in the home of the wise, but a foolish man wastes them.

Pro 21:21 The one who does right and is kind, this person finds life, righteousness, and honor.
Pro 21:22 A wise man scales the city of the mighty, and he brings down the stronghold in which they trusted.
Pro 21:23 Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps himself out of trouble.
Pro 21:24 The proud and haughty person, “Mocker” is his name, acts with arrogant passion.
Pro 21:25 The desire of the lazy kills him, for his hands refuse to work.
Pro 21:26 All day long he craves and craves more, but the righteous person gives and does not hold back.
Pro 21:27 The sacrifice of the wicked is detestable; it is even more detestable when he brings it with evil motives.
Pro 21:28 A false witness will perish, but the one who listens will speak for all time.
Pro 21:29 A wicked man makes his face hard, but an upright person is certain about his Ways.
Pro 21:30 There is no wisdom, there is no understanding, and there is no advice that can stand against Yehowah.
Pro 21:31 The horse is prepared for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to Yehowah.

Proverbs Chapter 22

Pro 22:1 A good name is to be chosen over great riches, and grace is better than silver and gold.
Pro 22:2 Rich and poor people have this in common, Yehowah is the maker of all of them.
Pro 22:3 A prudent man sees trouble and hides himself, but the naive go on and suffer because of it.
Pro 22:4 The reward for humility and fear of Yehowah is riches, honor, and life.
Pro 22:5 Thorns and snares lie in the path of the perverse; whoever guards his life will keep far from them.
Pro 22:6 Teach a child the Way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn away from that instruction.
Pro 22:7 Rich people rule over poor people, and one who borrows is a servant to the one who lends.
Pro 22:8 He who sows injustice will reap trouble, and the rod of his fury will fade away.
Pro 22:9 The one who has a generous eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.
Pro 22:10 Drive away the mocker, and out goes strife; disputes and insults will cease.
Pro 22:11 The one who loves a pure heart and whose speech is gracious, he will have the king for his friend.
Pro 22:12 The eyes of Yehowah keep watch over knowledge, but he overthrows the words of the treacherous.
Pro 22:13 The lazy person cries, “There is a lion in the street! I will be killed in the open places.”
Pro 22:14 The mouth of an adulteress is a deep pit; the anger of Yehowah is stirred up against anyone who falls into it.
Pro 22:15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child, but the paddle of discipline drives it far away.
Pro 22:16 The one who oppresses poor people to increase his wealth, or gives to rich people, will come to poverty.
Pro 22:17 Incline your ear and listen to the words of the wise and apply your heart to my knowledge,
Pro 22:18 for it will be pleasant for you if you keep them within you, if all of them are ready on your lips.
Pro 22:19 So your trust may be in Yehowah, I teach them to you today, even to you.
Pro 22:20 Have I not written for you thirty sayings of instruction and knowledge,

Pro 22:21 to teach you truth in these trustworthy words, so you may give trustworthy answers to those who sent you?
Pro 22:22 Do not rob the poor because he is poor, or crush the needy at the gate,
Pro 22:23 for Yehowah will plead their case, and he will rob of life those who robbed them.
Pro 22:24 Do not make a friend of someone who is ruled by anger, and you must not go with one who rages,
Pro 22:25 or you will learn his ways, and you will take bait for your soul.
Pro 22:26 Do not be one who strikes hands in making a pledge, or who puts up security for debts.
Pro 22:27 If you lack the means to pay, what could stop someone from taking away your bed from under you?
Pro 22:28 Do not remove the ancient boundary stone that your fathers have set.
Pro 22:29 Do you see a man skilled at his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before common people.

Proverbs Chapter 23

Pro 23:1 When you sit to eat with a ruler, observe carefully what is before you,
Pro 23:2 and put a knife to your throat, if you are a person who likes to eat a lot of food.
Pro 23:3 Do not crave his delicacies, for it is the food of lies.
Pro 23:4 Do not work too hard to gain wealth; be wise enough to know when to stop.
Pro 23:5 Will you let your eyes light upon it? It will be gone, for it will surely take up wings like an eagle and fly off to the sky.
Pro 23:6 Do not eat the food of one with an evil eye, and do not crave his delicacies,
Pro 23:7 for he is the kind of man who counts the price of the food. “Eat and drink!” he says to you, but his heart is not with you.
Pro 23:8 You will vomit up the little you have eaten, and you will have wasted your compliments.
Pro 23:9 Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, for he will despise the wisdom of your words.
Pro 23:10 Do not move an ancient boundary stone or encroach on the fields of orphans,
Pro 23:11 for their Redeemer is strong, and he will plead their case against you.
Pro 23:12 Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge.
Pro 23:13 Do not withhold instruction from a child, for if you spank him with a paddle, he will not die.
Pro 23:14 It is you who must whip him with your trekking pole and save his soul from the place of the dead.
Pro 23:15 My son, if your heart is wise, then my heart also will be glad;
Pro 23:16 my inmost being will rejoice when your lips speak what is right.
Pro 23:17 Do not let your heart envy sinners, but continue in the fear of Yehowah all the day.
Pro 23:18 Surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off.
Pro 23:19 Hear, you my son, and be wise and direct your heart in the Way.
Pro 23:20 Do not associate with drunkards, or with gluttonous eaters of meat,
Pro 23:21 for the drunkard and the glutton become poor and slumber will clothe them with rags.
Pro 23:22 Listen to your father who begot you and do not despise your mother when she is old.
Pro 23:23 Buy the truth but do not sell it; buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding.

Pro 23:24 The father of the righteous person will greatly rejoice, and he who begets a wise child will be glad in him.
Pro 23:25 Let your father and your mother be glad, and let her who bore you rejoice.
Pro 23:26 My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my Ways.
Pro 23:27 For a prostitute is a deep pit, and an immoral woman is a narrow well.
Pro 23:28 She lies in wait like a robber, and she increases the number of the treacherous among humanity.
Pro 23:29 Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has fights? Who has complaining? Who has wounds for no reason? Who has bloodshot eyes?
Pro 23:30 Those who linger over wine, those who try the mixed wine.
Pro 23:31 Do not look at the wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup and goes down smoothly.
Pro 23:32 In the last, it bites like a serpent, and it stings like a viper.
Pro 23:33 Your eyes will see strange things, and your heart will utter perverse things.
Pro 23:34 You will be as one who sleeps on the high seas or lies on the top of a mast.
Pro 23:35 “They hit me,” you will say, “but I was not hurt. They beat me, but I did not feel it. When will I wake up? I will seek another drink.”

Proverbs Chapter 24

Pro 24:1 Do not be envious of those who are evil nor desire to associate with them,
Pro 24:2 because their hearts plot violence, and their lips talk about trouble.
Pro 24:3 Through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established.
Pro 24:4 By knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.
Pro 24:5 A warrior of wisdom is strong, and a man of knowledge increases his strength;
Pro 24:6 for by wise direction you can wage your war, and with many advisors there is victory.
Pro 24:7 Wisdom is too high for a fool; in the gate he does not open his mouth.
Pro 24:8 There is one who plans to do evil, people call him a master of schemes.
Pro 24:9 A foolish plan is sin, and men despise a mocker.
Pro 24:10 If you become weak with fear in the day of trouble, then your strength is small.
Pro 24:11 Rescue those who are being taken away to death and hold back those who are staggering to the slaughter.
Pro 24:12 If you say, “Behold, we knew nothing about this,” does not the One who weighs the heart understand what you are saying? The One who guards your life, does he not know it? Will Yehowah not give to each one what he deserves?
Pro 24:13 My son, eat honey because it is good, because the drippings of the honeycomb are sweet to your taste.
Pro 24:14 Such is wisdom for your soul, if you find it, there will be a future, and your hope will not be cut off.
Pro 24:15 Do not lie in wait like the wicked person who attacks the house of the righteous person. Do not destroy his home!
Pro 24:16 For the righteous person falls down seven times and rises again, but wicked people are brought down by calamity.
Pro 24:17 Do not celebrate when your enemy falls, and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles,
Pro 24:18 or Yehowah will see and disapprove and turn away his wrath from him.
Pro 24:19 Do not worry because of evildoers and do not envy wicked people,
Pro 24:20 for the evil person has no future, and the lamp of wicked people will go out.
Pro 24:21 Fear Yehowah and fear the king, my son; do not associate with those who rebel against them,
Pro 24:22 for suddenly their disaster will come, and who knows the extent of the destruction that will come from both of them?

Pro 24:23 These also are sayings of the wise. Partiality in judging a case at law is not good.
Pro 24:24 Whoever says to the wicked person, “You are a righteous person,” will be cursed by people and hated by ethnicities.
Pro 24:25 But those who discipline the wicked will have delight, and gifts of goodness will come to them.
Pro 24:26 The one who gives an honest answer gives a kiss on the lips.
Pro 24:27 Prepare your outdoor work and make everything ready for yourself in the field; after that, build your house.
Pro 24:28 Do not bear witness against your neighbor without cause and do not deceive with your lips.
Pro 24:29 Do not say, “I will do to him what he has done to me; I will pay him back for what he has done.”
Pro 24:30 I went by the field of a lazy man, past the vineyard of the man having no sense.
Pro 24:31 Thorns had grown up everywhere, the ground was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down.
Pro 24:32 Then I saw and considered it; I looked and received instruction.
Pro 24:33 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest,
Pro 24:34 and poverty comes marching upon you and your needs like an armed man.

Proverbs Chapter 25

Pro 25:1 These are more proverbs of Solomon, copied by the men of Hezekiah, king of Judah.
Pro 25:2 It is the glory of the Almighty to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings to search it out.
Pro 25:3 Like the heavens are for height, and the earth is for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable.
Pro 25:4 Remove the dross from the silver, and a metal worker can use the silver in his craft.
Pro 25:5 Even so, remove wicked people from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established by doing what is right.
Pro 25:6 Do not honor yourself in the king's presence and do not stand in the place designated for great people.
Pro 25:7 It is better for him to say to you, "Come up here," than for him to humiliate you before a nobleman. What you have witnessed,
Pro 25:8 do not bring quickly to trial. For what will you do in the end when your neighbor puts you to shame?
Pro 25:9 Argue your case between you and your neighbor himself and do not disclose another's secret,
Pro 25:10 or else the one who hears you will bring shame upon you and an evil report about you that cannot be silenced.
Pro 25:11 Apples of gold in settings of silver is a word spoken in the right situation.
Pro 25:12 A gold ring or jewelry made of fine gold is a wise rebuke to a listening ear.
Pro 25:13 Like the cold of snow at harvest time is a faithful messenger for those who sent him; he brings back the life of his masters.
Pro 25:14 Clouds and wind without rain is the one who boasts about a gift he does not give.
Pro 25:15 With patience a ruler can be persuaded, and a soft tongue can break a bone.
Pro 25:16 If you find honey, eat just enough, otherwise, having too much of it, you vomit it up.
Pro 25:17 Do not set your foot in your neighbor's house too often, he may become tired of you and hate you.
Pro 25:18 A man who bears false witness against his neighbor is like a club used in war, or a sword, or a sharp arrow.
Pro 25:19 An unfaithful man in whom you trust in a time of trouble is like a bad tooth or a foot that slips.

Pro 25:20 Like a person who takes off a garment in cold weather, or like vinegar poured upon carbonate of soda, is the one who sings songs to a heavy heart.
Pro 25:21 If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink,
Pro 25:22 for you will shovel coals of fire on his head, and Yehowah will reward you.
Pro 25:23 As surely as the north wind brings rain, someone who tells secrets makes faces angry.
Pro 25:24 It is better to live on a corner of the roof than in a house shared with a quarreling wife.
Pro 25:25 Like cold waters to one who is thirsty, so is good news from a far country.
Pro 25:26 Like a fouled spring or a ruined fountain is a righteous person wavering before wicked people.
Pro 25:27 It is not good to eat too much honey; that is like searching for honor after honor.
Pro 25:28 A person without self-control is like a city breached and without walls.

Proverbs Chapter 26

Pro 26:1 Like snow in summer or rain in harvest, so a fool does not deserve honor.
Pro 26:2 As the sparrow flitters and the swallow darts when they fly, so an undeserved curse does not alight.
Pro 26:3 A whip is for the horse, a bridle is for the jack donkey, and a rod is for the back of fools.
Pro 26:4 Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you will become like him.
Pro 26:5 Answer a fool and join in on his folly, so he will not become wise in his own eyes.
Pro 26:6 Whoever sends a message by the hand of a fool cuts off his own feet and drinks violence.
Pro 26:7 Like the legs of a paralytic which hang down is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
Pro 26:8 Like tying a stone in a sling is giving honor to a fool.
Pro 26:9 Like a thorn that goes into the hand of a drunkard is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
Pro 26:10 Like an archer who wounds all those around him is one who hires a fool or hires anyone who passes by.
Pro 26:11 As a dog returns to his own vomit, so is a fool who repeats his folly.
Pro 26:12 Do you see someone who is wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.
Pro 26:13 The lazy person cries, “There is a roaring lion on the road! There is a lion between the open places!”
Pro 26:14 As the door turns on its hinges, so is the lazy person upon his bed.
Pro 26:15 The lazy person puts his hand into the dish, and yet he has no strength to lift it up to his mouth.
Pro 26:16 The lazy person is wiser in his own eyes than seven men with discernment.
Pro 26:17 Like one who takes hold of the ears of a dog, is a passerby who becomes angry at a dispute that is not his own.
Pro 26:18 Like a madman who shoots burning arrows and death,
Pro 26:19 is the one who deceives his neighbor and asks, “Was I not telling a joke?”
Pro 26:20 For lack of wood, the fire goes out; and where there is no gossiper quarreling ceases.
Pro 26:21 As charcoal is to burning coals and wood is to fire, so is a quarrelsome person for kindling strife.

Pro 26:22 The words of a gossip are like delicious morsels; they go down into the inner parts of the body.
Pro 26:23 Like the glaze overlaying an earthen vessel, so are burning lips and an evil heart.
Pro 26:24 One who hates others disguises his feelings with his lips, and he lays up deceit within himself.
Pro 26:25 He will speak graciously, but do not believe him, for there are seven abominations in his heart.
Pro 26:26 Though his hatred is covered with deception, his wickedness will be exposed in the congregation.
Pro 26:27 Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, and the stone will roll back on the one who pushed it.
Pro 26:28 A lying tongue hates the people it crushes, and a flattering mouth brings about ruin.

Proverbs Chapter 27

Pro 27:1 Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.
Pro 27:2 Let someone else praise you and not your own mouth; a stranger and not your own lips.
Pro 27:3 Consider the heaviness of a stone and the weight of sand, the provocation of a fool is heavier than both.
Pro 27:4 There is the cruelty of rage and the flood of anger, but who is able to stand before jealousy?
Pro 27:5 Better is an open rebuke than hidden love.
Pro 27:6 Faithful are the wounds caused by a friend, but an enemy may kiss you profusely.
Pro 27:7 A person who has eaten to the full rejects even a honeycomb, but to the hungry person, every bitter thing is sweet.
Pro 27:8 Like a bird that wanders from its nest, is a man who strays from where he lives.
Pro 27:9 Perfume and incense make the heart rejoice, but the sweetness of a friend comes from his sincere counsel.
Pro 27:10 Do not forsake your friend and your friend's father, and do not go to your brother's house on the day of your calamity. Better is a neighbor who is nearby than a brother who is far away.
Pro 27:11 Be wise, my son, and make my heart rejoice; then I will give back an answer to the one who mocks me.
Pro 27:12 A prudent man sees trouble and hides himself, but the naive people go on and suffer because of it.
Pro 27:13 Take a garment of one who has put up security for a foreigner, and hold it in pledge when he puts up security for an immoral woman.
Pro 27:14 Whoever gives his neighbor a blessing with a loud voice at the crack of dawn, that blessing will be considered to be a curse!
Pro 27:15 A quarreling wife is like the constant dripping on a rainy day;
Pro 27:16 restraining her is like restraining the wind, or trying to catch oil in your right hand.
Pro 27:17 Iron sharpens iron; in the same way, a man sharpens his friend.
Pro 27:18 The one who tends a fig tree will eat its fruit, and the one who protects his master will be honored.
Pro 27:19 Just as water reflects a person's face, so a person's heart reflects the person.
Pro 27:20 Just as the place of the dead and Hades are never satisfied, so a man's eyes are never satisfied.

Pro 27:21 A crucible is for silver and a furnace is for gold; and a person is tested when he is praised.
Pro 27:22 Even if you crush a fool with the pestle along with the grain, yet his foolishness will not leave him.
Pro 27:23 Be sure you know the condition of your flocks and be concerned about your herds,
Pro 27:24 for wealth is not forever. Does a crown endure for all generations?
Pro 27:25 When the hay is gone and the new growth appears, then the grass from the hills is gathered in for the flocks.
Pro 27:26 Those lambs will provide your clothing, and the goats will provide the price of the field.
Pro 27:27 There will be goats' milk for your food, the food for your household, and nourishment for your servant girls.

Proverbs Chapter 28

Pro 28:1 The wicked people run away when no one chases them, but righteous people are as bold as a young lion.
Pro 28:2 Because of the transgression of a land, it has many rulers, but with a man of understanding and knowledge, it will last a long time.
Pro 28:3 A poor person who oppresses other poor people is like a beating rain that leaves no food.
Pro 28:4 Those who forsake the law praise wicked people, but those who keep the law fight against them.
Pro 28:5 Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek Yehowah understand everything.
Pro 28:6 It is better for a poor person who walks in his integrity, than for a rich person who is crooked in his ways.
Pro 28:7 He who keeps the law is a son who has understanding, but one who is a companion of gluttons shames his father.
Pro 28:8 The one who makes his fortune by charging too much interest gathers his wealth for another, who will have pity on poor people.
Pro 28:9 If one turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is detestable.
Pro 28:10 Whoever misleads the upright into an evil way will fall into his own pit, but the blameless will have a good inheritance.
Pro 28:11 The rich person may be wise in his own eyes, but a poor person who has understanding will find him out.
Pro 28:12 When there is victory for righteous people, there is great glory, but when the wicked arise, people hide themselves.
Pro 28:13 The one who hides his sins will not prosper, but the one who confesses them and forsakes them will be shown mercy.
Pro 28:14 The one who always lives with reverence is blessed, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into trouble.
Pro 28:15 Like a roaring lion or a charging bear is a wicked ruler over poor people.
Pro 28:16 The ruler who lacks understanding is a cruel oppressor, but the one who hates dishonesty will prolong his days.
Pro 28:17 If a man is guilty because he has shed someone’s blood, he will be a fugitive until death, and no one will help him.
Pro 28:18 Whoever walks with integrity will be kept safe, but the one whose way is crooked will suddenly fall.
Pro 28:19 The one who works his land will have plenty of food, but whoever follows worthless pursuits will have plenty of poverty.

Pro 28:20 A faithful man will have great blessings, but the one who gets rich quickly will not go unpunished.
Pro 28:21 It is not good to show partiality, but for a piece of bread a man will do wrong.
Pro 28:22 A stingy man hurries after riches, but he does not know that poverty will come upon him.
Pro 28:23 Whoever disciplines someone, afterward will find more grace from him than from the one who flatters him with his tongue.
Pro 28:24 Whoever robs his father and his mother, and says, “That is no sin,” he is the companion of the one who destroys.
Pro 28:25 A greedy man stirs up conflict, but the one who trusts in Yehowah will prosper.
Pro 28:26 One who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but whoever walks in wisdom will keep away from danger.
Pro 28:27 The one who gives to the poor will lack nothing, but whoever closes his eyes to them will receive many curses.
Pro 28:28 When wicked people rise, men hide themselves, but when wicked people perish, righteous people will increase.

Proverbs Chapter 29

Pro 29:1 A person who has received many rebukes, but who stiffens his neck, will be broken in a moment beyond healing.
Pro 29:2 When righteous people increase, the people rejoice, but when a wicked person is the ruler, the people sigh.
Pro 29:3 Whoever loves wisdom makes his father rejoice, but he who keeps company with prostitutes destroys his wealth.
Pro 29:4 The king establishes the land by justice, but the one who demands bribes tears it down.
Pro 29:5 A man who flatters his neighbor is spreading a net for his feet.
Pro 29:6 In the sin of an evil person is a trap, but the righteous person sings and rejoices.
Pro 29:7 The righteous person pleads the cause of poor people; the wicked person does not understand such knowledge.
Pro 29:8 Mockers set a city on fire, but those who are wise turn away wrath.
Pro 29:9 When a wise person has an argument with a fool, he rages and laughs, and there will be no rest.
Pro 29:10 The bloodthirsty hate the one who is blameless and seek the life of the upright.
Pro 29:11 A fool reveals all his anger, but a wise man holds it back and calms himself down.
Pro 29:12 If a ruler pays attention to lies, all his officials will be wicked.
Pro 29:13 The poor person and the oppressor are similar, for Yehowah gives light to the eyes of them both.
Pro 29:14 If a king judges the poor by the truth, his throne will be established forever.
Pro 29:15 The paddle and reproof give wisdom, but a child freed from discipline puts his mother to shame.
Pro 29:16 When wicked people are in power, transgression increases, but righteous people will see the downfall of those wicked people.
Pro 29:17 Discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will bring delights into your life.
Pro 29:18 Where there is no prophetic vision the people run wild, but the one who keeps the law is blessed.
Pro 29:19 A slave will not be corrected by words, for though he understands, there will be no response.
Pro 29:20 See a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

Pro 29:21 One who pampers his slave from youth, at the end of it, he will have an heir.
Pro 29:22 An angry person stirs up strife, and a master of rage commits many sins.
Pro 29:23 A person's pride brings him low, but one who has a humble spirit will be given honor.
Pro 29:24 One who shares with a thief hates his own life; he hears the curse and says nothing.
Pro 29:25 The fear of man makes a snare, but the one who trusts in Yehowah will be protected.
Pro 29:26 Many are those who seek the face of the ruler, but from Yehowah is justice for a person.
Pro 29:27 An unjust man is an abomination to righteous people, but the one whose Way is upright is detestable to the wicked person.

Proverbs Chapter 30

Pro 30:1 The sayings of Agur son of Jakeh, an oracle: This man declared to Ithiel, to Ithiel and Ucal:
Pro 30:2 Surely, I am more like an animal than any human, and I do not have the understanding of a human being.
Pro 30:3 Yehowah has taught me wisdom, and I have knowledge of the set apart.
Pro 30:4 Who has gone up to Heaven and come down? Who has gathered up the wind in the hollow of his hands? Who has gathered up the waters in his cloak? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is the name of his Son? Surely you know!
Pro 30:5 Every word of the Almighty is tested; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.
Pro 30:6 Do not add to his words, or he will discipline you, and you will be proved to be a liar.
Pro 30:7 Two things I ask of you, do not withhold them from me before I die:
Pro 30:8 Put vanity and lies far away from me. Give me neither poverty nor riches, just give me the food I need.
Pro 30:9 For if I have too much, I might deny you and ask, “Who is Yehowah?” Or if I become poor, I might steal and profane the name of my Divine One.
Pro 30:10 Do not slander a slave before his master, or he will curse you, and you will be held guilty.
Pro 30:11 There is a generation that curses their father and does not bless their mother.
Pro 30:12 There is a generation that is pure in their own eyes, and yet they are not washed of their filth.
Pro 30:13 There is a generation whose eyes are raised up, and how high are their eyelids lifted up!
Pro 30:14 There is a generation whose teeth are swords, and their jawbones are like knives, so they may devour the poor from the earth and the needy from among humanity.
Pro 30:15 The leech has two daughters: “Give and give,” they cry! There are three things that are never satisfied, four that never say, “Enough:”
Pro 30:16 The place of the dead; the barren womb; land that is never satisfied with water; and the fire that never says, “Enough!”
Pro 30:17 The eye that mocks a father and scorns obedience to a mother, his eyes will be pecked out by the ravens of the valley, and he will be eaten by the vultures.
Pro 30:18 There are three things that are too wonderful for me, four that I do not understand:

Pro 30:19 The way of an eagle in the sky; the way of a snake on a rock; the way of a ship in the heart of the sea; and the way of a man with a virgin woman.
Pro 30:20 This is the way of an adulteress: She eats, and she wipes her mouth and says, “I have done nothing wrong.”
Pro 30:21 Under three things the earth trembles, and under four it cannot bear up:
Pro 30:22 A slave when he becomes king; a fool when he is filled with food;
Pro 30:23 a hated woman when she marries; and a maid when she takes the place of her mistress.
Pro 30:24 Four things on earth are small, and yet they teach wisdom to the wise:
Pro 30:25 The ants are creatures that are not strong, but they prepare their food in the summer;
Pro 30:26 the rock badgers are not mighty creatures, but they make their homes in the rocks.
Pro 30:27 Locusts have no king, but all of them march in rank.
Pro 30:28 As for the lizard, you can hold it in your two hands, yet they are found in kings’ palaces.
Pro 30:29 There are three things that are stately in their stride, and four that are stately in how they walk:
Pro 30:30 A lion, strongest among wild animals, it does not turn away from anything;
Pro 30:31 a greyhound; a goat; and a king whose armed forces are beside him.
Pro 30:32 If you have been foolish, exalting yourself, or if you have been devising evil, put your hand over your mouth.
Pro 30:33 As churning milk makes butter, and as one’s nose will produce blood if it is twisted, so deeds done in anger produce conflict.

Proverbs Chapter 31

Pro 31:1 The words of King Lemuel, an oracle his mother taught him.
Pro 31:2 What, my son? What is it, son of my womb? What do you want, son of my vows?
Pro 31:3 Do not give your strength to women, or your ways to those who destroy kings.
Pro 31:4 It is not for kings, Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, nor for rulers to ask, “Where is the beer?”
Pro 31:5 Lest they forget what has been decreed and pervert the rights of all the afflicted.
Pro 31:6 Give beer to a person who is perishing and wine to those in bitter distress.
Pro 31:7 He will drink and forget his poverty, and he will not remember his trouble.
Pro 31:8 Speak for those who cannot speak, for the causes of all who are perishing.
Pro 31:9 Speak out and judge by the measure of what is right and plead the cause of poor and needy people.
Pro 31:10 Who can find a capable wife? Her value is far more than jewels.
Pro 31:11 The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will never be poor.
Pro 31:12 She does good things for him, and not evil, all the days of her life.
Pro 31:13 She selects wool and flax and works with the delight of her hands.
Pro 31:14 She is like the merchant ships; she brings her food from far away.
Pro 31:15 She rises while it is night and gives food to her household, and she distributes the work for her female servants.
Pro 31:16 She considers a field and buys it, with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
Pro 31:17 She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong.
Pro 31:18 She perceives what will make a good profit for her; all night long her lamp is not extinguished.
Pro 31:19 She puts her hands on the spindle, and she holds the twisting thread.
Pro 31:20 She reaches out with her hand to poor people; she reaches out with her hands to needy people.
Pro 31:21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet.
Pro 31:22 She makes coverings for her bed, and she wears clothes of fine purple linen.
Pro 31:23 Her husband is known at the gates, when he sits with the elders of the land.

Pro 31:24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and she supplies sashes to the merchants.
Pro 31:25 She is clothed with strength and honor, and she laughs at the time to come.
Pro 31:26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the law of kindness is on her tongue.
Pro 31:27 She watches over the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.
Pro 31:28 Her children rise up and call her blessed, and her husband praises her,
Pro 31:29 “Many women have done well, but you surpassed them all.”
Pro 31:30 Elegance is deceptive, beauty is vain, but a woman who fears Yehowah, she will be praised.
Pro 31:31 Give her the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates!

Book of Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes Chapter 1

Ecc 1:1 These are the words of the Teacher, the descendant of David and king in Jerusalem.
Ecc 1:2 The Teacher says this: “Like a vapor of mist, like a breeze in the wind, everything vanishes, leaving many questions.
Ecc 1:3 What profit does mankind gain from all the work that they labor at under the sun?
Ecc 1:4 One generation goes, and another generation comes, but the earth remains forever.
Ecc 1:5 The sun rises, and it goes down and hurries back to the place where it rises again.
Ecc 1:6 The wind blows south and circles around to the north, always going around along its pathway and coming back again.
Ecc 1:7 All the rivers flow into the sea, but the sea is never full. To the place where the rivers go, there they go again.
Ecc 1:8 Everything becomes wearisome, and no one can explain it. The eye is not satisfied by what it sees, nor is the ear fulfilled by what it hears.
Ecc 1:9 Whatever has been is what will be, and whatever has been done is what will be done. There is nothing new under the sun.
Ecc 1:10 Is there anything about which it may be said, ‘Look, this is new?’ Whatever exists has already existed for a long time, during ages which came long before us.
Ecc 1:11 No one seems to remember the things that happened in ancient times, and the things that happened much later, and that will happen in the future will not likely be remembered either.”
Ecc 1:12 I am the Teacher, and I have been king over Israel in Jerusalem.
Ecc 1:13 I applied my mind to study and to search out by wisdom everything that is done under Heaven. That search is a burdensome task that the Almighty has given to the children of mankind to be busy with.
Ecc 1:14 I have seen all the deeds that are done under the sun, and look, they all amount to vapor and an attempt to shepherd the wind.
Ecc 1:15 The twisted cannot be straightened! The missing cannot be counted!
Ecc 1:16 I have spoken to my heart saying, “Look, I have acquired greater honor and wisdom than all who were before me in Jerusalem. My mind has seen great wisdom and knowledge.”

Ecc 1:17 So I applied my heart to know wisdom and also madness and folly. I came to understand that this also was an attempt to shepherd the wind.
Ecc 1:18 For in the abundance of wisdom there is much frustration, and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.

Ecclesiastes Chapter 2

Ecc 2:1 I said in my heart, “Come now, I will test you with happiness. So enjoy pleasure.” But look, this also was just a temporary breeze.
Ecc 2:2 I said about laughter, “It is crazy,” and about pleasure, “What use is it?”
Ecc 2:3 I explored in my heart how to gratify my desires with wine. I let my mind guide me with wisdom, although I was still holding on to folly. I wanted to find out what is good for people to do under Heaven during the days of their lives.
Ecc 2:4 I accomplished great things. I built houses for myself and planted vineyards.
Ecc 2:5 I built for myself gardens and parks; I planted all kinds of fruit trees in them.
Ecc 2:6 I created pools of water to water a forest where trees were grown.
Ecc 2:7 I purchased male slaves and female slaves; I had slaves born in my palace. I also had large herds and flocks of livestock, much more than any king who ruled before me in Jerusalem.
Ecc 2:8 I also accumulated for myself silver and gold, the treasures of kings and provinces. I got male and female singers for myself, and delights from the children of mankind, concubines and wives.
Ecc 2:9 So I became greater and wealthier than all who were before me in Jerusalem, and my wisdom remained with me.
Ecc 2:10 Whatever my eyes desired, I did not withhold from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, because my heart rejoiced in all my labor, and pleasure was my reward for all my work.
Ecc 2:11 Then I looked on all the deeds that my hands had accomplished, and on the work that I had done, but again, everything was vapor and an attempt to shepherd the wind. There was no profit in it under the sun.
Ecc 2:12 Then I turned to consider wisdom and also madness and folly. For what can the next man do who comes after the king, which has not already been done?
Ecc 2:13 Then I began to understand that wisdom has advantages over folly, just as light is better than darkness.
Ecc 2:14 The wise man uses his eyes in his head to see where he is going, but the fool walks in darkness, although I know the same destiny is in store for everyone.
Ecc 2:15 Then I said in my heart, “What happens to the fool, will also happen to me. So what difference does it make if I am extremely wise?” I concluded in my heart, “This too is only vapor.”

Ecc 2:16 For the wise man, like the fool, is not remembered for eternity. In the days to come everything will have been long forgotten. The wise man dies just like the fool dies.
Ecc 2:17 So I detested life, because all the work done under the sun was evil to me. This was because everything is vapor and an attempt to shepherd the wind.
Ecc 2:18 I hated all my accomplishments for which I had worked under the sun, because I must leave them behind to the man who comes after me.
Ecc 2:19 For who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will be master over everything under the sun that my work and wisdom have built. This also is vapor.
Ecc 2:20 Therefore, my heart began to despair over all the work that I did under the sun.
Ecc 2:21 For there might be someone who works with wisdom, with knowledge, and skill, but he will leave everything he has to a man who has not made any of it. This also is vapor and a great tragedy.
Ecc 2:22 For what profit does the person gain who works so hard and tries in his heart to complete his labors under the sun?
Ecc 2:23 Every day his work is painful and stressful, so at night his soul does not find rest. This also is vapor.
Ecc 2:24 There is nothing better for anyone than to simply eat, drink, and be satisfied with what is good in his work. I saw that this truth comes from the hand of the Almighty.
Ecc 2:25 For who can eat, or who can have any kind of pleasure apart from Yehowah?
Ecc 2:26 For to anyone who pleases him, Yehowah gives wisdom, knowledge, and joy. However, to the sinner he gives the work of gathering and storing up, so that he may give it away to someone who pleases the Almighty. This also amounts to vapor and an attempt to shepherd the wind.

Ecclesiastes Chapter 3

Ecc 3:1 For everything there is an appointed time, and a season for every purpose under Heaven.
Ecc 3:2 There is a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to pull up plants,
Ecc 3:3 a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build up.
Ecc 3:4 There is a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,
Ecc 3:5 a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones, a time to embrace other people and a time to refrain from embracing.
Ecc 3:6 There is a time to look for things and a time to stop looking, a time to keep things and a time to throw away things,
Ecc 3:7 a time to tear clothing and a time to repair clothing, a time to keep silent and a time to speak.
Ecc 3:8 There is a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.
Ecc 3:9 What profit does the worker gain in his labor?
Ecc 3:10 I have seen the work that the Almighty has given to humans to complete.
Ecc 3:11 He has made everything suitable for its own time. He has also placed eternity in their hearts. But mankind cannot understand the deeds that the Almighty has done, from their beginning all the way to their end.
Ecc 3:12 I know that there is nothing better for anyone than to rejoice and to do good so long as he lives,
Ecc 3:13 and that everyone should eat and drink, and should understand how to enjoy the good that comes from all his work. This is a gift from the Almighty.
Ecc 3:14 I know that whatever the Almighty does lasts forever. Nothing can be added to it or taken away, because it is the Almighty who has done it, so that people will approach him with honor.
Ecc 3:15 Whatever exists has already existed; whatever will exist has already existed. The Almighty makes humans seek hidden things.
Ecc 3:16 I have seen the wickedness that is under the sun, where there should be justice, and in place of righteousness, wickedness was there.
Ecc 3:17 I said in my heart, “The Almighty will judge the righteous and the wicked at the right time for every matter and every deed.”
Ecc 3:18 I said in my heart, “The Almighty tests humans to show them that they are like animals.”

Ecc 3:19 For the fate of the children of mankind and the fate of animals is the same fate for them. The death of one is like the death of the other. The breath is the same for all of them. There is no advantage for mankind over the animals. For is not everything just a breath?
Ecc 3:20 Everything is going to the same place. Everything comes from the dust, and everything returns to the dust.
Ecc 3:21 Who knows whether the spirit of mankind goes upward and the spirit of animals goes downward into the earth?
Ecc 3:22 So again, I realized that there is nothing better for anyone than to take pleasure in his work, for that is his assignment. Who can bring him back to see what happens after him?

Ecclesiastes Chapter 4

Ecc 4:1 Once again, I thought about all the oppression that is done under the sun. Look at the tears of oppressed people. There is no comforter for them. Power is in the hand of their oppressors, but oppressed people have no comforter.
Ecc 4:2 So I congratulate dead people, those who have already died, not the living, those who are still alive.
Ecc 4:3 However, more fortunate than both of them is the one who has not yet lived, the one who has not seen any of the evil acts that are done under the sun.
Ecc 4:4 Then I saw that every act of labor and every skillful work became the envy of one's neighbor. This also is vapor and an attempt to shepherd the wind.
Ecc 4:5 The fool folds his hands and does not work, so his food is his own flesh.
Ecc 4:6 But better is a handful of restfulness with quiet work than two handfuls with the work that tries to shepherd the wind.
Ecc 4:7 Then I thought again about more futility, more vanishing vapor under the sun.
Ecc 4:8 There is the kind of man who is alone. He does not have anyone, no son or brother. There is no end to all his work, and his eyes are not satisfied with gaining wealth. He wonders, "For whom am I toiling and depriving myself of pleasure?" This also is vapor, a bad situation.
Ecc 4:9 Two people work better than one; together they can earn a good pay for their labor.
Ecc 4:10 For if one falls, the other can lift up his friend. However, sorrow follows the one who is alone when he falls, if there is no one to lift him up.
Ecc 4:11 If two lie down together, they can be warm, but how can one be warm alone?
Ecc 4:12 One man alone can be overpowered, but two can withstand an attack, and a three-strand rope is not quickly broken.
Ecc 4:13 It is better to be a poor but wise youth than an old and foolish king, who no longer knows how to listen to warnings.
Ecc 4:14 This is true even if the young man becomes king from prison, or even if he was born poor in his kingdom.
Ecc 4:15 However, I saw everyone who was alive and walking around under the sun submitting themselves to another young man who rose up as king.
Ecc 4:16 There is no end to all the people who want to obey the new king, but later many of them will no longer praise him. Surely this situation is vapor and an attempt to shepherd the wind.

Ecclesiastes Chapter 5

Ecc 5:1 Guard your conduct when you go to the temple of the Almighty. Go there to listen. Listening is better than when fools offer sacrifices, while not knowing that what they do in life is wicked.
Ecc 5:2 Do not be too quick to speak with your mouth, and do not let your heart be too quick to bring any matter up before the Almighty. The Almighty is in Heaven, but you are on earth, so let your words be few.
Ecc 5:3 If you have too many things to do and worry about, you will probably have bad dreams. The more words you speak, the more foolish things you will probably say.
Ecc 5:4 When you make a vow to the Almighty, do not delay to do it, for He has no pleasure in fools. Do what you vow you will do.
Ecc 5:5 It is better not to make a vow than to make one that you do not carry out.
Ecc 5:6 Do not allow your mouth to cause your flesh to sin. Do not say to the priest's messenger, "That vow was a mistake." Why make the Almighty angry by vowing falsely, provoking him to destroy the work of your hands?
Ecc 5:7 For in many dreams, as in many words, there is meaningless vapor (Exo. 20:7). So fear the Almighty.
Ecc 5:8 When you see the poor being oppressed and robbed of just and right treatment in your province, do not be astonished as if no one knows, because there are people in power who watch those under them, and there are even higher ones over them.
Ecc 5:9 In addition, the produce of the land is for everyone, and the king himself takes produce from the fields.
Ecc 5:10 Anyone who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver, and anyone who loves wealth always wants more (1 Tim. 6:10; Heb. 13:5). This, too, is vapor.
Ecc 5:11 As prosperity increases, so also do the people who consume it. What advantage in wealth is there to the owner except to watch it with his eyes?
Ecc 5:12 The sleep of a working man is sweet, whether he eats little or a lot, but the wealth of a rich person does not allow him to sleep well.
Ecc 5:13 There is a severe evil that I have seen under the sun: Riches hoarded by the owner, resulting in his own misery.
Ecc 5:14 When the rich man loses his wealth through bad luck, his own son, one whom he has fathered, is left with nothing in his hands.
Ecc 5:15 As a man is born naked from his mother's womb, so also he will leave this life naked. He can take in his hand nothing from his work.
Ecc 5:16 Another severe evil is that exactly as a person came, so also he must go away. So what profit does anyone get in working for the wind?

Ecc 5:17 During his days, he eats with darkness and is greatly distressed with sickness and anger.
Ecc 5:18 Look, what I have seen to be good and suitable is to eat, drink, and to enjoy the gain from all our work, as we labor under the sun during the days of this life that the Almighty has given us. For this is man's assignment.
Ecc 5:19 Anyone to whom the Almighty has given riches and wealth, the ability to receive his share, and rejoice in his work, this is a gift from the Almighty.
Ecc 5:20 For he does not often call to mind the days of his life, because the Almighty makes him keep busy with the things that he enjoys doing.

Ecclesiastes Chapter 6

Ecc 6:1 There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, and it is severe for humans.
Ecc 6:2 The Almighty might give riches, wealth, and honor to a man, so that he lacks nothing that he desires for himself, but then the Almighty gives him no ability to enjoy it. Instead, someone else uses his things. This is vapor, an evil affliction.
Ecc 6:3 If a man fathers a hundred children and lives many years, so that the days of his years are many, but if his heart is not satisfied with good, and he is not buried with honor, then I say that the stillborn baby is better off than he is.
Ecc 6:4 Even such a baby comes in futility and passes away in darkness, and its name remains hidden.
Ecc 6:5 Although this child does not see the sun or know anything, it has rest even though that man did not.
Ecc 6:6 Even if a man should live for two thousand years but does not learn to enjoy good things, he goes to the same place as everyone else.
Ecc 6:7 Though all a man's work is to fill his mouth, yet his appetite is not satisfied.
Ecc 6:8 Indeed, what advantage has the wise person over the fool? What advantage does the poor man have, even if he knows how to act in front of other people?
Ecc 6:9 It is better to be satisfied with what the eyes see, than to desire what a wandering appetite craves, which is also vapor and an attempt to shepherd the wind.
Ecc 6:10 Whatever has existed has already been given its name, and what mankind is like has already been known. So it has become useless to dispute with the One who is the Mighty Judge of all.
Ecc 6:11 The more words that are spoken, the more futility increases, so what advantage is that to a human?
Ecc 6:12 For who knows what is good for man in his life during his futile, numbered days, through which he passes like a shadow? Who can tell a man what will come under the sun after he passes?

Ecclesiastes Chapter 7

Ecc 7:1 A good name is better than costly perfume, and the day of death is better than the day of birth.
Ecc 7:2 It is better to go to a house of mourning than to a house of feasting, for mourning comes to all people at the end of life, so living people must take this to heart.
Ecc 7:3 Grief is better than laughter, for after sadness of face comes gladness of heart.
Ecc 7:4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of feasting.
Ecc 7:5 It is better to listen to the rebuke of the wise, than to listen to the song of fools.
Ecc 7:6 For like the crackling of thorns burning under a pot, so also is the laughter of fools. This, too, is vapor.
Ecc 7:7 Extortion certainly makes a wise man foolish, and a bribe corrupts the heart.
Ecc 7:8 Better is the end of a matter than the beginning; and the people patient in spirit are better than the proud in spirit.
Ecc 7:9 Do not be quick to anger in your spirit, for anger resides in the hearts of fools.
Ecc 7:10 Do not ask, “Why were the days of old better than these?” For it is not because of wisdom that you ask this question.
Ecc 7:11 Wisdom is as good as valuable things we inherit from our ancestors. It provides benefits for those who see the sun.
Ecc 7:12 For wisdom provides protection as money can provide protection, but the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom gives life to whoever has it.
Ecc 7:13 Consider the deeds of the Almighty: Who can straighten out anything he has made crooked?
Ecc 7:14 When times are good, live happily in that good, but when times are bad, consider this: The Almighty has allowed both to exist side by side. For this reason, no one will find out anything that is coming after him.
Ecc 7:15 I have seen many things in my meaningless days. There are righteous people who perish in spite of their righteousness, and there are wicked people who live a long life in spite of their evil.
Ecc 7:16 Do not be self-righteous, wise in your own eyes. Why should you destroy yourself?
Ecc 7:17 Do not be too wicked or foolish. Why should you die before your time?

Ecc 7:18 It is good that you should take hold of this wisdom, and that you should not let go of righteousness. For the person who fears the Almighty will meet all his obligations.
Ecc 7:19 Wisdom is powerful in the wise man, more than ten rulers in a city.
Ecc 7:20 There is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.
Ecc 7:21 Do not listen to every word that is spoken, because you might hear your servant curse you.
Ecc 7:22 Similarly, you know yourself that in your own heart you have often cursed others.
Ecc 7:23 All this have I proven by wisdom. I said, “I will be wise,” but it was more than I could be.
Ecc 7:24 Wisdom is far off and extremely deep. Who can find it?
Ecc 7:25 I turned my heart to learn, examine, seek wisdom, and the explanations of reality, and to understand that evil is stupid, and that folly is madness.
Ecc 7:26 I found that more bitter than death is any woman whose heart is full of snares and nets, and whose hands are chains. Whoever pleases the Almighty will escape from her, but the sinner will be taken by her.
Ecc 7:27 “Consider what I have discovered,” says the Teacher. “I have been adding one discovery to another in order to find an explanation of reality.
Ecc 7:28 This is what I am still looking for, but I have not found it. I did find one righteous man among a thousand, but a woman among all those I did not find.
Ecc 7:29 I have discovered only this: That the Almighty created humanity upright, but they have gone away looking for many devices.”

Ecclesiastes Chapter 8

Ecc 8:1 Who is a wise man? Who knows what the events in life mean? Wisdom in a man causes his face to shine, and the hardness of his face is changed.
Ecc 8:2 I advise you to obey the king's command, because of the oath of the Almighty to protect him.
Ecc 8:3 Do not hurry out of his presence, and do not stand in support of something wrong, for the king does whatever he desires.
Ecc 8:4 The king's word rules, so who will say to him, "What are you doing?"
Ecc 8:5 Whoever keeps the king's commands avoids harm. A wise man's heart recognizes the proper course and time of action.
Ecc 8:6 For every matter there is a correct response and a time to respond, because the troubles of man are great.
Ecc 8:7 No one knows what is coming next. Who can tell him what is coming?
Ecc 8:8 No one is ruler over his breath so as to stop the breath, and no one has power over the day of his death. No one is discharged from the military force during a battle, and wickedness will not rescue those who are its slaves.
Ecc 8:9 I have realized all this; I have applied my heart to every kind of work that is done under the sun. There is a time when a person oppresses another person to that person's hurt.
Ecc 8:10 So I saw the wicked buried publicly. They were taken from the set-apart area, buried, and were praised by people in the city where they had done their wicked deeds. This also is uselessness.
Ecc 8:11 When a sentence against an evil crime is not executed quickly, it entices the hearts of humans to do evil.
Ecc 8:12 Even if a sinner does evil a hundred times and still lives for a long time, yet I know that it will be well with those who respect the Almighty, who honor his presence with them.
Ecc 8:13 But it will not go well for a wicked man; his life will not be prolonged. His days are like a fleeting shadow, because he does not honor the Almighty.
Ecc 8:14 There is another useless vapor, something else that is done on the earth. Things happen to righteous people as they happen to wicked people, and things happen to wicked people as they happen to righteous people. I say that this also is useless vapor.
Ecc 8:15 So I recommend happiness, because a man has no better thing under the sun than to eat, drink, and to be happy. It is happiness that will accompany him in his labor for all the days of his life that the Almighty has given him under the sun.

Ecc 8:16 When I applied my heart to know wisdom and to understand the work that is done on the earth, work often done without sleep for the eyes at night or in the day,
Ecc 8:17 then I considered all of the deeds of the Almighty, and that man cannot understand the work that is done under the sun. No matter how much a man labors to find the answers, he will not find them. Even though a wise man might believe he knows, he really does not.

Ecclesiastes Chapter 9

Ecc 9:1 For I thought about all this in my mind to understand about the righteous and wise people and their deeds. They are all in the hands of the Almighty. No one knows whether love or hate will come to someone.
Ecc 9:2 Everyone has the same fate. The same fate awaits righteous people and wicked, the good and the bad, the clean and the unclean, and the one who sacrifices, and the one who does not sacrifice. As good people will die, so also will the sinner. As the one who swears will die, so also will the man who fears to make an oath.
Ecc 9:3 There is an evil fate for everything that is done under the sun, one destiny for everyone. The hearts of humans are full of evil, and madness is in their hearts while they live. So after that, they go to the dead.
Ecc 9:4 For anyone who is united to all the living, there is hope, just as a living dog is better than a dead lion.
Ecc 9:5 For living people know they will die, but the dead do not know anything. They no longer have any reward, because their memory is forgotten.
Ecc 9:6 Their love, hatred, and envy have vanished long ago. They will never have a place again in anything done under the sun.
Ecc 9:7 Go your way, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a happy heart, for the Almighty approves of celebrating good works.
Ecc 9:8 Let your clothes be always white and your head anointed with oil.
Ecc 9:9 Live happily with the wife whom you love all the days of your life of uselessness, the days that Yehowah has given you under the sun during your days of uselessness. That is your reward in life for your work under the sun.
Ecc 9:10 Whatever your hand finds to do, work at it with your strength, because there is no work or explanation or knowledge or wisdom in the place of the dead, where you are going.
Ecc 9:11 I have seen some interesting things under the sun: The race does not belong to swift people. The battle does not belong to strong people. Bread does not belong to wise people. Riches do not belong to people of understanding. Grace does not belong to people of knowledge. Instead, time and chance affect them all.
Ecc 9:12 For no one knows his time to die, just like fish trapped in a net of death, or just like birds caught in a snare. Like animals, humans are imprisoned in evil times that suddenly fall on them.
Ecc 9:13 I have also seen wisdom under the sun in a way that seemed great to me.
Ecc 9:14 There was a small city with only a few men in it, and a great king came against it, and besieged it, and built great siege ramps against it.

Ecc 9:15 Now in the city was found a poor, wise man, who by his wisdom saved the city. Yet later, no one remembered that same poor man.
Ecc 9:16 So I concluded, “Wisdom is better than strength, but the poor man’s wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.”
Ecc 9:17 The words of wise people spoken quietly are heard better than the shouts of any ruler among fools.
Ecc 9:18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner can ruin much good.

Ecclesiastes Chapter 10

Ecc 10:1 As dead flies cause perfume to stink, so a little folly can overpower wisdom and honor.
Ecc 10:2 The heart of a wise person tends to the right, but the heart of a fool tends to the left.
Ecc 10:3 When a fool walks down a road, his thinking is deficient, proving to everyone he is a fool.
Ecc 10:4 If the emotions of a ruler rise up against you, do not leave your work. Calm can quiet down great outrage.
Ecc 10:5 There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, a kind of error that comes from a ruler:
Ecc 10:6 Fools are given leadership positions, while successful men are given low positions.
Ecc 10:7 I have seen slaves riding horses, and successful men walking like slaves on the ground.
Ecc 10:8 Anyone who digs a pit can fall into it, and whenever someone breaks down a wall, a snake can bite him.
Ecc 10:9 Whoever cuts out stones can be hurt by them, and the man who chops wood is endangered by it.
Ecc 10:10 If an iron blade is dull, and a man does not sharpen it, then he must use more strength, but wisdom provides an advantage for success.
Ecc 10:11 If a snake bites before it is charmed, then there is no advantage for the charmer.
Ecc 10:12 The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious, but the lips of a fool swallow himself.
Ecc 10:13 As words begin to flow from a fool's mouth, foolishness comes out, and at the end, his mouth flows with wicked madness.
Ecc 10:14 A fool multiplies words, but no one knows what is coming. Who knows what is coming after him?
Ecc 10:15 The toil of fools wearies them, so that they do not even know the road to town.
Ecc 10:16 Woe to you, land, if your king is a young boy, and if your leaders begin feasting at dawn!
Ecc 10:17 But blessed are you, land, if your king is the son of nobles, and if your leaders eat at the right time, for strength and not for drunkenness!
Ecc 10:18 Because of laziness the roof sinks in, and because of idle hands the house leaks.
Ecc 10:19 People prepare food for laughter, wine brings enjoyment to life, and money fills the need for everything.

Ecc 10:20 Do not curse the king, not even in your mind, and do not curse rich people in your bedroom. For a bird of the sky might carry your words; whatever has wings can spread the matter.

Ecclesiastes Chapter 11

Ecc 11:1 Send out your bread on the waters, for you will find it again after many days.
Ecc 11:2 Share it with seven, even eight people, for you do not know what disasters are coming on the earth.
Ecc 11:3 If the clouds are full of rain, they empty themselves on the earth, and if a tree falls toward the south or toward the north, wherever the tree falls, there it will remain.
Ecc 11:4 Anyone who watches the wind might not plant, and anyone who watches the clouds might not harvest.
Ecc 11:5 As you do not know the Path of the Ruach, nor how a baby's bones grow in the pregnant womb, so also you cannot comprehend the work of the Almighty, who created everything.
Ecc 11:6 At dawn plant your seed; until dusk, work with your hands as needed, for you know not which will prosper, whether dawn or dusk, or this or that, or whether they will both alike be good.
Ecc 11:7 Truly, the light is sweet, and it is a pleasant thing for the eyes to see the sun.
Ecc 11:8 If someone lives many years, let him be happy in all of them, but let him think about the coming days of darkness, for they will be many. Everything to come is vanishing vapor.
Ecc 11:9 Take joy, young man, in your youth, and let your heart be joyful in the days of your youth. Pursue the good desires of your heart, and whatever is within the sight of your eyes. However, know that the Almighty will bring you into judgment for all these things.
Ecc 11:10 Drive anger away from your heart and ignore any pain in your body, because youth and its strength are vapor.

Ecclesiastes Chapter 12

Ecc 12:1 Also, call to mind your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of difficulty come, and before the years arrive when you say, “I have no pleasure in them,”
Ecc 12:2 do this before the light of the sun, the moon, and the stars grows dark, and dark clouds return after the rain.
Ecc 12:3 That will be the time when the palace guard tremble, and strong men are bent over, and the women who grind cease, because they are few, and those who look out of windows no longer see clearly.
Ecc 12:4 That will be the time when the doors are shut in the street, and the sound of grinding stops, when men are startled at the voice of a bird, and the singing of girls’ voices fades away.
Ecc 12:5 That will be the time when men become afraid of heights and of dangers along the road, and when the almond tree blossoms, and when grasshoppers drag themselves along, and when natural desires fail. Then man goes to his eternal home, and the mourners go down the streets.
Ecc 12:6 Call to mind your Creator before the silver cord is cut, or the golden bowl is crushed, or the pitcher is shattered at the spring, or the water wheel is broken at the well,
Ecc 12:7 before the dust returns to the earth where it came from, and the spirit returns to the Almighty who gave it.
Ecc 12:8 “A mist of vapor,” says the Teacher, “everything is vanishing vapor.”
Ecc 12:9 The Teacher was wise, and he taught the people knowledge. He studied, contemplated, and set in order many proverbs.
Ecc 12:10 The Teacher sought to write using vivid, upright words of truth.
Ecc 12:11 The words of wise people are like goads. Like nails driven deeply are the words of the masters in collections of their proverbs, which are taught by one shepherd.
Ecc 12:12 My son, be aware of something more: The endless publishing of many books and much study brings weariness to the body.
Ecc 12:13 The end of the matter after everything has been heard, is that you must fear the Almighty and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of mankind.
Ecc 12:14 For the Almighty will bring every deed into judgment, along with every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.

Book of Song of Solomon

Song of Solomon Chapter 1

Son 1:1 The Song of Songs, which is Solomon’s.
Son 1:2 The young woman speaking to her lover: Oh, that you would kiss me with the kisses of your mouth, for your love is better than wine.
Son 1:3 Your anointing oils have a delightful fragrance; your name is like flowing perfume, so the virgin women love you.
Son 1:4 Take me with you, and we will run. The woman speaking to herself: The king has brought me into his rooms. The woman speaking to her lover: I am glad; I rejoice about you; let me celebrate your love; it is better than wine. It is natural for the other women to adore you.
Son 1:5 The woman speaking to the other women: I am Black but lovely, you daughters of Jerusalem’s men, dark like the tents of Kedar, lovely like the curtains of Solomon.
Son 1:6 Do not stare at me because I am Black, because the sun has scorched me. My mother’s sons were angry with me; they made me keeper of the vineyards, but my own vineyard I have not kept.
Son 1:7 The woman asking her lover: Tell me, you whom I love, where do you feed your flock? Where do you rest your flock at noontime? Why should I be like someone who wanders beside the flocks of your companions?
Son 1:8 Her lover answering her: If you do not know, most beautiful among women, follow the tracks of my flock, and pasture your young goats near the shepherds’ tents.
Son 1:9 I compare you, my love, to a mare among Pharaoh’s chariot horses.
Son 1:10 Your cheeks are beautiful with ornaments, your neck with strings of jewels.
Son 1:11 I will make for you gold ornaments with silver studs.
Son 1:12 The woman speaking to herself: While the king lay on his couch, my nard emitted its fragrance.
Son 1:13 My beloved is to me like a sachet of myrrh that spends the night lying between my breasts.
Son 1:14 My beloved is to me like a cluster of henna flowers in the vineyards of Engedi.
Son 1:15 Her lover speaking to her: See, you are beautiful, my love; see, you are beautiful; your eyes are like doves.

Son 1:16 The woman speaking to her lover: See, you are handsome, my beloved, how handsome. The lush plants serve as our bed.
Son 1:17 The beams of our house are cedar tree branches, and our rafters are fir branches.

Song of Solomon Chapter 2

Son 2:1 The woman speaking to her lover: I am just a flower in a plain, just a lily in a valley.
Son 2:2 The man speaking to her: As a lily is among thorns, so are you, my love, among the daughters of my countrymen.
Son 2:3 The woman speaking to herself: As an apricot tree is among the trees of the forest, so is my beloved among the young men. I sit down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit is sweet to my taste.
Son 2:4 He brought me to the banqueting hall, and his banner over me was love.
Son 2:5 The woman speaking to her lover: Revive me with raisin cakes and refresh me with apricots, for I am weak with love.
Son 2:6 The woman speaking to herself: His left hand is under my head, and his right hand embraces me.
Son 2:7 The woman speaking to the other women: I want you to promise, daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles and the does of the fields, that you will not interrupt our lovemaking until it is over.
Son 2:8 The woman speaking to herself: There is the sound of my beloved! Oh, here he comes, leaping over the mountains, jumping over the hills.
Son 2:9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag; look, he is standing behind our wall, gazing through the window, peering through the lattice.
Son 2:10 My beloved spoke to me, “Arise, my love; my beautiful one, come away with me.
Son 2:11 Look, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone.
Son 2:12 The flowers have appeared in the land; the time for pruning and the singing of birds has come, and the sound of the doves is heard in our land.
Son 2:13 The fig tree ripens her green figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give off their fragrance. Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away.
Son 2:14 My dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the secret clefts of the mountain crags, let me see your face. Let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.”
Son 2:15 The woman speaking to herself: Catch the jackals for us, the little jackals that spoil vineyards, for our vineyard is in blossom.
Son 2:16 My beloved is mine, and I am his; he grazes among the lilies with pleasure.
Son 2:17 The woman speaking to her lover: Go away, my beloved, before the soft winds of dawn blow, and the shadows flee away. Go away; be like a gazelle or a young stag on the rugged mountains.

Song of Solomon Chapter 3

Son 3:1 The woman speaking to herself: At night on my bed I was longing for the one I love; I looked for him, but I could not find him.
Son 3:2 I said to myself, “I will get up and go through the city, through the streets and squares; I will search for my beloved.” I searched for him, but I did not find him.
Son 3:3 The watchmen found me as they were making their rounds in the city. I asked them, “Have you seen my beloved?”
Son 3:4 It was only a little while after I had passed them that I found the one whom my soul loves. I held him and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother’s house, into the bedroom of the one who had conceived me.
Son 3:5 The woman speaking to the other women: I want you to swear, daughters of Jerusalem’s men, by the gazelles and the does of the fields, that you will not interrupt our lovemaking, until it is over.
Son 3:6 The young woman speaking to herself: What is that coming up from the wilderness like a column of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all the powders sold by merchants?
Son 3:7 Look, it is the bed of Solomon; sixty warriors surround it, sixty soldiers of Israel.
Son 3:8 They are expert with the sword and are skilled in warfare. Every man has his sword at his side, armed against the terrors of the night.
Son 3:9 King Solomon made himself a sedan chair of the wood from Lebanon.
Son 3:10 Its posts were made of silver; the back was made of gold, and the seat of purple cloth. Its interior was decorated with love by the daughters of Jerusalem’s men.
Son 3:11 The young woman speaking to the women of Jerusalem: Go out, daughters of Zion’s men, and gaze on King Solomon, bearing the crown with which his mother crowned him on his wedding day, on that happy day of his life.

Song of Solomon Chapter 4

Son 4:1 The woman's lover speaking to her: Oh, you are beautiful, my love; you are beautiful. Your eyes are doves behind your veil. Your hair is like a flock of goats going down from Mount Gilead.
Son 4:2 Your teeth are like a flock of newly shorn ewes, coming up from the washing place. Each one has a twin, and none among them is bereaved.
Son 4:3 Your lips are like a thread of scarlet; your mouth is lovely. Your cheeks are like pomegranate halves behind your veil.
Son 4:4 Your neck is like the tower of David built in rows of stone, with a thousand shields hanging on it, all the shields of soldiers.
Son 4:5 Your two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle, grazing among the lilies.
Son 4:6 Until the dawn arrives, and the shadows flee away, I will go to the mountain of myrrh and to the hill of frankincense.
Son 4:7 You are beautiful in every way, my love, and there is no blemish in you.
Son 4:8 Come with me from Lebanon, my bride. Come with me from Lebanon; come from the top of Amana, from the top of Senir and Hermon, from lions' dens, from mountain dens of leopards.
Son 4:9 You have stolen my heart, my sister, my bride; you have stolen my heart, with just one look at me, with just one jewel of your necklace.
Son 4:10 How beautiful is your love, my sister, my bride! How much better is your love than wine, and the fragrance of your perfume than any spice.
Son 4:11 Your lips, my bride, drip honey; honey and milk are under your tongue; the fragrance of your garments is like the fragrance of Lebanon.
Son 4:12 My sister, my bride is a garden locked up, a garden locked up, a spring that is sealed.
Son 4:13 Your branches are a grove of pomegranate trees with choice fruits, and of henna and nard plants,
Son 4:14 spikenard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon with all kinds of spices, myrrh and aloes with all the finest spices.
Son 4:15 You are a garden spring, a well of fresh water, streams flowing down from Lebanon.
Son 4:16 The young woman speaking to her lover: Awake, north wind; come, south wind; blow on my garden, so that its spices may give off their fragrance. May my beloved come into his garden and eat some of its choice fruit.

Song of Solomon Chapter 5

Son 5:1 The woman's lover speaking to her: I have come into my garden, my sister, my bride; I have gathered my myrrh with my spice (balsam). I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk. The friends speaking to the lovers: Eat, friends; drink and be drunk with love.
Son 5:2 The young woman speaking to herself: I was asleep, but my heart was awake in a dream. There is the sound of my beloved knocking and saying, "Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled one, for my head is wet with dew, my hair with the night's dampness."
Son 5:3 "I have taken off my robe; must I put it on again? I have washed my feet; must I get them dirty?"
Son 5:4 My beloved put in his hand through the opening of the door latch, and my heart was stirred up for him.
Son 5:5 I rose up to open the door for my beloved; my hands were dripping with myrrh, my fingers with moist myrrh, on the door handle.
Son 5:6 I opened the door for my beloved, but my beloved had turned and gone. My heart sank; I became despondent. I looked for him, but I did not find him; I called him, but he did not answer me.
Son 5:7 The watchmen who went about the city found me; they struck me and wounded me; the guards on the walls took away my cloak from me.
Son 5:8 The young woman speaking to the women of the city: I want you to promise, daughters of Jerusalem, that if you find my beloved, tell him I am sick because of my love for him.
Son 5:9 The women of the city speaking to the young woman: How is your beloved better than another beloved man, you who are beautiful among women? Why is your beloved better than another beloved, that you ask us to take an oath like this?
Son 5:10 The young woman speaking to the women of the city: My beloved is radiant and ruddy, outstanding among ten thousand.
Son 5:11 His head is the purest gold; his hair is curly and as black as a raven.
Son 5:12 His eyes are like doves beside streams of water, washed in milk, mounted like jewels.
Son 5:13 His cheeks are like beds of spices, yielding aromatic scents. His lips are lilies, dripping myrrh.
Son 5:14 His hands are rounded gold set with jewels; his abdomen is ivory covered with sapphires.
Son 5:15 His legs are pillars of marble, set on bases of pure gold; his appearance is like Lebanon, choice as the cedars.

Son 5:16 His mouth is most sweet; he is completely lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, daughters of Jerusalem.

Song of Solomon Chapter 6

Son 6:1 The women of Jerusalem speaking to the young woman: Where has your beloved gone, most beautiful among women? In what direction has your beloved gone, so that we may seek him with you?
Son 6:2 The young woman speaking to herself: My beloved has gone down to his garden, to the beds of spices, to graze in the garden and to gather lilies.
Son 6:3 I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine; he grazes among the lilies with pleasure.
Son 6:4 The woman's lover speaking to her: You are as beautiful as Tirzah, my love, as lovely as Jerusalem, as awe-inspiring as a military force with its banners.
Son 6:5 Turn your eyes away from me, for they overwhelm me. Your hair is like a flock of goats going down from the slopes of Mount Gilead.
Son 6:6 Your teeth are like a flock of ewes coming up from the washing place. Each one has a twin, and none among them is bereaved.
Son 6:7 Your cheeks are like pomegranate halves behind your veil.
Son 6:8 The woman's lover speaking to himself: There are sixty queens, eighty concubines, and virgin women without number.
Son 6:9 My dove, my undefiled, is the only one; she is the special daughter of her mother; she is the favorite one of the woman who bore her. The daughters of my countrymen saw her and called her blessed; the queens and the concubines saw her also, and they praised her!
Son 6:10 What the queens and the concubines asked, "Who is this who appears like the dawn, as beautiful as the full moon, as bright as the sun, as awe-inspiring as a military force with its banners?"
Son 6:11 The woman's lover speaking to himself: I went down into the grove of nut trees to see the young growth in the valley, to see whether the vines had budded, and whether the pomegranates were in bloom.
Son 6:12 I was so happy, that I felt I was riding in the chariot of a prince.
Son 6:13 The woman's lover speaking to her: Turn back, turn back, you perfect woman; turn back, turn back, so that I may gaze on you. The young woman asking her lover: Why do you gaze on me, the perfect woman, as if I were dancing between two rows of dancers?

Song of Solomon Chapter 7

Son 7:1 The woman’s lover speaking to her: How beautiful your feet appear in your sandals, prince’s daughter! The curves of your thighs are like jewels, the work of the hands of a master craftsman.
Son 7:2 Your navel is like a round bowl; may it never lack mixed wine. Your belly is like a mound of wheat encircled with lilies.
Son 7:3 Your two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle.
Son 7:4 Your neck is like a tower of ivory; your eyes like the pools in Heshbon by the gate of Bath Rabbim. Your nose is like the tower in Lebanon that looks toward Damascus.
Son 7:5 Your head on you is like Carmel; the hair on your head is dark purple. The king is held captive by its tresses.
Son 7:6 How beautiful and lovely you are, beloved one, with your delights!
Son 7:7 Your height is like that of a date palm tree and your breasts like clusters of fruit.
Son 7:8 I thought, “I want to climb that palm tree; I will take hold of its branches.” May your breasts be like clusters of grapes, and may the fragrance of your nose be like apricots.
Son 7:9 May your mouth be like the best wine, flowing smoothly to my beloved, gliding over our lips and teeth.
Son 7:10 The young woman speaking to her lover: I am my beloved’s, and he desires me.
Son 7:11 Come, my beloved, let us go out into the countryside; let us spend the night in the villages.
Son 7:12 Let us rise early to go to the vineyards; let us see whether the vines have budded, whether their blossoms have opened, and whether the pomegranates are in flower. There I will give you my love.
Son 7:13 The mandrakes give off their fragrance; at the door where we are staying are all sorts of choice fruits, new and old, that I have stored up for you, my beloved.

Song of Solomon Chapter 8

Son 8:1 The young woman speaking to her lover: I wish that you were like my brother, who nursed at my mother's breasts. Then whenever I met you outside, I could kiss you, and no one would despise me.
Son 8:2 I would lead you and bring you into my mother's house, and you would teach me. I would give you spiced wine to drink and some of the juice of my pomegranates (Isa. 5:22).
Son 8:3 The young woman speaking to herself: His left hand is under my head and his right hand embraces me.
Son 8:4 The woman speaking to the other women: I want you to swear, daughters of Jerusalem's men, that you will not interrupt our lovemaking until it is over.
Son 8:5 The women of Jerusalem asking: Who is this who is coming up from the wilderness, leaning on her beloved? The young woman speaking to her lover: I awakened you under the apricot tree; there your mother conceived you; there she gave birth to you, she delivered you.
Son 8:6 Set me as a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm, for love is as strong as death. Passionate devotion is as unrelenting as the place of the dead; its flames burst out; it is a blazing flame, a flame hotter than any other flame.
Son 8:7 Surging waters cannot quench love, nor can floods sweep it away. If a man gave all the possessions in his house for love, the offer would utterly be despised.
Son 8:8 The young woman's brothers speaking among themselves: We have a little sister, and her breasts have not yet grown. What can we do for our sister on the day when she will be promised in marriage?
Son 8:9 If she is a wall, we will build on her a tower of silver. If she is a door, we will adorn her with boards of cedar.
Son 8:10 The young woman speaking to herself: I was a wall, but my breasts are now like fortress towers; so I am completely mature in his eyes.
Son 8:11 Solomon had a vineyard at Baal Hamon. He leased the vineyard to those who would maintain it. Each one was to bring 1,000-weight silver-currency for its fruit.
Son 8:12 My vineyard is my own; 1,000-weight silver-currency belongs to you, my dear Solomon, and 200-weight silver-currency is for those who maintain it for its fruit.
Son 8:13 The woman's lover speaking to her: You who live in the gardens, my companions are listening for your voice; let me be the one to hear it as well.
Son 8:14 The young woman speaking to her lover: Hurry, my beloved, and be like a gazelle or a young stag on the mountains of spices.

Book of Isaiah

Isaiah Chapter 1

Isa 1:1 The vision of Isaiah (Yeshayahu) son of Amoz, that he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.
Isa 1:2 Hear, heavens, and give ear, earth; for Yehowah has spoken: “I have nourished and brought up children, but they have rebelled against me.
Isa 1:3 The ox knows his owner, and the jack donkey his master’s feeding trough, but Israel does not know, Israel does not understand.”
Isa 1:4 Woe! Israeli nation, sinners, a people weighed down with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, sons who act corruptly! They have abandoned Yehowah, they have despised the Set-apart One of Israel, they have estranged themselves from him.
Isa 1:5 Why are you still being beaten? Why do you rebel more and more? The whole head is sick, the whole heart is weak.
Isa 1:6 From the sole of the foot to the head there is no part unharmed; only wounds, bruises, and fresh open wounds; they have not been closed, cleansed, bandaged, nor treated with oil.
Isa 1:7 Your country is ruined; your cities are burned; your fields in your presence, foreigners are destroying them, abandoned devastation, overthrown by foreigners.
Isa 1:8 The daughter of Zion is left like a hut in a vineyard, like a shed in a garden of cucumbers, like a besieged city.
Isa 1:9 If Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces had not left for us a small remnant, we would have been like Sodom, we would have been like Gomorrah.
Isa 1:10 Hear the Word of Yehowah, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the law of our Divine One, you people of Gomorrah:
Isa 1:11 “What is the multitude of your sacrifices to me?” asks Yehowah. “I have had enough of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fatted cattle; and in the blood of bulls, lambs, or goats, I do not delight.
Isa 1:12 When you come to appear before me, who has required this of you, to trample my courts?
Isa 1:13 Bring no more meaningless offerings; incense is an abomination to me; your beginning of the month and Sabbath assemblies, I cannot tolerate these wicked assemblies.

Isa 1:14 I hate your beginning of the month celebrations and your appointment calendar festivals; they are a burden to me; I am tired of enduring them.
Isa 1:15 So when you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even though you offer many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.
Isa 1:16 Wash, cleanse yourselves; remove the evil of your deeds from my sight; stop being evil;
Isa 1:17 learn to do good; seek justice, help the oppressed, give justice to the fatherless, defend the widow."
Isa 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together," declares Yehowah. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be white like snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool.
Isa 1:19 If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good of the land,
Isa 1:20 but if you refuse and rebel, the sword will devour you," for the mouth of Yehowah has spoken it.
Isa 1:21 How the faithful city has become a prostitute! She who was full of justice, she was full of righteousness, but now she is full of murderers.
Isa 1:22 Your silver has become impure, your wine mixed with water.
Isa 1:23 Your princes are rebels and companions of thieves; everyone loves bribes and runs after payoffs. They do not defend the fatherless, nor does the widow's legal plea come before them.
Isa 1:24 "Therefore," declares Lord Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Strong One of Israel: "Woe to them! I will take vengeance against my adversaries, and avenge myself against my enemies;
Isa 1:25 I will turn my hand against you, refine away your dross as with lye, and take away all your dross.
Isa 1:26 I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning; after that, you will be called the city of righteousness, a faithful town."
Isa 1:27 Zion will be redeemed by justice, and her repentant ones by righteousness.
Isa 1:28 Rebels and sinners will be crushed together, and those who abandon Yehowah will be done away with.
Isa 1:29 "For you will be ashamed of the consecrated oak trees that you desired, and you will be embarrassed by the gardens that you have chosen.
Isa 1:30 For you will be like an oak whose leaf fades, and like a garden that has no water.
Isa 1:31 The strong man will be like tinder and his work like a spark; they will both burn together, and no one will extinguish them."

Isaiah Chapter 2

Isa 2:1 The things that Isaiah son of Amoz perceived in a vision, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
Isa 2:2 It will be in the last days, that the Mountain of Yehowah, his temple, will be established as the highest of the mountains, and it will be raised up above the hills, and all the ethnicities will flow to it.
Isa 2:3 Many people will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the Mountain of Yehowah, to the temple of the Mighty One of Jacob, so he may teach us his Ways, and we may walk in his Paths.” For out of Zion will go the law, and the Word of Yehowah from Jerusalem.
Isa 2:4 He will judge between the ethnicities and will render decisions for many people; they will hammer their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning knives; ethnicity will not lift up sword against ethnicity, nor will they train for war any longer (Micah 4:3).
Isa 2:5 House of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of Yehowah.
Isa 2:6 For you have abandoned your people, the house of Jacob, because they are filled with customs from the East and are omen readers like the Philistines, and they shake hands with sons of foreigners.
Isa 2:7 Their land is full of silver and gold, and there is no limit to their wealth; their land also is full of horses, nor is there limit to their chariots.
Isa 2:8 Their land also is full of idols; they worship the craftsmanship of their own hands, things that their own fingers have made.
Isa 2:9 The people will be bowed down, and individuals will fall down; therefore do not raise them up.
Isa 2:10 Go into the rocky places and hide in the ground from the terror of Yehowah and from the glory of his majesty.
Isa 2:11 The lofty gaze of man will be brought low, and the pride of men will be brought down, and Yehowah alone will be exalted on that Day.
Isa 2:12 For there will be a Day of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces against everyone who is proud and raised up, and against everyone who is arrogant, and he will be brought down,
Isa 2:13 and against all the cedars of Lebanon that are high and lifted up, and against all the oaks of Bashan.
Isa 2:14 That Day of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces will be against all the high mountains, and against all the hills that are lifted up,
Isa 2:15 against every high tower, against every impregnable wall,
Isa 2:16 against all the ships of Tarshish, and against all beautiful sailing vessels.

Isa 2:17 The pride of mankind will be brought low, and the haughtiness of men will fall; Yehowah alone will be exalted on that Day.
Isa 2:18 The idols will completely pass away.
Isa 2:19 Men will go into the caves of the rocks and holes of the ground, from the terror of Yehowah, and from the glory of his majesty, when he rises to terrify the earth (Heb. 11:38).
Isa 2:20 On that Day, people will throw away their idols of silver and of gold that they have made for themselves to worship, they will throw them away to the moles and bats.
Isa 2:21 The people will go into the crevices in the rocks and into the clefts of the ragged rocks, from the terror of Yehowah and from the glory of his majesty, when he rises to terrify the earth (Rev. 6:15-17).
Isa 2:22 Stop trusting in mankind, whose life-breath is in his nostrils, for what does he amount to?

Isaiah Chapter 3

Isa 3:1 See, Lord Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces is about to take away from Jerusalem and from Judah support and trekking pole: the whole supply of bread and the whole supply of water;
Isa 3:2 the mighty man, the warrior, the judge, the prophet, the omen reader, the elder;
Isa 3:3 the captain of fifty, the respected citizen, the counselor, the expert craftsman, and the skillful enchanter.
Isa 3:4 “I will place mere youths as their leaders, and the young will rule over them.
Isa 3:5 The people will be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbor; the child will insult the elderly, and the degraded will challenge the honorable.
Isa 3:6 A man will even take hold of his brother in his father’s house and say, ‘You have a coat; be our ruler, and let this ruin be in your hands.’
Isa 3:7 On that day, he will shout, ‘I will not be a healer; I have no bread or clothing! You will not make me ruler of the people!’”
Isa 3:8 For Jerusalem has stumbled, and Judah has fallen, because their speech and their actions are against Yehowah, defying the eyes of his glory.
Isa 3:9 The look on their faces witnesses against them; and they tell of their sin like Sodom; they do not hide it. Woe to them! For they have completed a catastrophe for themselves.
Isa 3:10 Tell the righteous person that it will be well, for they will eat the fruit of their deeds.
Isa 3:11 Woe to the wicked! It will go badly for him, for the recompense of his hands will be done to him.
Isa 3:12 My people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. My people, those who guide you lead you astray and confuse the direction of your Path.
Isa 3:13 Yehowah stands up for an accusation; he is standing to accuse the people.
Isa 3:14 Yehowah will come with judgment against the elders of his people and their leaders: “You have ruined the vineyard; the plunder from the poor is in your houses.
Isa 3:15 Why do you crush my people and grind the faces of the poor?” declares Lord Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Isa 3:16 Yehowah declares that because the daughters of Zion are proud, walk along with their heads high, and flirt with their eyes, mincing along as they go and making a tinkling with their feet,

Isa 3:17 therefore, the Lord will form diseased scabs on the heads of the daughters of Zion, and Yehowah will uncover their private parts.
Isa 3:18 On that Day, the Lord will remove their beautiful ankle jewelry, woven head bands, the crescent ornaments,
Isa 3:19 the ear pendants, the bracelets, and the veils;
Isa 3:20 the headscarves, the ankle chains, the sashes, the perfume boxes, and the lucky charms.
Isa 3:21 He will remove the rings and the nose jewels;
Isa 3:22 the festive robes, the mantles, the veils, and the handbags;
Isa 3:23 the (bronze) hand mirrors, the fine linen, the head pieces, and the wraps.
Isa 3:24 Instead of sweet perfume, there will be stench; and instead of a sash, a rope; instead of well-arranged hair, baldness; and instead of a robe, a covering of sackcloth; and branding instead of beauty.
Isa 3:25 Your men will fall by the sword, and your strong men will fall in war.
Isa 3:26 Jerusalem's gates will lament and mourn; and she will be alone and sit upon the ground.

Isaiah Chapter 4

Isa 4:1 On that Day, seven women will take hold of one man and plead, “Our own food we will eat, our own clothing we will wear, but let us take your name to remove our shame.”
Isa 4:2 On that Day, the Branch of Yehowah will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land will be tasty and delightful for those survivors in Israel.
Isa 4:3 It will happen that the one who is left in Zion and the one who remains in Jerusalem will be called set apart, everyone who is written down as living in Jerusalem.
Isa 4:4 This will happen when the Lord will have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and will have cleansed the blood stains from Jerusalem’s midst, by means of the Ruach of judgment and the Ruach of flaming fire.
Isa 4:5 Then over the whole site of Mount Zion and over her place of assembly, Yehowah will create cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night; it will be a canopy over all the glory.
Isa 4:6 It will be a shelter for shade in the daytime from the heat, and a refuge and a cover from the storm and rain (Lev. 23:33-43).

Isaiah Chapter 5

Isa 5:1 Let me sing for my well beloved, a song of my beloved about his vineyard. My well beloved had a vineyard on a highly fertile hill.
Isa 5:2 He spaded it, removed the stones, and planted it with an excellent kind of vine. He built a tower in the middle of it and also built a winepress. He waited for it to produce grapes, but it only produced wild grapes.
Isa 5:3 So now, inhabitant of Jerusalem and man of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.
Isa 5:4 What more could have been done for my vineyard, that I have not done for it? When I looked for it to produce grapes, why did it produce wild grapes?
Isa 5:5 Now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will remove the hedge, I will turn it into a pasture, I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled down.
Isa 5:6 I will lay it waste, and it will not be pruned nor hoed. Instead, briers and thorns will spring up. I will also command the clouds not to rain on it.
Isa 5:7 For the vineyard of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces is the house of Israel, and the person of Judah his pleasant planting; he waited for justice, but instead, there was killing; for righteousness, but instead, a shout for help (John 15:1; Psa. 80:8, 14-17; Jer. 5:10).
Isa 5:8 Woe to those who join house to house, who join field to field, until no room remains, and you alone remain in the land!
Isa 5:9 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces told me, many houses will be empty, even great and impressive ones, without any inhabitant.
Isa 5:10 For a ten-yoke vineyard will yield only 20 liters of wine, and 220 liters of seed will yield only 22 liters of grain.
Isa 5:11 Woe to those who rise up at the crack of dawn to obtain beer, those who linger late into the night, until wine inflames them.
Isa 5:12 They banquet with harp, lute, tambourine, flute, and wine, but they do not recognize the work of Yehowah, nor have they considered the doings of his hands.
Isa 5:13 Therefore, my people have gone into captivity for lack of understanding; their honored leaders go hungry, and their common people have nothing to drink.
Isa 5:14 Therefore, the place of the dead has made its appetite greater and has opened its mouth extremely wide; their elite, the people, their leaders, and the revelers, and those who are happy among them, descend into the place of the dead.
Isa 5:15 Man will be forced to bend down, and mankind will be humbled; the eyes of the lofty will be cast down.

Isa 5:16 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces will be exalted in his justice, and Set-apart Almighty will show himself set apart by his righteousness.
Isa 5:17 Then the sheep will feed as in their own pasture, and in the ruins, lambs will graze as sojourners.
Isa 5:18 Woe to those who pull along iniquity with useless cords, and who pull along sin as if it were with a cart rope.
Isa 5:19 Woe to those who say, “Let Yehowah hurry, let him act quickly, so we can see it happen; and let the plans of the Set-apart One of Israel come, so that we may know them.”
Isa 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who represent darkness as light, and light as darkness; who represent bitter as sweet, and sweet as bitter!
Isa 5:21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own understanding!
Isa 5:22 Woe to those who are champions at drinking wine, and masters at mixing spices with fermented wine (Son. 8:2);
Isa 5:23 who acquit the wicked for payment, and deprive the innocent of his rights!
Isa 5:24 Therefore, as the tongue of fire devours stubble, and as the dry grass goes down in flame, so their root will rot, and their blossom will blow away like dust. This will happen, because they have rejected the Law of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, and because they have despised the word of the Set-apart One of Israel.
Isa 5:25 Therefore, the anger of Yehowah is kindled against his people. He has reached out with his hand against them and has punished them. The mountains tremble, and their corpses are like garbage in the streets. In all these things, his anger does not subside; instead, his hand is still stretched out.
Isa 5:26 He will lift up a signal flag for far away ethnicities and will whistle for those at the end of the earth. Look, they will come speedily and promptly.
Isa 5:27 None tire or stumble among them; none slumbers or sleeps. Nor are their belts loose, or the thongs of their sandals broken.
Isa 5:28 Their arrows are sharp, and all their bows are bent; their horses’ hooves are like flint, and their chariot wheels like storms.
Isa 5:29 Their roaring will be like a lion; they will roar like young lions. They will growl, seize the prey, and drag it away, with none to rescue.
Isa 5:30 On that Day, they will roar against the prey as the sea roars. If anyone looks over the land, he will see darkness and suffering; even the light will be made dark by the clouds.

Isaiah Chapter 6

Isa 6:1 In the year that king Uzziah died (c. 739 BC), I saw the Lord sitting on a throne; he was high and elevated, and the tassels of his robe filled the temple.
Isa 6:2 Above him were the seraphim; each one had six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.
Isa 6:3 Each one called to another, “Set apart, set apart, set apart, is Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces! The whole earth is full of his glory!”
Isa 6:4 The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voices of those who were crying out, and the temple was filled with smoke.
Isa 6:5 Then I exclaimed, “Woe is me! For I am doomed, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, because my eyes have seen King Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces!”
Isa 6:6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me; he had a glowing coal in his hand that he had taken with the tongs from off the altar.
Isa 6:7 He touched my mouth with it, and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt has been taken away, and your sin atoned for.”
Isa 6:8 I heard the voice of the Lord ask, “Whom should I send; who will go for us?” Then I answered, “Here I am; send me.”
Isa 6:9 He ordered, “Go and tell this people, ‘Listen, but do not understand; see, but do not perceive.’
Isa 6:10 Make the heart of this people insensitive, and their ears deaf, and blind their eyes. Otherwise, they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and then turn and be healed” (Mat. 13:15; Mark 4:12; John 12:39-41).
Isa 6:11 Then I asked, “Lord, how long?” He answered, “Until cities crash into ruins and are without inhabitants, and the houses are without people, and the land falls into a desolate waste,
Isa 6:12 and until Yehowah has sent the people far away, and the solitude of the land is great.
Isa 6:13 Even if a tenth of the people remain in it, it will again be destroyed; as a terebinth or an oak is cut down, and whose trunk remains, the set-apart seed is in its stump.”

Isaiah Chapter 7

Isa 7:1 During the days of Ahaz son of Jotham son of Uzziah, king of Judah, Rezin the king of Aram, and Pekah son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to war against it, but they could not prevail against it.
Isa 7:2 It was reported to the House of David that Aram was allied with Ephraim. His heart trembled, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the forest shake in the wind.
Isa 7:3 Then Yehowah ordered Isaiah, "Go out with your son Shear Jashub to meet Ahaz at the end of the conduit of the upper pool (John 5:2), on the road to Launderer's Field.
Isa 7:4 Tell him, 'Be careful, remain calm, do not be afraid or intimidated by these two smoldering firebrands, by the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram, and of Pekah son of Remaliah.
Isa 7:5 Aram, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah have planned evil against you; they have said,
Isa 7:6 "Let us attack Judah and terrify her, and let us break into her and set up our king there, the son of Tabeel."
Isa 7:7 Lord Yehowah declares, "It will not take place; it will not happen,
Isa 7:8 because the head of Aram is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin. Within sixty-five years, Ephraim will be shattered and will no longer be a people.
Isa 7:9 The head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If you do not remain firm in faith, surely you will not remain secure."""
Isa 7:10 Yehowah spoke again to Ahaz,
Isa 7:11 "Ask a sign of Yehowah your Divine One; ask for it in the depths or in the height above."
Isa 7:12 But Ahaz responded, "I will not ask, nor will I test Yehowah."
Isa 7:13 So Isaiah replied, "Listen, House of David. Is it not enough for you people to test the patience of people? Must you also test the patience of my Divine One?
Isa 7:14 Therefore, the Lord himself will give you people a sign: See, the virgin will conceive, bear a Son, and will call his name Immanuel (Mat. 1:23; Isa. 9:6).
Isa 7:15 He will eat curds and honey when he knows to refuse the evil and choose the good.
Isa 7:16 For before the child knows to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be desolate.
Isa 7:17 Yehowah will bring on you, on your people, and on your father's house, days unlike any since Ephraim seceded from Judah; he will bring on you the king of Assyria."

Isa 7:18 At that time, Yehowah will whistle for a fly from the distant streams of Egypt, and for a bee from the land of Assyria.
Isa 7:19 They will all come and settle down into all the gorges, into the clefts of the rocks, on all the thorn bushes, and onto all the pastures.
Isa 7:20 At that time, the Lord will shave with a razor that was hired beyond the Euphrates River, the king of Assyria, the head and the hair of the legs; it will also sweep away the beard.
Isa 7:21 On that day, a man will keep alive a young cow and two sheep,
Isa 7:22 and because of the abundance of milk which they will give, he will eat curds, for everyone left in the land will eat curds and honey.
Isa 7:23 At that time, where there were a thousand vines worth 1,000-weight silver-currency, there will be nothing but briers and thorns.
Isa 7:24 Men will go there to hunt with bows, because all the land will be briers and thorns.
Isa 7:25 They will stay away from all the hills that were cultivated with the hoe, for fear of the briers and thorns; but it will be a place where cattle and sheep graze.

Isaiah Chapter 8

Isa 8:1 Yehowah ordered me, “Take a large tablet and write on it with a human pen, ‘Maher Shalal Hash Baz.’
Isa 8:2 I will summon faithful witnesses to attest for me, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah son of Jeberekiah (Yeberekyahu).”
Isa 8:3 I went and made love to the prophetess, she conceived, and bore a son. Then Yehowah ordered me, “Call his name ‘Maher Shalal Hash Baz.’
Isa 8:4 For before the child knows to cry, ‘My father,’ and, ‘My mother,’ the riches of Damascus and the plunder of Samaria will be carried away by the king of Assyria.”
Isa 8:5 Yehowah spoke to me again,
Isa 8:6 “Because these people have refused the gentle waters of Shiloah (Siloam Tunnel), and are happy over Rezin and Remaliah’s son,
Isa 8:7 therefore, the Lord is about to bring up on them the waters of the (Euphrates) River, mighty and many, the king of Assyria and all his glory. It will come up over all its channels and overflow its banks.
Isa 8:8 The River will sweep onward into Judah, flooding and passing on, until it reaches to your neck. Its outstretched wings will fill the breadth of your land, Immanuel.”
Isa 8:9 You people will be broken to pieces. Listen, all you distant countries: Arm yourselves for war and be broken in pieces; arm yourselves and be broken in pieces.
Isa 8:10 Form a plan, but it will not be carried out; issue the command, but it will not be carried out, for the Almighty is with us.
Isa 8:11 Yehowah spoke to me, with his strong hand upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people.
Isa 8:12 Do not call conspiracy anything that this people calls conspiracy, you will not fear what they fear and do not be terrified.
Isa 8:13 It is Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces whom you will honor as consecrated; he is the One you must fear, and he is the One you must dread.
Isa 8:14 He will become a sanctuary; but he will be a Stone of striking, and a Rock of stumbling, for both the houses of Israel, and he will be a trap and a snare to the people of Jerusalem (Rom. 9:33; Isa. 28:16).
Isa 8:15 Many will stumble over it, fall, and be broken, and they will draw close, be ensnared, and captured.
Isa 8:16 Bind up my testimony, seal the law, and give it to my disciples.
Isa 8:17 I will wait for Yehowah, who hides his face from the house of Jacob; I will wait for him.

Isa 8:18 See, I and the sons whom Yehowah has given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, who lives on Mount Zion.
Isa 8:19 They will say to you, “Consult with the necromancers and wizards,” those who chirp and mutter to conjure up dead spirits. But should a people not consult their Divine One? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living?
Isa 8:20 To the law and to the testimony! If they do not say such things, it is because they have no dawning light of truth in them.
Isa 8:21 They will pass through the land greatly distressed and hungry. When they are hungry, they will become angry and curse their king and their Divine One, as they turn their faces upward.
Isa 8:22 They will look at the earth and see distress, darkness, and oppressive gloom. They will be driven into a land of darkness.

Isaiah Chapter 9

Isa 9:1 The gloom will be dispelled from her who was in anguish. In an earlier time, he humiliated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the later time, he will make it glorious, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan River, Galilee of the ethnicities.
Isa 9:2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great Light; those who have lived in the land of the shadow of death, the Light has shone on them (Mat. 4:15-16).
Isa 9:3 You have multiplied the joy; you have increased the rejoicing. They rejoice before you like the joy at harvest time, as men rejoice when they divide the plunder.
Isa 9:4 For the yoke of his burden, the beam across his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have shattered as on the day of Midian.
Isa 9:5 For every boot treading in the tumult, and the garments rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for the fire.
Isa 9:6 For to us a Child has been born, to us a Son has been given (John 3:16; Isa. 7:14); and the rule will be on his shoulder; and his name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Powerful Almighty, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.
Isa 9:7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, as he rules on the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it and sustain it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces will do this.
Isa 9:8 The Lord sent a word against Jacob, and it fell on Israel.
Isa 9:9 All the people will know, even Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, who say in pride and with an arrogant heart,
Isa 9:10 “The bricks have fallen, but we will rebuild with chiseled stone; the sycamores have been cut down, but we will put cedars in their place.”
Isa 9:11 Therefore, Yehowah will raise up against him Rezin, his adversary, and will stir up his enemies,
Isa 9:12 the Arameans on the east, and the Philistines on the west. They will devour Israel with open mouth. In all these things, his anger does not subside; instead, his hand is still stretched out.
Isa 9:13 Yet the people will not turn to him who struck them, nor will they seek Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Isa 9:14 Therefore, Yehowah will cut off from Israel head and tail, palm branch and reed, in one day.
Isa 9:15 The leader and the noble man are the head; and the prophet that teaches lies is the tail.

Isa 9:16 Those who lead this people lead them astray, and those who are led by them are swallowed up.
Isa 9:17 Therefore, the Lord will not rejoice over their young men, nor will he have compassion on their fatherless and widows, since every one is a hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaks foolish things. In all these things, his anger does not subside; instead, his hand is still stretched out.
Isa 9:18 Wickedness burns like a fire; it devours the briers and thorns; it even burns the thickets of the forest, which rise in a column of smoke.
Isa 9:19 Through the fury of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces the land is scorched, and the people are like fuel for the fire. No man spares his brother.
Isa 9:20 They will grab food on the right hand but still be hungry; they will eat food on the left hand but will not be satisfied. Each will even eat the flesh of his own arm.
Isa 9:21 Manasseh will devour Ephraim, and Ephraim, Manasseh; and they together will attack Judah. In all these things, his anger does not subside; instead, his hand is still stretched out.

Isaiah Chapter 10

Isa 10:1 Woe to those who enact unjust laws and write unfair decrees.
Isa 10:2 They deprive the needy of justice, rob the poor of my people of their rights, plunder widows, and make the fatherless their prey!
Isa 10:3 What will you do on Judgment Day, when the destruction comes from far away? To whom will you flee for help, and where will you leave your wealth?
Isa 10:4 Nothing remains, and you crouch among the prisoners or fall among the killed. In all these things, his anger does not subside; instead, his hand is still stretched out.
Isa 10:5 Woe to the Assyrian, the club of my anger, the rod by whom I wield my fury!
Isa 10:6 I send him against an arrogant nation and against the people who bear my overflowing wrath. I order him to take the spoil, to take the prey, and to trample them like mud in the streets.
Isa 10:7 But this is not what he intends, nor does he think this way. It is in his heart to destroy and eliminate many ethnicities.
Isa 10:8 For he asks, “Are not all my princes kings?
Isa 10:9 Is not (the Neo-Hittite City of) Calno (Calneh; Amos 6:2) like (Neo-Hittite City of) Carchemish? Is not (the Neo-Hittite City of) Hamath like Arpad (2 Sam. 8:9)? Is not Samaria like Damascus?
Isa 10:10 As my hand has overcome idolatrous kingdoms, whose carved figures were greater than those of Jerusalem and Samaria,
Isa 10:11 just as I did to Samaria and her worthless idols, will I not also do the same to Jerusalem and to her idols?”
Isa 10:12 When the Lord has finished his work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the speech of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria and his prideful looks.
Isa 10:13 For he boasts, “By my strength and by my wisdom I acted. I have understanding, and I have removed the boundaries of the people. I have stolen their treasures, and like a bull, I have brought down the inhabitants.
Isa 10:14 My hand has seized, as from a nest, the wealth of ethnicities, and as one gathers abandoned eggs, I gathered all the earth. None fluttered their wings or opened their mouth or chirped.”
Isa 10:15 Will the ax boast about itself against the one who wields it? Will the saw praise itself more than the one who cuts with it? It is as if a trekking pole could lift up those who raise it, or as if a wooden club could lift up a person.
Isa 10:16 Therefore, Lord Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces will send emaciation among his elite warriors; and under his glory there will be kindled a burning like fire.

Isa 10:17 The light of Israel will become a fire, and his Set-apart One a flame; it will burn and devour his thorns and briers in one day.
Isa 10:18 Yehowah will consume the glory of his forest and of his fruitful land, both soul and body; it will be like when a sick man's life wastes away.
Isa 10:19 The remnant of the trees of his forest will be so few, that a child could count them.
Isa 10:20 On that Day, the remnant of Israel, the family of Jacob that has escaped, will no longer rely on the one who defeated them but will indeed depend on Yehowah, the Set-apart One of Israel.
Isa 10:21 A remnant of Jacob will return to Powerful Almighty.
Isa 10:22 For though your people, Israel, are like the sand of the seashore, only a remnant of them will return (Acts 15:19). Destruction is decreed, as overflowing righteousness demands.
Isa 10:23 For Lord Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces is about to carry out the destruction determined throughout the land.
Isa 10:24 Therefore, Lord Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces declares, "My people who live in Zion, do not fear the Assyrian. He will strike you with the rod and raise his club against you, as the Egyptians did.
Isa 10:25 Do not fear him, for in a moment of time my anger against you will end, and my anger will lead to his destruction."
Isa 10:26 Then Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces will wield a whip against them, as when he defeated Midian at the rock of Oreb. He will raise his rod over the sea and lift it up as he did in Egypt.
Isa 10:27 On that Day, his burden is lifted from your shoulder and his yoke from off your neck, and the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing.
Isa 10:28 The enemy has come to Aiath and has passed through Migron; at Michmash he has stored his provisions.
Isa 10:29 They have crossed over the pass, and they lodge at Geba. Ramah trembles, and Gibeah of Saul has fled.
Isa 10:30 Cry aloud, daughter of Gallim! Give attention, Laishah! You poor Anathoth!
Isa 10:31 Madmenah is fleeing, and the inhabitants of Gebim run for safety.
Isa 10:32 This day, he will halt at Nob and shake his fist at the mountain of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem (2 Kings 19:35; Isa. 37:36-38; 2 Chron. 32:21).
Isa 10:33 Behold, Lord Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces will lop off the boughs with a terrifying crash; the tallest trees will be cut down, and the lofty will be brought low.
Isa 10:34 He will chop down the thickets of the forest with an ax, and Lebanon in his majesty will fall.

Isaiah Chapter 11

Isa 11:1 A Shoot will sprout from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch out of his roots will bear fruit.
Isa 11:2 The Ruach of Yehowah will rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of instruction and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Yehowah.
Isa 11:3 His delight will be the fear of Yehowah; he will not judge by what his eyes see, nor decide by what his ears hear.
Isa 11:4 Instead, he will judge the poor with righteousness and decide fairly for the humble of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
Isa 11:5 Righteousness will be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his hips.
Isa 11:6 The cheetah will live with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, the calf, the young lion, and stall-fed livestock will feed together. A little child will lead them.
Isa 11:7 The cow and the bear will graze together, and their young will lie down together. The lion will eat straw like the ox.
Isa 11:8 A baby will play over the hole of the snake, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den (Isa. 65:25; Hos. 2:18).
Isa 11:9 They will not hurt nor destroy on all my set-apart mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of Yehowah, as the waters cover the sea.
Isa 11:10 On that Day, the Root of Jesse will rise to rule over the people. The ethnicities will trust in him, and his resting place will be glorious.
Isa 11:11 On that Day, the Lord will again extend his hand to recover the remnant of his people who remain in Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and the islands of the sea.
Isa 11:12 He will set up a banner for the ethnicities and will gather the outcasts of Israel and the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.
Isa 11:13 He will turn aside the envy of Ephraim, and those hostile to Judah will be cut off. Ephraim will not envy Judah, and Judah will no longer be hostile to Ephraim.
Isa 11:14 Instead, they will swoop down on the Philistine hills on the west, and together they will plunder the people of the east. They will attack Edom and Moab, and the people of Ammon will obey them.
Isa 11:15 Yehowah will completely destroy the gulf of the Sea of Egypt. With his scorching wind he will wave his hand over the Euphrates River and will divide it into seven streams, so it can be crossed over in sandals.

Isa 11:16 There will be a highway for the remnant of his people that return from Assyria, as there was for Israel in their coming up from the land of Egypt.

Isaiah Chapter 12

Isa 12:1 On that Day, you will say, “I will give thanks to you, Yehowah. For though you were angry with me, your wrath has turned away, and you have comforted me.
Isa 12:2 See, the Almighty is my salvation; I will trust and will not fear, for Yah, Yehowah is my strength and song. He has become my salvation” (Exo. 15:2; Psa. 118:14).
Isa 12:3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation (John 4:14; 7:38).
Isa 12:4 On that Day, you will say, “Worship Yehowah and call his name out loud; declare his deeds among the people, proclaim his name sublime.
Isa 12:5 Sing to Yehowah, for he has done glorious things; let this be known throughout the earth.
Isa 12:6 Cry aloud and shout for joy, you inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Set-apart One of Israel!”

Isaiah Chapter 13

Isa 13:1 A declaration about Babylon, that Isaiah son of Amoz received:
Isa 13:2 On the bare mountain set up a signal flag, cry aloud to them, wave your hand for them to go into the gates of the nobles.
Isa 13:3 I have commanded my consecrated ones, yes, I have called my mighty men to execute my anger, even my proudly exulting ones.
Isa 13:4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, as of many people! The noise of a tumult of the kingdoms like many ethnicities gathered together! Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces is mustering the military force for the battle.
Isa 13:5 They come from a far country, from way over the horizon. It is Yehowah with his instruments of judgment, to destroy the whole land.
Isa 13:6 Howl, for the Day of Yehowah is near; it comes with destruction from the Most Powerful.
Isa 13:7 Therefore, all hands hang limp, and every heart melts.
Isa 13:8 They will be terrified; pain and agony will seize them, like a woman in labor. They will look in astonishment at one another; their faces will be aflame.
Isa 13:9 See, the Day of Yehowah comes with cruel wrath and overflowing anger, to make the land a desolation and to destroy the sinners from it.
Isa 13:10 The stars of heaven and the constellations will not give their light. The sun will be darkened even from dawn, and the moon will not shine.
Isa 13:11 I will punish the world for its evil and the wicked for their iniquity. I will put an end to the arrogance of the proud and will bring down the arrogance of the ruthless.
Isa 13:12 I will make men more rare than fine gold and mankind harder to find than the pure gold of Ophir.
Isa 13:13 Therefore, I will make the heavens tremble, and the earth will be shaken out of its orbit, by the fury of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, on the Day of his fierce anger.
Isa 13:14 Like a hunted gazelle or like a sheep with no shepherd, every man will turn toward his own people and will flee to his own land.
Isa 13:15 Every one who is found will be killed, and every one who is captured will die by the sword.
Isa 13:16 Their infants also will be dashed in pieces before their eyes. Their houses will be plundered and their wives raped.
Isa 13:17 Look, I am about to stir up the Medes to attack them, who will not be concerned about silver, nor do they delight in gold.
Isa 13:18 Their arrows will pierce the young men. They will have no pity on babies and will not spare children.

Isa 13:19 Then Babylon, the most admired of kingdoms, the splendor of Chaldean pride, will be overthrown by the Almighty like Sodom and Gomorrah.
Isa 13:20 It will not be inhabited or lived in from generation to generation. The Arab will not pitch his tent there, nor will shepherds have their flocks rest there.
Isa 13:21 But wild animals of the desert will lie there. Their houses will be full of owls; ostriches and wild goats will skip about there.
Isa 13:22 Hyenas will cry in their fortresses and jackals in the beautiful palaces. Her time is near, and her days will not be delayed.

Isaiah Chapter 14

Isa 14:1 Yehowah will have compassion on Jacob; he will again choose Israel and restore them into their own land. Sojourning foreigners will join with them and attach themselves to the house of Jacob.
Isa 14:2 The ethnicities will bring them to their own place. Then the house of Israel will take them in the land of Yehowah as male and female servants. They will take captive those who had captured them, and they will rule over their oppressors.
Isa 14:3 On the day that Yehowah gives you rest from your suffering and anguish, and from the hard labor which you were required to perform,
Isa 14:4 you will sing this taunting song against the king of Babylon, “How the oppressor has come to an end, the proud fury ended!
Isa 14:5 Yehowah has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of those rulers,
Isa 14:6 who struck the people in wrath with unceasing blows, who ruled the ethnicities in anger, with an attack that was unrestrained.
Isa 14:7 The whole earth is at rest and is quiet; they begin celebrating with singing.
Isa 14:8 Even the cypress trees rejoice over you with the cedars of Lebanon; they say, ‘Since you are laid low, no woodcutter comes up to cut us down.’
Isa 14:9 The place of the dead below is eager to meet you when you go there. It arouses the dead for you, all the kings of the earth, making them rise up from their thrones, all the kings of the ethnicities.
Isa 14:10 They all will speak to you, ‘You have become as weak as us. You have become like us.
Isa 14:11 Your pomp has been brought down to the place of the dead with the sound of your stringed instruments. Maggots are spread under you, and worms cover you.’
Isa 14:12 How you are fallen from Heaven, Daystar, son of the dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who conquered the ethnicities!
Isa 14:13 You had said in your heart, ‘I will ascend into Heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of the Almighty, and I will sit on the mount where they assemble for the appointment calendar festivals, in the far reaches of the north.
Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’
Isa 14:15 Yet you are now brought down to the place of the dead, to the depths of the pit.
Isa 14:16 Those who see you will gaze at you, and they will pay attention to you. They will ask, ‘Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms,

Isa 14:17 who made the globe like a wilderness, who overthrew its cities and did not let his prisoners go home?'
Isa 14:18 All the kings of the ethnicities, all of them lie down in honor, each one in his own tomb.
Isa 14:19 But you are cast out of your grave like a branch thrown away. The dead cover you like a garment, those pierced by the sword, who go down to the stones of the pit, as a carcass trampled under foot.
Isa 14:20 You will not join them in burial, because you have destroyed your land and killed your people. The offspring of evildoers will never be mentioned again."
Isa 14:21 Prepare your slaughter for his children, for the iniquity of their ancestors, so they will not rise up and possess the earth and fill the whole globe with cities.
Isa 14:22 "I will rise up against them," declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces. "I will cut off from Babylon name, descendant, and posterity," declares Yehowah.
Isa 14:23 "I will also make her into a possession of owls, and into pools of water, and I will sweep her with the broom of destruction," declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Isa 14:24 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces has sworn, "Surely, as I have intended, so it will come about; and as I have purposed, so it will be:
Isa 14:25 I will break the Assyrian in my land, and on my mountains trample him under foot. Then his yoke will be lifted from off them and his burden from off their shoulder."
Isa 14:26 This is the plan that is intended for the whole earth, and this is the hand that is raised over all the ethnicities.
Isa 14:27 For Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces has planned this; who will stop him? His hand is raised, and who will turn it back?
Isa 14:28 In the year (c. 724 BC) that king Ahaz died, this declaration came:
Isa 14:29 Do not rejoice, all you Philistines, that the rod that struck you is broken. For out of the serpent's root will grow out a viper, and his offspring will be a fiery flying serpent.
Isa 14:30 The firstborn of the poor will graze their sheep in my pastures, and the needy will lie down in safety. I will kill your root with famine that will put to death all your survivors.
Isa 14:31 Howl, gate; cry, city; all of you will melt away, Philistia. For out of the north comes a cloud of smoke, and there is no straggler in his ranks.
Isa 14:32 How then will one answer the messengers of that ethnicity? That Yehowah has founded Zion, and in her the afflicted of his people will find refuge.

Isaiah Chapter 15

Isa 15:1 A declaration about Moab. Indeed, in one night Ar of Moab is laid waste and destroyed; indeed, in one night Kir of Moab is laid waste and destroyed.
Isa 15:2 They have gone up to the temple, the people of Dibon went up to the heights to weep; Moab laments over Nebo and over Medeba. All their heads are shaved bare, and all their beards are cut off.
Isa 15:3 In their streets they wear sackcloth; on their housetops and in the square everyone wails, melting in tears.
Isa 15:4 Heshbon and Elealeh call out for help; their sound is heard as far as Jahaz. So the armed men of Moab call out for help; they tremble within themselves.
Isa 15:5 My heart cries out for Moab; her fugitives flee to Zoar and to Eglath Shelishiyah. They go up the ascent of Luhith weeping; on the road to Horonaim they loudly wail over their destruction.
Isa 15:6 The waters of Nimrim have dried up; the grass is withered away, and the new grass dies; nothing is green.
Isa 15:7 The abundance they have grown and stored they carry away over the brook of the poplars.
Isa 15:8 The cry has gone around the territory of Moab; the wailing as far as Eglaim and Beer Elim.
Isa 15:9 For the waters of Dimon are full of blood; but I will bring even more upon Dimon. A lion will attack those who escape from Moab and also those remaining in the land.

Isaiah Chapter 16

Isa 16:1 Send rams to the ruler of the land from Sela (Petra), in the wilderness, to the mount of the daughter of Zion.
Isa 16:2 As wandering birds, as a scattered nest, so the women of Moab are at the fords of the Arnon River.
Isa 16:3 “Give instruction, execute justice; provide some shade like night in the middle of the day; hide the fugitives; do not betray the fugitives.
Isa 16:4 Let them live among you, the refugees from Moab; be a hiding place for them from the destroyer.” For the oppression will stop, and destruction will cease, those who trample will disappear from the land.
Isa 16:5 A throne will be established in covenant faithfulness; and One from David’s tabernacle will faithfully sit there. He will judge as he seeks justice and does righteousness.
Isa 16:6 We have heard of Moab’s pride, his arrogance, his boasting, and his anger. But his boastings are empty words.
Isa 16:7 So Moab wails for Moab, they all wail! Mourn, you who are utterly destroyed, for the raisin cakes of Kir Hareseth.
Isa 16:8 The fields of Heshbon have dried up as well as the vines of Sibmah. The rulers of the ethnicities have trampled the choice vines that reached to Jazer and spread into the desert. Its shoots spread abroad; they went over to the sea.
Isa 16:9 Indeed, I will weep along with Jazer for the vineyard of Sibmah. I will water you with my tears, Heshbon, and Elealeh. For on your fields of summer fruit and harvest, I have ended the shouts of joy.
Isa 16:10 Gladness and joy are taken away from the fruit tree groves; and there is no singing or shouts in the vineyards. No one treads out wine in the presses, for I have put an end to the shouts of the one who treads.
Isa 16:11 So my heart sighs like a harp for Moab and my inward being for Kir Hareseth.
Isa 16:12 When Moab wears himself out on the high place and enters his temple to pray, his prayers will accomplish nothing.
Isa 16:13 This is the word that Yehowah spoke concerning Moab previously.
Isa 16:14 Again Yehowah prophesies, “Within three years, the glory of Moab will disappear; in spite of his many people, the remnant will be so few and insignificant.”

Isaiah Chapter 17

Isa 17:1 A declaration about Damascus: Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it will be a ruined heap.
Isa 17:2 The cities of Aroer will be abandoned. They will be places for flocks to lie down, and no one will frighten them.
Isa 17:3 Fortified cities will disappear from Ephraim, the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Aram, they will be like the glory of the people of Israel, declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Isa 17:4 It will come about on that day that the glory of Jacob will become thin, and the fatness of his flesh will become lean.
Isa 17:5 It will be as when a harvester gathers the standing grain, and his arm reaps the heads of grain. It will be as when one gleans heads of grain in the Valley of Giants.
Isa 17:6 Gleanings will be left, however, as when the olive tree is shaken: two or three olives in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the highest branches of a fruitful tree, declares Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel.
Isa 17:7 On that Day, men will look toward their Maker, and their eyes will look to the Set-apart One of Israel.
Isa 17:8 They will not look to the altars, the work of their hands, nor will they look to what their fingers have made, the Asherah poles or the sun-pillars.
Isa 17:9 On that Day, their strong cities will be like the abandoned wooded slopes on the hill summits, that were forsaken because of the people of Israel, and that will become a desolation.
Isa 17:10 For you have forgotten the Mighty One of your salvation and have ignored the Rock of your strength. So you plant pleasant plants and set out profane vine branches,
Isa 17:11 on the day you plant, hedge, and cultivate. Soon your seed will grow, but the harvest will fail on a day of grief and of desperate sorrow.
Isa 17:12 Woe! The uproar of many people, that roar like the roaring of the seas, and the rushing of ethnicities, that rush like the rushing of mighty waters!
Isa 17:13 The ethnicities will roar like the rushing of many waters, but Yehowah will rebuke them. They will flee far away and will be chased as the dead weeds on the mountains before the wind, and like weeds whirling before a storm.
Isa 17:14 At dusk, see, terror! Before dawn they will be gone! This is the portion of those who loot us, the lot of those who rob us.

Isaiah Chapter 18

Isa 18:1 Woe to the land of the rustling of wings, which is along the rivers of Cush;
Isa 18:2 who send ambassadors by the sea, in vessels of papyrus on the waters. Go, you swift messengers, to an ethnicity tall and smooth, to a people feared far and near, an ethnicity strong and trampling down, whose land the rivers divide.
Isa 18:3 All you inhabitants of the globe, and you who live on the earth, when a signal is lifted up on the mountains, look; and when the trumpet is blown, listen.
Isa 18:4 This is what Yehowah said to me, “I will quietly observe from my home, like the simmering heat in sunshine, like a cloud of mist in the heat of harvest.
Isa 18:5 Before the harvest, when the blossoming is over, and the flower is ripening into a grape, he will cut off the sprigs with pruning knives, and he will cut down and take away the spreading branches.
Isa 18:6 They will be left together for the birds of the mountains and for the animals of the earth. The birds will summer on them, and all the animals of the earth will winter on them.”
Isa 18:7 At that time, tribute will be brought to Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces from a people tall and smooth, from a people feared far and near, an ethnicity strong and trampling down, whose land the rivers divide, to the place of the name of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, to Mount Zion.

Isaiah Chapter 19

Isa 19:1 A declaration about Egypt. See, Yehowah rides on a swift cloud and is coming to Egypt; the idols of Egypt quake before him, and the hearts of the Egyptians melt within themselves.
Isa 19:2 “I will stir up Egyptians against Egyptians: A man will fight against his brother, and a man against his neighbor; city will be against city, and kingdom against kingdom.
Isa 19:3 The spirit of Egypt will be weakened from within. I will destroy his advice, though they sought the advice of idols, mediums, necromancers, and wizards who conjure up dead spirits.
Isa 19:4 I will give the Egyptians into the hand of a harsh master, and a strong king will rule over them,” declares Lord Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Isa 19:5 The waters of the sea will dry up, and the river will dry up and become empty.
Isa 19:6 The rivers will become foul; the streams of Egypt will dwindle and dry up; the reed and pool will wither away.
Isa 19:7 The vegetation by the Nile, by the mouth of the Nile, and all the sown fields of the Nile will dry up, turn to dust, and blow away.
Isa 19:8 The fishermen will wail and mourn, and all who cast a hook into the Nile will mourn, and those who spread nets on the waters will grieve.
Isa 19:9 The workers in combed flax and those who weave white linen will turn pale.
Isa 19:10 The cloth workers of Egypt will be crushed; all who work for hire will be grieved within themselves.
Isa 19:11 The princes of Zoan are completely foolish. The advice of the wisest advisors of Pharaoh has become senseless. How can you say to Pharaoh, “I am the son of wise men, a son of ancient kings?”
Isa 19:12 Where then are your wise men? Let them tell you and make known what Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces plans concerning Egypt.
Isa 19:13 The princes of Zoan have become fools, the princes of Memphis are deceived; they have made Egypt go astray, who are the cornerstones of her tribes.
Isa 19:14 Yehowah has mixed a spirit of distortion into her midst, and they have led Egypt astray in all she does, like a drunk staggering in his vomit.
Isa 19:15 There is nothing anyone can do for Egypt, whether head or tail, palm branch or reed.
Isa 19:16 In that Day, the Egyptians will be like women. They will tremble and fear because of the upraised hand of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces that he raises over them.

Isa 19:17 The land of Judah will become a cause of staggering to Egypt. Whenever anyone reminds them of her, they will be afraid, because of the plan of Yehowah, that he is planning against them.
Isa 19:18 In that Day, there will be five cities in the land of Egypt that speak the language of Canaan and swear allegiance to Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces. One of these cities will be called The City of the Sun (On-Heliopolis, destruction).
Isa 19:19 In that Day, there will be an altar to Yehowah in the middle of the land of Egypt and a stone pillar at the border to Yehowah.
Isa 19:20 It will be as a sign and a witness to Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces in the land of Egypt. When they cry to Yehowah because of oppressors, he will send them a Savior and a Defender, and he will deliver them.
Isa 19:21 Yehowah will become known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will acknowledge Yehowah on that Day. They will worship with sacrifices and offerings, and will make vows to Yehowah and fulfill them.
Isa 19:22 Yehowah will afflict Egypt, afflicting and healing. They will return to Yehowah; he will hear their prayer and will heal them.
Isa 19:23 In that Day, there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come to Egypt, and the Egyptian to Assyria; and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians.
Isa 19:24 In that Day, Israel will be the third with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth;
Isa 19:25 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces will bless them, “Blessed be Egypt, my people; Assyria, the work of my hands; and Israel, my inheritance.”

Isaiah Chapter 20

Isa 20:1 In the year (c. 712 BC) that Tartan (Sennacherib) came to Ashdod, when Sargon II the king of Assyria sent him, he fought against Ashdod and took it (c. 711 BC).
Isa 20:2 At that time, Yehowah ordered Isaiah son of Amoz, “Go and remove the sackcloth from your waist, and take your sandals off your feet.” He did so, walking naked and barefoot.
Isa 20:3 Yehowah said, “Just as my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot for three years, it is a sign and an omen concerning Egypt and concerning Cush.
Isa 20:4 In this way, the king of Assyria will lead away the captives of Egypt, and the exiles of Cush, young and old, naked and barefoot, and with buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.
Isa 20:5 They will be dismayed and ashamed because of Cush their hope and of Egypt their glory.
Isa 20:6 The inhabitants of these coasts will ask on that day, ‘Indeed, this was our source of hope, where we fled for help to be rescued from the king of Assyria, and now, how can we escape?’”

Isaiah Chapter 21

Isa 21:1 A declaration about the desert by the sea. Like storm winds sweeping through the Negev, it comes passing through from the wilderness, from a terrible land.
Isa 21:2 A distressing vision has been given to me: the treacherous man deals treacherously, and the destroyer destroys. Go up and attack, Elam; besiege, Media; I will stop all her groaning.
Isa 21:3 Therefore, my loins are filled with pain; pains like the pains of a woman in labor have taken hold of me; I am bowed down by what I heard; I am disturbed by what I saw.
Isa 21:4 My heart pounds, I shake with fear. Early evening, my favorite time of day, has brought me terror.
Isa 21:5 They prepare the table, they spread rugs and eat and drink; arise, princes, anoint your shields with oil.
Isa 21:6 For this is what the Lord commanded me, "Go, post a watchman; he must report what he sees.
Isa 21:7 When he sees a chariot, a pair of cavalry, riders on jack donkeys, and riders on camels, then he must pay attention and be on high alert."
Isa 21:8 And he who saw it cried, "O Lord, on the watchtower I stand all day, every day, and at my post I stand all night long!"
Isa 21:9 Here comes a chariot with a man and a pair of cavalry. He calls out, "Babylon has fallen, fallen, and all the carved figures of its deities are broken to the ground" (Rev. 18:2)!
Isa 21:10 My threshed and winnowed ones, children of my threshing floor! What I have heard from Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, I have declared to you.
Isa 21:11 A declaration about Dumah. One calls to me from Seir, "Watchman, what is left of the night? Watchman, what is left of the night?"
Isa 21:12 The watchman answered, "Dawn comes and also the night. If you want to ask, then ask; and come back again."
Isa 21:13 A declaration about Arabia. In the wilderness of Arabia you spend the night, you caravans of Dedanites.
Isa 21:14 Bring water for the thirsty; inhabitants of the land of Tema, meet the fugitives with bread.
Isa 21:15 For they have fled from the sword, from the drawn sword, from the bent bow, and from the weight of war.
Isa 21:16 For this is what the Lord prophesied to me, "Within a year, as a laborer hired for a year would see it, all the glory of Kedar will end.

Isa 21:17 Only a few of the archers, the warriors of Kedar, will remain,” for Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, has spoken.

Isaiah Chapter 22

Isa 22:1 A declaration about the Valley of Vision: What is the reason that you have all gone up to the housetops?
Isa 22:2 Is it so you may hear a city full of noises, a town full of revelry? Your dead were not killed with the sword, and they did not die in battle.
Isa 22:3 All your rulers fled away together, but they were captured without using a bow; all of them were captured together, though they had fled far away.
Isa 22:4 Therefore, I said, “Do not look at me, I will weep bitterly; do not try to comfort me concerning the destruction of the daughter of my people.”
Isa 22:5 For there is a day of tumult, treading down, and confusion from Lord Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, in the Valley of Vision, a breaking down of the walls, and people crying out for help to his Set-apart Place on the mountain.
Isa 22:6 Elam takes up the quiver, with chariots of men and cavalry, and Kir lays the shield bare.
Isa 22:7 It will come about that your choicest valleys will be full of chariots, and the cavalry will take their positions at the gate.
Isa 22:8 He took away the protection of Judah; and you looked in that day to the weapons in the Palace of the Forest.
Isa 22:9 You saw the breaches of the City of David, that they were many, and you collected the water of the lower pool.
Isa 22:10 You counted the houses of Jerusalem, and you tore down the houses to strengthen the wall.
Isa 22:11 You made a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the old pool (John 9:7). But you did not consider the city’s Maker, who had planned it long ago.
Isa 22:12 Lord Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces called on that day for weeping, for mourning, for shaved heads, and the wearing of sackcloth.
Isa 22:13 But look, instead, celebration and gladness, killing cattle and slaughtering sheep, eating meat and drinking wine; let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we will die!
Isa 22:14 This was revealed in my ears by Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces: “Surely this iniquity will not be forgiven you, even when you die,” declares Lord Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Isa 22:15 Lord Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces declares this, “Go to this administrator, to Shebna, who is over the household and ask,
Isa 22:16 ‘What are you doing here, and who gave you permission to cut out a tomb for yourself, hewing out a grave on the heights and carving out a resting place in the rock?’”

Isa 22:17 See, Yehowah is about to throw you down, a mighty man; he will grasp you tightly.
Isa 22:18 He will surely wind you round and round, and toss you like a ball into a vast country. There you will die, and there your glorious chariots will be; you will be the shame of your master's household!
Isa 22:19 "I will thrust you from your office and from your station. You will be pulled down.
Isa 22:20 It will come about on that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
Isa 22:21 I will clothe him with your tunic and put on him your sash, and I will transfer your authority into his hand. He will be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.
Isa 22:22 I will place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; he will open, and none will shut; he will shut, and none will open.
Isa 22:23 I will fasten him, a peg in a secure place, and he will become a seat of glory for his father's household.
Isa 22:24 They will hang on him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and descendants, every small container from the cups to all the jugs.
Isa 22:25 On that day," declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, "the peg driven in a firm place will give way, break off, and fall, and the weight that was on it will be cut off, for Yehowah has spoken."

Isaiah Chapter 23

Isa 23:1 A declaration about Tyre: Howl, you ships of Tarshish; for there is neither home nor harbor; from the land of Cyprus it has been revealed to them.
Isa 23:2 Be silent, you inhabitants of the coast; the merchant of Sidon, who travels over the sea, has filled you.
Isa 23:3 Upon the great waters was the grain of Shihor, the harvest of the Nile was her produce; and it became the commerce of the ethnicities.
Isa 23:4 Be ashamed, Sidon; for the sea has spoken, the chief of the sea. He says, "I have not labored nor given birth, nor have I raised young men nor brought up young women."
Isa 23:5 When the intelligence report comes to Egypt, they will be grieved concerning Tyre.
Isa 23:6 Cross over to Tarshish; wail, you inhabitants of the coast.
Isa 23:7 Has this happened to you, the joyful city, whose origin is from ancient times, whose feet carried her far away to foreign places to settle?
Isa 23:8 Who has planned this against Tyre, the giver of crowns, whose merchants are princes, whose traders are the honored ones of the earth?
Isa 23:9 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces has planned it to dishonor her pride and all her glory, to shame all her honored ones of the earth.
Isa 23:10 Plow your land, as one plows the Nile, daughter of Tarshish. There is no longer a marketplace in Tyre.
Isa 23:11 Yehowah has reached out with his hand over the sea, and he has shaken the kingdoms; he has given a command concerning Phoenicia (modern Lebanon), to destroy the strongholds.
Isa 23:12 He declared, "You will not rejoice again, oppressed virgin daughter of Sidon; arise, pass over to Cyprus; but neither there will you have rest."
Isa 23:13 See the land of the Chaldeans. This people has ceased to be; the Assyrians have made it a wilderness for wild animals. They set up their siege towers; they demolished its palaces; they made it a heap of ruins.
Isa 23:14 Howl, you ships of Tarshish; for your refuge has been destroyed.
Isa 23:15 In that day, Tyre will be forgotten for seventy years, like the days of a king. After the end of seventy years there will happen in Tyre something like in the song of the prostitute.
Isa 23:16 Take a harp, go about the city, you forgotten prostitute; play it well, sing many songs, so that you may be remembered.
Isa 23:17 It will come about that after seventy years, Yehowah will help Tyre, and she will start making money again by doing the work of a prostitute, and she will offer her services to all the kingdoms of the earth.

Isa 23:18 Her profits and earnings will be set apart to Yehowah. They will not be stored up or kept in the treasury, for her profits will be given to those who live in the presence of Yehowah and will be used to supply them with abundant food, and so they can have the best quality clothing.

Isaiah Chapter 24

Isa 24:1 Look, Yehowah is about to empty the earth, to devastate it, mar its surface, and scatter its inhabitants.
Isa 24:2 It will come about that, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the creditor, so with the debtor; as with the receiver of interest, so with the payer of interest.
Isa 24:3 The earth will be completely devastated and completely stripped; for Yehowah has spoken this word.
Isa 24:4 The earth dries up and withers, the globe shrivels up and fades away, the prominent people of the earth waste away.
Isa 24:5 The earth is polluted by its inhabitants, because they have transgressed the law, violated the statutes, and broken the everlasting covenant.
Isa 24:6 Therefore, a curse devours the earth, and its inhabitants are found guilty. The inhabitants of the earth burn up, and few people are left.
Isa 24:7 The new wine dries up, the vine withers, all the merry hearted groan.
Isa 24:8 The happy sound of the tambourines stops, and the revelry of those who rejoice; the joy of the lyre ceases.
Isa 24:9 They no longer drink wine and sing, and the beer is bitter to those who drink it.
Isa 24:10 The city of chaos has been broken down; every house is closed up and empty.
Isa 24:11 There is a crying in the streets because of the wine; all joy is darkened, the gladness of the land has disappeared.
Isa 24:12 In the city is left a desolation, and the gate is broken into a ruin.
Isa 24:13 For this is how it will be on the whole earth among the ethnicities, as when an olive tree is beaten, as the gleanings when the grape harvest is done.
Isa 24:14 They will lift up their voices and shout the majesty of Yehowah, and will joyfully shout from the sea!
Isa 24:15 Therefore, in the East glorify Yehowah, and in the isles of the sea give glory to the name of Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel.
Isa 24:16 From the farthest part of the earth we have heard songs, “Glory to the Righteous One!” But I said, “I have wasted away, I have wasted away, woe is me! The treacherous have dealt treacherously; yes, the treacherous have dealt quite treacherously.”
Isa 24:17 Terror, the pit, and the snare are upon you, inhabitants of the earth.
Isa 24:18 Then he who flees from the sound of terror will fall into the pit, and he who comes up out of the middle of the pit will be caught in the snare. The

sluicegates of the heavens will be opened, and the foundations of the earth will shake (Gen. 7:11).
Isa 24:19 The earth will be completely broken, the earth ripped apart; the earth will be violently shaken.
Isa 24:20 The earth will stagger like a drunken man, and it will sway back and forth like a hut. Its sin will be heavy on it, and it will fall and never rise again.
Isa 24:21 It will come about on that Day, that Yehowah will punish the armed forces of the high ones on high and the kings of the earth on the earth.
Isa 24:22 They will be gathered together, prisoners in a pit, and will be shut up in a prison; and after many days, they will be punished.
Isa 24:23 Then the full moon will be ashamed, and the sun disgraced, for Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before his elders in glory.

Isaiah Chapter 25

Isa 25:1 Yehowah, you are my Divine One; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago, in perfect faithfulness and truth.
Isa 25:2 For you have made the city a heap, a fortified city, a ruin, and a fortress of foreigners into no city; it will never be rebuilt.
Isa 25:3 Therefore, a strong people will glorify you; a city of ruthless ethnicities will fear you.
Isa 25:4 For you have been a place of safety for the one who is poor, a shelter for the one who is needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm, and a shade from the heat. When the breath of the ruthless was like a storm against a wall,
Isa 25:5 and like heat in a dry land, you subdued the noise of foreigners, as the heat is subdued by the shade of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless ones is answered.
Isa 25:6 On this mountain, Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces will make for all ethnicities a feast of fat things, of choice wines, of tender meats, a feast on the strained dregs.
Isa 25:7 He will destroy on this mountain the covering over all people, the web woven over all the ethnicities.
Isa 25:8 He will swallow up death forever, and Lord Yehowah will wipe away tears from off all faces; the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for Yehowah has spoken it.
Isa 25:9 It will be said on that Day, “Look, this is our Divine One; we have waited for him, and he will save us. This is Yehowah; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”
Isa 25:10 For on this mountain the hand of Yehowah will rest; and Moab will be trampled down in his place, even as straw is trampled down in a pit filled with manure.
Isa 25:11 They will spread their hands in the midst of it, as a swimmer spreads his hands to swim. But Yehowah will bring down their pride in spite of the skill of their hands.
Isa 25:12 Your high fortress walls he will bring down to the ground, to the dust.

Isaiah Chapter 26

Isa 26:1 In that Day, this song will be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; Yehowah has made salvation its walls and ramparts.
Isa 26:2 Open the gates, that the righteous and faithful nation may enter in.
Isa 26:3 The mind that is stayed on you, you will keep him in perfect peace, for he trusts in you.
Isa 26:4 Trust in Yehowah forever; for Yah, Yehowah is the Rock of Ages.
Isa 26:5 For he will bring down those who live proudly; the fortified city he will lay low, he will lay low to the ground; he will level it to the dust.
Isa 26:6 It will be trampled down by the feet of the poor and the treading of the needy.
Isa 26:7 The Path of the righteous is level, Righteous One; the Path of the righteous you make straight.
Isa 26:8 Yes, in the Path of your judgments, Yehowah, we eagerly wait for you; your name and your reputation are our desire.
Isa 26:9 I have longed for you in the night; yes, my spirit within me seeks you earnestly. For when your judgments come on the earth, the inhabitants of the globe learn righteousness.
Isa 26:10 Let grace be shown to the wicked one, but he will not learn righteousness. In the land of uprightness, he acts wickedly and does not see the majesty of Yehowah.
Isa 26:11 Yehowah, your hand is lifted up, but they do not notice. But they will see your zeal for the people and be put to shame, because fire of your adversaries will devour them.
Isa 26:12 Yehowah, you will bring about peace for us; for indeed, you have also accomplished all our works for us.
Isa 26:13 Yehowah our Divine One, other masters besides you have ruled over us; but we acknowledge your name alone.
Isa 26:14 They are dead, they will not live; they are deceased, they will not arise. Indeed, you came in judgment and destroyed them, and made every memory of them to perish.
Isa 26:15 You have increased the nation, Yehowah, you have increased the nation; you are glorified; you have extended all the borders of the land.
Isa 26:16 Yehowah, in trouble have they looked to you; they whispered prayers when your discipline was on them.
Isa 26:17 As a pregnant woman nears the time for her to give birth, when she is in pain and cries out in her labor pains, so we have been before you, Yehowah.

Isa 26:18 We have been pregnant, we have been in labor, but it is as if we have only given birth to wind. We have not brought salvation to the earth, and the inhabitants of the globe have not fallen.
Isa 26:19 Your dead will live; their dead bodies will arise. Awake and sing for joy, you who live in the dust; for your dew is healing for them, and the earth will bring forth its dead (Dan. 12:2)!
Isa 26:20 Go, my people, enter into your rooms and shut your doors behind you; hide for a little while, until the indignation has passed by.
Isa 26:21 For look, Yehowah is about to come out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; the earth will uncover her bloodshed, and will no longer conceal her murdered ones.

Isaiah Chapter 27

Isa 27:1 On that Day, Yehowah with his hard, great, and fierce sword will punish Leviathan the slithering serpent, Leviathan the squirming serpent, and he will kill the sea monster.
Isa 27:2 In that Day: a vineyard of wine, sing of it.
Isa 27:3 “I, Yehowah, am its protector; I water it every moment, so that no one hurts it; I guard it night and day.
Isa 27:4 I am not angry: Oh, that there were briers and thorns! In battle, I would march against them; I would burn them all together;
Isa 27:5 unless they grasp my protection and make peace with me; let them make peace with me.
Isa 27:6 In the coming Day, Jacob will take root; Israel will blossom and bud; and they will fill the surface of the globe with fruit.”
Isa 27:7 Has Yehowah attacked Jacob and Israel as he attacked those ethnicities who attacked them? Have Jacob and Israel been killed as in the slaughter of those ethnicities that were killed by them?
Isa 27:8 In exact measure you have contended, sending Jacob and Israel away; he drove them away with his severe wind, on the Day of the east wind.
Isa 27:9 So in this Way, the iniquity of Jacob will be atoned for, for this will be the full fruit of the removal of his sin: When he will make all the altar stones as chalk and crushed to pieces, and no Asherah poles or sun-pillars will remain standing.
Isa 27:10 For the fortified city is desolate, the habitation is deserted and forsaken like the wilderness. There a calf feeds, and there he lies down and consumes its branches.
Isa 27:11 When the boughs are withered, they will be broken off. Women will come and make fires with them, for this is not a people of understanding. Therefore, their Maker will not have compassion on them, and he who made them will not be merciful to them.
Isa 27:12 It will come about on that Day, that Yehowah will thresh from the Euphrates River to the Wadi of Egypt, and you, the people of Israel, will be gathered together one by one.
Isa 27:13 On that Day, a great trumpet will be blown; and the perishing ones in the land of Assyria will come, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, they will worship Yehowah on the set-apart mountain in Jerusalem (Mat. 24:31).

Isaiah Chapter 28

Isa 28:1 Woe to the proud garland crown that is worn by each of the drunkards of Ephraim, and to the fading flower of its glorious beauty, the garland that is set on the head of the lush valley of those who are overcome with wine!
Isa 28:2 Behold, the Lord sends One who is mighty and strong; like a storm of hail and a destructive windstorm, like a driving rain and overflowing waters; and he will throw each garland crown down to the ground.
Isa 28:3 The proud garland of the drunkards of Ephraim will be trodden underfoot.
Isa 28:4 The fading flower of his glorious beauty, that is on the head of the rich valley, will be as the first ripe fig before the summer, that, when someone sees it, while it is yet in his hand, he gulps it down.
Isa 28:5 In that Day, Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces will become a beautiful crown and a diadem of beauty for the remainder of his people,
Isa 28:6 a spirit of justice for him who sits in judgment, and strength for those who turn back their enemies at their gates.
Isa 28:7 But even these reel with wine (false doctrine), and stagger with beer (false doctrine). The priest and the prophet reel with beer, and they are swallowed up by wine. They stagger with beer, staggering in vision and reeling in judgment.
Isa 28:8 Truly, all tables are covered with vomit and filth, so that there is no clean place.
Isa 28:9 To whom will he teach knowledge, and to whom will he explain the message? To those who are weaned from milk or to those just taken from the breasts?
Isa 28:10 For it is command upon command, command upon command; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, there a little.
Isa 28:11 Indeed, with mocking lips he will speak multilingually to this people (1 Cor. 14:21).
Isa 28:12 In the past, he said to them, “This is the rest, give rest to him who is weary; and this is the refreshing,” but they would not listen.
Isa 28:13 So the Word of Yehowah will be to them command upon command, command upon command; rule upon rule, rule upon rule; here a little, there a little; so that they may go and fall backward, and be broken, ensnared, and captured.
Isa 28:14 So listen to the Word of Yehowah, you who mock, you who rule over this people who are in Jerusalem.
Isa 28:15 This will happen, because you said, “We have made a covenant with death, and with the place of the dead we have reached an agreement. So when

the overwhelming whip passes through, it will not reach us. For we have made a lie our refuge and taken shelter in falsehood.”
Isa 28:16 Therefore, Lord Yehowah declares, “See: I will lay in Zion an established Stone, a testing Stone, a precious Cornerstone, a sure Foundation. He who believes on him will not be ashamed (Rom. 9:33).
Isa 28:17 I will make justice the measuring stick and righteousness the plumb line. Hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and the floodwaters will overwhelm the hiding place.
Isa 28:18 Your covenant with death will be dissolved, and your agreement with the place of the dead will not stand. When the conquering whip passes through, you will be overwhelmed by it.
Isa 28:19 Whenever it passes through, it will overwhelm you, and morning by morning it will pass through and by day and night it will come. When the message is understood, it will cause terror.
Isa 28:20 For the bed is too short for a man to stretch out on, and the blanket too narrow for him to wrap himself in.”
Isa 28:21 Yehowah will rise up as on Mount Perazim; he will rouse himself as in the Valley of Gibeon to do his work, his strange work, and perform his strange deed.
Isa 28:22 Now therefore, do not mock, or your bonds will be tightened. I have heard from Lord Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, a decree of destruction on the earth.
Isa 28:23 Pay attention and listen to my voice; be attentive and listen to my words.
Isa 28:24 Does a farmer who plows all day to sow, only plow the ground? Does he continually break up and harrow the field?
Isa 28:25 When he has prepared the ground, does he not scatter caraway seed, sow the cumin, put in the wheat in rows and the barley in the right place, and the spelt at its edges?
Isa 28:26 His Divine One instructs him; he teaches him wisely.
Isa 28:27 Moreover, the caraway seed is not threshed with a sledge, nor is a cartwheel rolled over the cumin; but caraway is beaten with a trekking pole, and cumin with a rod.
Isa 28:28 Grain is ground for bread but not too finely, and though the wheels of his cart and his horses scatter it, his horses do not crush it.
Isa 28:29 This too comes from Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, who is wonderful in instruction and excellent in wisdom.

Isaiah Chapter 29

Isa 29:1 Woe to Ariel, Ariel, the city where David encamped! Add year to year; let the Feasts come round.
Isa 29:2 But I will besiege Ariel, and she will be mourning and lamenting; and she will be to me like Ariel.
Isa 29:3 I will encamp against you in a circle and will lay siege against you with a palisade, and I will raise siege works against you.
Isa 29:4 You will be brought down and will speak from the ground; your speech will be low from the dust. Your voice will be like a dead spirit, and your speech will be a faint whisper from the dust.
Isa 29:5 The horde of your invaders will be like dust particles, and the multitude of the ruthless ones as chaff that passes away. It will happen suddenly, in an instant.
Isa 29:6 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces will come to you with thunder, earthquake, great noise, with strong winds and violent storm, and the flames of a devouring fire.
Isa 29:7 It will be like a dream, a vision of the night: A horde of all the ethnicities will fight against Ariel and her stronghold. They will attack her and her fortifications to press upon her.
Isa 29:8 It will be like when a hungry man dreams he is eating, but when he awakes, his stomach is empty. It will be like when a thirsty man dreams that he is drinking, but when he awakes, he is fainting, with his thirst not quenched. Yes, so will be the great number of ethnicities that fights against Mount Zion.
Isa 29:9 Astonish yourselves and be astonished; blind yourselves and be blind! Be drunk, but not with wine (false doctrine); stagger, but not with beer (false doctrine).
Isa 29:10 For Yehowah has poured out on you the spirit of deep sleep. He has closed your eyes, the prophets and chiefs, and has covered your heads, the seers.
Isa 29:11 All revelation has become to you as the words of a Book that is sealed, which men might give to one who is learned, entreating, “Read this, please.” He also says, “I cannot, for it is sealed.”
Isa 29:12 If the Book is given to one who cannot read, entreating, “Read this, please,” he says, “I cannot read.”
Isa 29:13 The Lord said, “This people comes close to me with their mouths and honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Their reverence for me is only a commandment of people that has been taught (Mat. 15:8-9; Mark 7:6-7).

Isa 29:14 Therefore, see, I will proceed to do a marvelous thing among this people, wonder after miracle. The wisdom of their wise men will perish, and the understanding of their prudent men will disappear."
Isa 29:15 Woe to those who deeply hide their plans from Yehowah, and whose deeds are in darkness. They ask, "Who sees us, and who knows us?"
Isa 29:16 You turn things upside down! Should the potter be considered like clay, so that the thing that is made should say about him who made it, "He did not make me," or the thing formed say about him who formed it, "He does not understand?"
Isa 29:17 In just a little while, Lebanon will be turned into a field, and the field will become a forest.
Isa 29:18 On that Day, the deaf will hear the words of a Book, and the eyes of the blind will see out of the deep darkness.
Isa 29:19 The oppressed will again rejoice in Yehowah, and the poor among men will rejoice in the Set-apart One of Israel.
Isa 29:20 For the ruthless will cease, and the scoffer will vanish. All those who love to do evil will be executed,
Isa 29:21 who by a word make a man out to be an offender. They lay a snare for him who seeks justice at the gate and put the righteous down with empty lies.
Isa 29:22 Therefore, this is what Yehowah says concerning the house of Jacob, Yehowah, who redeemed Abraham, "Jacob will no longer be ashamed, nor will his face be pale.
Isa 29:23 But when he sees his children, the work of my hands, they will sanctify my name. They will consecrate the name of the Set-apart One of Jacob, and they will stand in awe of the Mighty One of Israel.
Isa 29:24 Those who err in spirit will gain understanding, and complainers will learn knowledge."

Isaiah Chapter 30

Isa 30:1 “Woe to the rebellious children,” declares Yehowah. “They make plans, but not from me; they make alliances with ethnicities, but they were not directed by my Ruach, so they add sin to sin.
Isa 30:2 They set out to go down into (Cushite-controlled) Egypt, but have not asked for my direction. They seek protection from Pharaoh and take refuge in the shadow of Egypt (2 Kings 19:9).
Isa 30:3 Therefore, Pharaoh’s protection will be your shame, and the refuge in Egypt’s shade, your humiliation,
Isa 30:4 although their princes are at Zoan, and their messengers have come to Hanes.
Isa 30:5 They will all be ashamed because of a people who cannot help them, who are neither help nor aid, but a shame, and even a disgrace.”
Isa 30:6 A declaration about the beasts of the Negev: Through the land of trouble and danger, of the lioness and the lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they carry their riches on the backs of donkey colts, and their treasures on the camels’ humps, to a people who cannot help them.
Isa 30:7 For Egypt’s help is worthless; therefore, I have called her Rahab, who sits still.
Isa 30:8 Now go, write it in their presence on a Tablet, and inscribe it on a Scroll, that it may be preserved for the time to come as a testimony.
Isa 30:9 For these are a rebellious people, lying children, children who will not hear the Law of Yehowah.
Isa 30:10 They order the seers, “Do not see;” and the prophets, “Do not prophesy the truth to us; speak flattering words to us, prophesy illusions.
Isa 30:11 Turn aside from the Way, stray off the Path; cause the Set-apart One of Israel to cease speaking before our face.”
Isa 30:12 Therefore, the Set-apart One of Israel declares, “Because you reject this word, trust in oppression and deceit, and lean on it,
Isa 30:13 so this sin will be to you like a broken part ready to fall, like a bulge in a high wall whose fall will happen suddenly, in an instant.”
Isa 30:14 He will break it as a potter’s vessel is broken; he will not spare it, so that there will not be found among its pieces a sherd with which to scrape fire from the fireplace, or to scoop up water out of the cistern.
Isa 30:15 For this is what Lord Yehowah, the Set-apart One of Israel, declares, “In returning and resting you will be saved; in quietness and in trust will be your strength. But you were not willing.
Isa 30:16 You said, ‘No, for we will flee on horses,’ so you will flee; and, ‘We will ride upon swift horses,’ so those who pursue you will be swift.

Isa 30:17 One thousand will flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five you will flee, until your remnant will be like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, or like a flag on a hill."
Isa 30:18 Yet, Yehowah is waiting to be gracious to you, therefore, he is exalted, and he is ready to show you mercy. For Yehowah is an Almighty of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.
Isa 30:19 For a people will live in Zion, in Jerusalem, and you will weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. When he hears it, he will answer you.
Isa 30:20 Though the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, even so, your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but you will see your Teacher with your own eyes.
Isa 30:21 Your ears will hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the Way, walk in it," when you turn to the right, or when you turn to the left.
Isa 30:22 You will desecrate your carved figures overlaid with silver and your gold cast figures. You will throw them away like a menstrual rag. You will order them, "Get out of here!"
Isa 30:23 He will give the rain for your seed when you sow the ground, and bread with abundance from the ground, and the crops will be abundant. In that Day, your livestock will graze in broad pastures.
Isa 30:24 The oxen and the donkey colts, who plow the ground, will eat seasoned feed that has been winnowed with a shovel and a fork.
Isa 30:25 On every high mountain and on every high hill, there will be flowing brooks and streams of waters, in the Day of the great slaughter when the towers fall.
Isa 30:26 The light of the full moon will be like the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be seven times brighter, like the sunlight of seven days. In that Day, Yehowah will bind up the breaking of his people and heal the bruises of his wounding them.
Isa 30:27 Look, the name of Yehowah comes from a distant place, burning with his anger and in dense smoke. His lips are full of fury, and his tongue is like a devouring fire.
Isa 30:28 His breath is like an overflowing river that reaches up to the middle of the neck, to sift the ethnicities with the sieve of destruction. His breath is a bridle in the jaws of the people to cause them to wander away.
Isa 30:29 You will have a song as in the night, when a consecrated Feast is observed, and gladness of heart, as when one goes with a flute to the Mountain of Yehowah, to the Rock of Israel.
Isa 30:30 Yehowah will make the splendor of his voice heard and show the motion of his arm in storming anger and flames of fire, with windstorm, rainstorm, and hailstones.

Isa 30:31 For at the voice of Yehowah, Assyria will be shattered; he will strike them with a trekking pole.
Isa 30:32 Every stroke of the appointed rod that Yehowah will lay on them will be accompanied with the music of tambourines and harps as he battles and fights with them.
Isa 30:33 For a place of burning was prepared long ago. Indeed, it is prepared for the king, and Yehowah has made it deep and wide. The pile is ready with a fire and much wood. The breath of Yehowah, like a stream of brimstone, will set it on fire.

Isaiah Chapter 31

Isa 31:1 Woe to those who go down to (Cushite-controlled) Egypt for help and lean on horses, and trust in chariots, for they are many, and in cavalry, for they are countless. But they are not concerned about the Set-apart One of Israel, nor do they seek Yehowah!
Isa 31:2 Yet he is wise, and he will bring disaster and will not retract his words. He will arise against the evil house and against the helpers of those who commit sin.
Isa 31:3 Egypt is a man and not the Almighty, their horses flesh and not spirit. When Yehowah reaches out with his hand, both the one who helps will stumble, and the one who is helped will fall; both will perish together.
Isa 31:4 This is what Yehowah says to me, “As a lion, even a young lion, growls over its torn prey, when a group of shepherds is called out against it, but it does not tremble at their voices, nor creep away from their sound; thus Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces will descend to fight on Mount Zion, on that hill.
Isa 31:5 Like birds in flight, so Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces will protect Jerusalem; he will protect and rescue as he passes over it and preserves it.
Isa 31:6 Return to him from whom you have deeply turned away, people of Israel.
Isa 31:7 For in that Day, each one will get rid of his idols of silver and his idols of gold that your own hands have sinfully made.
Isa 31:8 Assyria will fall by the sword; a sword not wielded by man will consume him. He will flee from the sword, and his young men will be forced to do hard labor.
Isa 31:9 They will lose all confidence because of terror, and his princes will be afraid at the sight of the battle flag of the Almighty,” declares Yehowah, “whose fire is in Zion, and whose burning lighthouse is in Jerusalem.”

Isaiah Chapter 32

Isa 32:1 Look, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule in justice.
Isa 32:2 Each one will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in a dry place, like the shade of a great rock in a land of weariness.
Isa 32:3 Then the eyes of those who see will not be dim, and the ears of those who hear will hear attentively.
Isa 32:4 The rash will think carefully with understanding, and the stutterer will speak distinctly and with ease.
Isa 32:5 The fool will no longer be called honorable, nor the deceiver called principled.
Isa 32:6 For the fool speaks folly, and his heart plans evil and irreverent actions, and he speaks wrongly against Yehowah. He makes the hungry empty, and the thirsty he causes to lack drink.
Isa 32:7 The deceiver's methods are evil. He devises wicked schemes to ruin the poor with lies, even when the poor say what is right.
Isa 32:8 But the honorable man makes honorable plans; and because of his honorable actions, he will stand.
Isa 32:9 Rise up, you women who are at ease, and listen to my voice; you carefree daughters listen to me.
Isa 32:10 For in a little more than a year, your confidence will be broken, you carefree women, for the grape harvest will fail, the ingathering will not come.
Isa 32:11 Tremble, you women who are at ease; be troubled, you confident ones; take off your fine clothes and make yourselves bare; put on sackcloth around your waists.
Isa 32:12 You will wail for the nursing breasts, the pleasant fields, and for the fruitful vines.
Isa 32:13 The land of my people will be overgrown with thorns and briers, even in all the once joyful houses in the city of revelry.
Isa 32:14 For the palace will be forsaken, the crowded city will be deserted; the hill and the watchtower will become caves forever, a joy of wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks;
Isa 32:15 until the Ruach is poured on us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is considered as a forest.
Isa 32:16 Then justice will reside in the wilderness; and righteousness will live in the fruitful field.
Isa 32:17 The work of righteousness will be peace; and the result of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.

Isa 32:18 My people will live in a peaceful habitation, in secure homes, and in quiet resting places.
Isa 32:19 But even if it hails and the forest is destroyed, and the city is completely annihilated,
Isa 32:20 you who sow beside all the streams will be blessed, you who send out your ox and jack donkey to graze.

Isaiah Chapter 33

Isa 33:1 Woe to you, destroyer who has not been destroyed! Woe to the betrayer whom they have not betrayed! When you stop destroying, you will be destroyed. When you stop betraying, they will betray you.
Isa 33:2 Yehowah, be gracious to us; we wait for you; be our arm every morning, our salvation in the time of trouble.
Isa 33:3 At the loud noise the people flee; when you arise, the ethnicities are scattered.
Isa 33:4 Your spoil is gathered as the locusts gather; as locusts leap, men leap on it.
Isa 33:5 Yehowah is exalted. He lives in a high place. He will fill Zion with justice and righteousness.
Isa 33:6 He will be the stability in your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; the fear of Yehowah is his treasure.
Isa 33:7 Look, their envoys cry in the streets; the diplomats hoping for peace weep bitterly.
Isa 33:8 The highways are deserted; there are no more travelers. Covenants are broken, witnesses are despised, and mankind is not respected.
Isa 33:9 The land mourns and withers away; Lebanon is ashamed and withers away; Sharon is like a desert plain; and Bashan and Carmel shake off their leaves.
Isa 33:10 “Now will I arise,” declares Yehowah; “now I will be lifted up; now I will be elevated.
Isa 33:11 You conceive chaff, and you give birth to stubble; your breath is a fire that will consume you.
Isa 33:12 The people will be burned to lime, as thorn bushes are cut down and are burned.
Isa 33:13 You who are far away, hear what I have done; and you who are near, acknowledge my might.”
Isa 33:14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling has seized the wicked ones. Who among us can sojourn with a raging fire? Who among us can sojourn with everlasting burnings?
Isa 33:15 He who walks righteously and speaks honestly; he who despises the gain of oppressions, who refuses to take a bribe, who does not plot violent crime, and does not look on evil,
Isa 33:16 he will make his home on the heights; his place of defense will be the fortresses of rocks; his food and water will be in steady supply.
Isa 33:17 Your eyes will see the king in his beauty; they will behold a vast land.

Isa 33:18 Your heart will recall the terror; where is the scribe, where is he who weighed the silver-currency? Where is he who counted the towers?
Isa 33:19 You will no longer see the defiant people, a people of a foreign language, whom you do not comprehend.
Isa 33:20 Look at Zion, the city of our appointment calendar festivals; your eyes will see Jerusalem as a quiet habitation, a tent that will not be removed, whose stakes will never be pulled up nor will any of its cords be broken.
Isa 33:21 Instead, Yehowah in majesty will be with us, in a place of broad rivers and streams. No warship with oars will travel it, and no large ships will sail by.
Isa 33:22 For Yehowah is our judge, Yehowah is our lawgiver, Yehowah is our king; he will save us.
Isa 33:23 Your riggings are slack; they cannot hold the mast in place; they cannot spread the sail; when the great spoil is divided, even the lame will drag off the spoil.
Isa 33:24 The inhabitants will not say, “I am sick.” The people who live there will be forgiven for their iniquity.

Isaiah Chapter 34

Isa 34:1 Come near, you ethnicities, and listen; pay attention, you people! The earth and all that fills it must listen, the globe, and all things that come from it.
Isa 34:2 For Yehowah is angry with all the ethnicities, and furious against all their armed forces; he has completely destroyed them, he has handed them over to the slaughter.
Isa 34:3 The bodies of their dead will be thrown out. The stench of the dead bodies will be everywhere; and the mountains will soak up their blood, the valleys will be split.
Isa 34:4 All the stars of the sky will fade away, and the sky will be rolled up like a scroll; and all their stars will fade away, as the leaf fades from off the vine, and as the overripe figs from the fig tree.
Isa 34:5 For when my sword will have drunk its fill in Heaven; look, it will now come down on Edom, on the people I am setting apart for destruction.
Isa 34:6 The sword of Yehowah is dripping with blood and covered with fat, dripping with the blood of lambs and goats, covered with the fat of the kidneys of rams. For Yehowah has a sacrifice in Bozrah and a great slaughter in the land of Edom.
Isa 34:7 Wild oxen will be slaughtered along with them, and young bulls with the older ones. Their land will be drunk with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness.
Isa 34:8 For it will be a Day of Vengeance for Yehowah, and a year when he will pay them back for the cause of Zion.
Isa 34:9 The streams of Edom will be turned into pitch, her dust into sulfur, and her land will become burning pitch.
Isa 34:10 It will burn night and day; its smoke will rise forever; from generation to generation it will be a wasteland; no one will pass through it forever and ever.
Isa 34:11 But wild birds and animals will live there; the owl and the raven will make their nest in it. He will stretch over it the measuring line of ruin and the plumb line of destruction.
Isa 34:12 Her nobles will have nothing left to call a kingdom, and all her princes will be nothing.
Isa 34:13 Thorns will overgrow her palaces, nettles and thistles her fortresses. It will be a habitation of jackals, a place for ostriches.
Isa 34:14 The wild animals and the hyenas will meet there, and the wild goats will cry to one another. Nocturnal animals will settle there and find for themselves a place of rest.
Isa 34:15 Owls will make nests, lay and hatch their eggs, hatch and protect their young. Yes, there hawks will gather, each one with its mate.

Isa 34:16 Search and read through the Book of Yehowah; not one of these will be missing. None will lack for a mate; for his mouth has commanded it, and his Ruach has gathered them.
Isa 34:17 He has cast the lot for their parcel, and his hand has measured it out for them by a cord (Acts 1:26; Prov. 16:33; 18:18). They will possess it forever; from generation to generation they will live there.

Isaiah Chapter 35

Isa 35:1 The wilderness and the Arabah will be glad; and the desert will rejoice and blossom. Like the rose,
Isa 35:2 it will blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of Yehowah, the splendor of our Divine One.
Isa 35:3 Strengthen the weak hands and steady the knees that shake.
Isa 35:4 Say to those with a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Look, your Divine One will come with vengeance, with the recompense of the Almighty. He will come and save you.”
Isa 35:5 Then the eyes of the blind will see, and the ears of the deaf will hear (DSS includes: and dead people will be raised back to life).
Isa 35:6 Then the lame man will leap like a deer, and the mute tongue will sing, for water breaks out in the Arabah, and streams in the wilderness (Mat. 11:1-6; DSS 4Q521; Luke 7:19-23).
Isa 35:7 The burning sand will become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the habitation of jackals, where they once lay, will be grass with reeds and papyrus.
Isa 35:8 A highway will be there called The Set-apart Way. The unclean will not travel it. But it will be for him who walks in it. No fool will go on it.
Isa 35:9 No lion will be there, no ferocious beast will be on it; they will not be found there, but the redeemed will walk there.
Isa 35:10 The ransomed of Yehowah will return and come with singing to Zion, and everlasting joy will be on their heads; gladness and joy will overtake them; sorrow and sighing will flee away!

Isaiah Chapter 36

Isa 36:1 In the fourteenth year (c. 712 BC) of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib, king of Assyria, attacked all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them.
Isa 36:2 Then the king of Assyria sent the chief commander from Lachish to Jerusalem to King Hezekiah with a great military force. He approached the conduit of the upper pool, on the highway to Launderers' Field, and stood by it.
Isa 36:3 The Israeli officials who went out of the city to talk with them were Hilkiah's son Eliakim, the palace administrator, Shebna the king's secretary, and Asaph's son Joah, who wrote down the government decisions.
Isa 36:4 The chief commander said to them, "Tell Hezekiah that the great king, the king of Assyria, asks, 'What is the source of your confidence?
Isa 36:5 You speak only useless words, saying there is counsel and strength for war. Now in whom are you trusting? Who has given you courage to rebel against me?
Isa 36:6 Look, you are trusting in Egypt, that splintered reed that you use as a trekking pole, but if a man leans on it, it will stick into his hand and pierce it. That is what Pharaoh king of Egypt is to anyone who trusts in him.
Isa 36:7 But if you say to me, "We are trusting in Yehowah our Divine One," is not he the one whose high places and altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, "You must worship before this altar in Jerusalem?"
Isa 36:8 Now therefore, I want to make you a good offer from my master the king of Assyria. I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able to find riders for them.
Isa 36:9 How could you resist even one captain of the least of my master's servants? You have put your trust in Egypt for chariots and cavalry!
Isa 36:10 Now then, have I traveled up here without Yehowah to fight against this land and destroy it? Yehowah ordered me, "Attack this land and destroy it."'"
Isa 36:11 Then Eliakim son of Hilkiah, Shebnah, and Joah said to the chief commander, "Please speak to your servants in the Aramean language, Aramaic, for we understand it. Do not speak with us in the language of Judah in the ears of the people who are on the wall."
Isa 36:12 But the chief commander asked, "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, who will have to eat their own dung and drink their own urine with you?"
Isa 36:13 Then the chief commander stood and shouted in a loud voice in the Jewish language, "Listen to the words of the great king, the king of Assyria!

Isa 36:14 The king says, ‘Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to rescue you!
Isa 36:15 Do not let Hezekiah make you trust in Yehowah, saying, “Yehowah will surely rescue us; this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria!”’
Isa 36:16 Do not listen to Hezekiah, for this is what the king of Assyria says: ‘Make peace with me and come out to me. Then every one of you will eat from his own vine and from his own fig tree, and drink from the water in his own cistern.
Isa 36:17 You will do this, until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards.’
Isa 36:18 Do not let Hezekiah mislead you, saying, ‘Yehowah will rescue us.’ Has any of the deities of the ethnicities rescued them from the hand of the king of Assyria?
Isa 36:19 Where are the deities of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the deities of Sepharvaim? Have they rescued Samaria from my power?
Isa 36:20 Among all the deities of these lands, is there any deity who has rescued his land from my power, as if Yehowah could save Jerusalem from my power?”
Isa 36:21 But the people remained silent and did not respond, for the king’s order was, “Do not answer him.”
Isa 36:22 Then Eliakim son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, Shebna the scribe, and Joah son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah with their clothes torn, and reported to him the words of the chief commander.

Isaiah Chapter 37

Isa 37:1 It came about that when King Hezekiah heard their intelligence report, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the temple of Yehowah.
Isa 37:2 He sent Eliakim, who was over the household, Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, all covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah son of Amoz, the prophet.
Isa 37:3 They reported to him, “Hezekiah says, ‘This day is a day of distress, rebuke, and disgrace, like when a child is ready to be born, but the mother has no strength to give birth to her child.
Isa 37:4 It may be Yehowah your Divine One will hear the words of the chief commander, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to defy the living Almighty, and will rebuke the words which Yehowah your Divine One has heard. Now lift up your prayer for the remnant that is still here.’”
Isa 37:5 So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah,
Isa 37:6 and Isaiah responded to them, “Say to your master: ‘Yehowah declares, “Do not be afraid of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have insulted me.
Isa 37:7 Look, I will put a spirit in him, and he will hear an intelligence report and go back to his own land. I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.”””
Isa 37:8 Then the chief commander returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against Libnah, for he had heard that the king had gone away from Lachish.
Isa 37:9 Then Sennacherib heard that Tirhakah king of Cush (in modern Sudan) and Egypt had mobilized to fight against him, so he sent messengers again to Hezekiah with a message:
Isa 37:10 “Say to Hezekiah, king of Judah, ‘Do not let your Divine One in whom you trust deceive you, saying, “Jerusalem will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.”
Isa 37:11 See, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them completely. So will you be rescued?
Isa 37:12 Have the deities of the ethnicities rescued them, the ethnicities that my fathers destroyed: Gozan, Haran, Rezeph, and the people of Eden in Telassar?
Isa 37:13 Where is the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, the king of the cities of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah?’”
Isa 37:14 Hezekiah received this letter from the hand of the messengers and read it. Then he went up to the temple of Yehowah and spread it before Yehowah.

Isa 37:15 Hezekiah prayed to Yehowah:
Isa 37:16 “Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, you who sit above the cherubim, you are the Almighty alone over all the kingdoms of the earth. You made the heavens and the earth.
Isa 37:17 Turn your ear, Yehowah, and listen. Open your eyes, Yehowah, and see, and hear the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to mock the living Almighty.
Isa 37:18 It is true, Yehowah, the kings of Assyria have destroyed all the ethnicities and their lands.
Isa 37:19 They have put their deities into the fire, for they were not deities but the work of men’s hands, just wood and stone. So the Assyrians have destroyed them.
Isa 37:20 So now, Yehowah our Divine One, save us from his power, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you alone are Yehowah.”
Isa 37:21 Then Isaiah son of Amoz sent a message to Hezekiah, “Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel declares, ‘Because you have prayed to me concerning Sennacherib king of Assyria,
Isa 37:22 this is the word that Yehowah has spoken about him: “The virgin daughter of Zion despises you and laughs you to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem shakes her head at you.
Isa 37:23 Whom have you defied and insulted? Against whom have you exalted your voice and lifted up your eyes in pride? Against the Set-apart One of Israel.
Isa 37:24 By your servants you have defied the Lord and have said, ‘With the multitude of my chariots I have gone up to the heights of the mountains, to the highest elevations of Lebanon. I will cut down its tall cedars and choice cypress trees there, and I will enter into its farthest high places, its most fruitful forest.
Isa 37:25 I have dug wells and drunk water in foreign lands; I dried up all the rivers of Egypt under the soles of my feet.’
Isa 37:26 Have you not heard how I determined it long ago and worked it out in ancient times? Now I am bringing it to pass. You are here to reduce impregnable cities into heaps of ruins.
Isa 37:27 Their inhabitants, of little strength, are shattered and ashamed. They are plants in the field, green grass, the grass on the roof or in the field, before the east wind.
Isa 37:28 But I know your sitting down, your going out, your coming in, and your raging against me.
Isa 37:29 Because of your raging against me, and because your arrogance has reached my ears, I will put my hook in your nose, and my bit in your mouth; I will turn you back the way you came.”

Isa 37:30 This will be the sign for you: This year you will eat what grows wild, and in the second year what grows from that. But in the third year you must plant and harvest, plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
Isa 37:31 The remnant of the house of Judah that survives will again take root and bear fruit.
Isa 37:32 For from Jerusalem a remnant will come out; from Mount Zion survivors will come. The zeal of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces will do this.'"
Isa 37:33 Therefore, Yehowah says this about the king of Assyria: "He will not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow here. Neither will he come before it with shield or pour over a siege ramp against it.
Isa 37:34 The way by which he came will be the same way he will leave; he will not enter this city," declares Yehowah.
Isa 37:35 "For I will defend this city and rescue it, for my own sake and for David my servant's sake."
Isa 37:36 Then the angel of Yehowah went out and attacked the camp of the Assyrians, putting to death 185,000 soldiers. When the men arose at the crack of dawn, dead bodies lay everywhere (2 Kings 19:35; 2 Chron. 32:21; 20:24; Isa. 10:32).
Isa 37:37 So Sennacherib king of Assyria left Israel and went home and stayed in Nineveh.
Isa 37:38 Later, as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his deity, his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer murdered him with the sword (c. 678 BC). Then they escaped into the land of Ararat. Then Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place.

Isaiah Chapter 38

Isa 38:1 In those days, Hezekiah was sick to the point of dying. So Isaiah son of Amoz, the prophet, came to him and prophesied to him, “Yehowah says, ‘Set your house in order; for you will die, not live.’”
Isa 38:2 Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to Yehowah,
Isa 38:3 “Please, Yehowah, call to mind how I have faithfully walked before you with my whole heart, and how I have done what was good in your sight.” Then Hezekiah wept loudly.
Isa 38:4 Then the Word of Yehowah came to Isaiah,
Isa 38:5 “Go and say to Hezekiah, the leader of my people, ‘This is what Yehowah, Mighty One of David your ancestor, declares: I have heard your prayer, and I have seen your tears. See, I am about to add fifteen years to your life.
Isa 38:6 Then I will rescue you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city.
Isa 38:7 This will be the sign to you from me, Yehowah, that Yehowah will do what I have spoken:
Isa 38:8 Look, I will cause the sun’s shadow on the sundial stairs of Ahaz to go back ten steps.’” So the shadow went back ten steps up the stairs on which it had advanced downward (c. 712 BC; 2 Kings 20:9-11; 2 Chron. 32:31).
Isa 38:9 This was the written prayer of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick and then recovered:
Isa 38:10 “I said that halfway through my life I will go through the gates of the place of the dead; I am sent there for the rest of my years.
Isa 38:11 I said that I will no longer see Yah, Yah in the land of the living; I will no longer look on mankind or the inhabitants of the world.
Isa 38:12 My life is removed and carried away from me like a shepherd’s tent; I have rolled up my life like a weaver; you are cutting me off from the loom; between day and night you are ending my life.
Isa 38:13 I cried out until dawn; like a lion he breaks all my bones. Between day and night you are ending my life.
Isa 38:14 Like a swallow I chirp; I coo like a dove; my eyes grow tired with looking upward. O Lord, I am oppressed; help me!
Isa 38:15 What should I say? He has both spoken to me and has done it; I will walk slowly all my years, because I am overcome with grief.
Isa 38:16 O Lord, the sufferings you send are good for me; may my life be given back to me; you have restored my life and health.

Isa 38:17 It was for my benefit that I experienced such grief. You in love have rescued me from the pit of destruction; for you have thrown all my sins behind your back.
Isa 38:18 For the place of the dead does not thank you; death does not praise you; those who go down into the pit do not hope in your truth.
Isa 38:19 The living person, he is the one who gives you thanks, as I do this day; a father makes known to children your truth.
Isa 38:20 Yehowah is about to save me, and we will celebrate with music all the days of our lives in the temple of Yehowah.”
Isa 38:21 Now Isaiah had prophesied, “Let them take a lump of figs and put it on the boil, and he will recover.”
Isa 38:22 Hezekiah also had asked, “What will be the sign that I should go up to the temple of Yehowah?”

Isaiah Chapter 39

Isa 39:1 At that time, Merodach Baladan son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a gift to Hezekiah; for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick and had recovered.
Isa 39:2 Hezekiah was pleased by these things; he showed the messengers his storehouse of valuable things, the silver, the gold, the spices and precious oil, the storehouse of his weapons, and all that was found in his storehouses. There was nothing in his house, nor in all his kingdom, that Hezekiah did not show them.
Isa 39:3 Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah and asked him, “What did these men say to you? Where did they come from?” Hezekiah answered, “They came to me from the distant country of Babylon.”
Isa 39:4 Isaiah asked, “What have they seen in your house?” Hezekiah answered, “They have seen everything in my house. There is nothing among my valuable things that I have not shown them.”
Isa 39:5 Then Isaiah prophesied to Hezekiah, “Listen to the Word of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces:
Isa 39:6 ‘Look, the days are about to come when everything in your palace, the things that your ancestors stored away until this present day, will be carried to Babylon. Nothing will be left,’ declares Yehowah.
Isa 39:7 ‘The sons born from you, whom you yourself have fathered, they will take them away, and they will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.’”
Isa 39:8 Then Hezekiah responded to Isaiah, “The Word of Yehowah that you have spoken is good.” For he thought, “There will be peace and stability in my days.”

Isaiah Chapter 40

Isa 40:1 “Comfort, comfort my people,” says your Divine One.
Isa 40:2 “Speak tenderly to Jerusalem; and proclaim to her that her warfare has ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received double from the hand of Yehowah for all her sins.”
Isa 40:3 A voice cries out in the wilderness, “Prepare the Way of Yehowah; make straight in the Arabah a highway for our Divine One” (Mat. 3:3).
Isa 40:4 Every valley will be lifted up, and every mountain and hill will be leveled; and the rugged land will be made level and the rough places a plain;
Isa 40:5 and the glory of Yehowah will be revealed, and all people will see him together; for the mouth of Yehowah has spoken it.
Isa 40:6 A voice says, “Cry.” Another asks, “What should I cry?” “All flesh is grass, and all their kindness is like the flower of the field.
Isa 40:7 The grass withers and the flower wilts when the Ruach of Yehowah blows on it; surely humanity is grass.
Isa 40:8 The grass withers, the flower wilts, but the word of our Divine One will stand forever.”
Isa 40:9 Go up on a high mountain, Zion, bearer of the good news. Shout out loud, Jerusalem! You who bring the good news, raise your voice, do not be afraid. Shout to the cities of Judah, “Here is your Divine One!”
Isa 40:10 Look, Lord Yehowah comes as a victorious warrior, and his strong arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and those he has rescued go before him.
Isa 40:11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather in his arm the lambs, and carry them close to his heart, and will gently lead the ewes nursing their young.
Isa 40:12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, measured the sky with the span of his hand, held the dust of the earth in a basket, weighed the mountains in scales, or the hills in a balance (Prov. 30:4)?
Isa 40:13 Who has comprehended the Ruach of Yehowah or instructed him as his counselor?
Isa 40:14 From whom did he ever receive instruction? Who taught him the correct Way to do things, and taught him knowledge, or showed to him the Way of understanding?
Isa 40:15 Look, the ethnicities are like a drop in a bucket and are regarded like the dust on the scales; see, he weighs the isles as a speck.
Isa 40:16 Lebanon is not sufficient fuel nor its wild animals sufficient for a burnt offering.

Isa 40:17 All the ethnicities are insufficient before him; they are regarded by him as nothing, and worthless.
Isa 40:18 To whom then will you compare the Almighty? To what idol will you liken him?
Isa 40:19 An idol! A craftsman casts it: The goldsmith overlays it with gold and forges silver chains for it.
Isa 40:20 To make an offering one chooses a wood that will not rot; he seeks a skillful artisan to make an idol that will not fall over.
Isa 40:21 Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
Isa 40:22 He is the One who sits above the circular horizon of the earth; and the inhabitants are like grasshoppers before him. He stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them out as a tent to live in.
Isa 40:23 He reduces rulers to nothing and makes the rulers of the earth insignificant.
Isa 40:24 See, they are barely planted; see, they are barely sown; see, they have barely taken root in the earth, before he blows upon them, and they wither, and the wind blows them away like straw.
Isa 40:25 “To whom then will you compare me, whom do I resemble?” asks the Set-apart One.
Isa 40:26 Look up at the sky! Who has created all these stars? He leads out their formations and calls them all by name. By the greatness of his might and by the strength of his power, not one is missing.
Isa 40:27 Why do you say, Jacob, and declare, Israel, “My way is hidden from Yehowah, and my Divine One is not concerned about my vindication?”
Isa 40:28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Eternal, Almighty Yehowah, the Creator of the ends of the earth, does not get tired or weary; there is no limit to his understanding.
Isa 40:29 He gives strength to the tired; and to the weak he gives renewed energy!
Isa 40:30 Even young people become tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall:
Isa 40:31 But those who wait for Yehowah will renew their strength; they will soar with wings like eagles; they will run and not be weary; they will walk and not faint (Exo. 19:4; Rev. 12:14)!

Isaiah Chapter 41

Isa 41:1 “Listen before me in silence, you coastlands; let the ethnicities renew their strength; let them come near and speak; let us come near together to argue a dispute.
Isa 41:2 Who has stirred up one from the East, calling him in righteousness to his service? He hands ethnicities over to him and helps him subdue kings. He turns them to dust with his sword, like windblown stubble with his bow.
Isa 41:3 He pursues them and passes by safely, by a swift path that his feet scarcely touch.
Isa 41:4 Who has performed and accomplished these deeds? Who has summoned the generations from the beginning? I, Yehowah, the first, and with the last, I am he.
Isa 41:5 The isles have seen and are afraid; the ends of the earth tremble; they approach and come.
Isa 41:6 Everyone helps his neighbor, and every one says to one another, ‘Be encouraged.’
Isa 41:7 So the builder encourages the goldsmith, and he who works with the hammer encourages him who works with an anvil, saying of the welding, ‘It is good.’ They fasten it with nails, so it will not topple over.
Isa 41:8 But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham my friend (Jacob 2:23),
Isa 41:9 you whom I am bringing back from the ends of the earth, and whom I called from the far away places, and to whom I said, ‘You are my servant;’ I have chosen you and not rejected you.
Isa 41:10 Do not fear, for I am with you. Do not be anxious, for I am your Divine One. I will strengthen you, and I will help you, and I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
Isa 41:11 See, they will be ashamed and disgraced, all who have been angry with you; they will be as nothing and will perish, those who oppose you.
Isa 41:12 You will seek and will not find those who contended with you; those who warred against you will be like nothing, absolutely nothing.
Isa 41:13 For I, Yehowah your Divine One, will hold your right hand, saying to you, ‘Do not fear; I am helping you.’
Isa 41:14 Do not fear, Jacob you worm, and you adults of Israel; I will help you,” declares Yehowah, your Redeemer, the Set-apart One of Israel.
Isa 41:15 “Look, I am making you like a sharp threshing sledge, new and two-edged; you will thresh the mountains and crush them; you will make the hills like chaff.

Isa 41:16 You will winnow them, and the wind will carry them away; the wind will scatter them. You will rejoice in Yehowah, you will rejoice in the Set-apart One of Israel.
Isa 41:17 The oppressed and needy look for water, but there is none, and their tongues are parched for thirst; I, Yehowah, will respond to their prayers; I, the Mighty One of Israel, will not forsake them.
Isa 41:18 I will make streams to flow down the slopes and springs in the middle of the valleys; I will make the desert into a pool of water and the dry land into springs of water.
Isa 41:19 In the wilderness, I will set the cedar, the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive tree. I will set the cypress in the desert plain with the pines and the cedar box trees.
Isa 41:20 I will do this, so that the people may see, recognize, and understand together, that the hand of Yehowah has done this, that the Set-apart One of Israel has created it.
Isa 41:21 Present your case," says Yehowah; "present your best arguments for your idols," says the King of Jacob.
Isa 41:22 "Let them bring us their own arguments; have them come forward and declare to us what will happen, so we may know these things well. Have them tell us of earlier predictive declarations, so we can reflect on them and know how they were fulfilled.
Isa 41:23 Tell things about the future, that we may know if you are deities; do something good or evil, that we may be frightened and impressed.
Isa 41:24 See, you idols are nothing and your deeds are nothing; the one who chooses you is detestable.
Isa 41:25 I have raised up one from the North, and he comes; from the sun's rising, I summon him who calls on my name, and he will trample the rulers like mud, like a potter who is treading on the clay.
Isa 41:26 Who announced this from the beginning, that we might know? Before this time, that we may say, "He is right?" Indeed none of them decreed it, yes, none heard you say anything.
Isa 41:27 I first announced to Zion, "Look, here they are!" I sent a herald to Jerusalem.
Isa 41:28 When I look, there is no one, not one among them who can give good advice, who, when I ask, can answer a word.
Isa 41:29 Look, all of them are nothing, and their deeds are nothing; their cast metal figures are wind and emptiness.

Isaiah Chapter 42

Isa 42:1 Behold, my Servant, whom I uphold; my Chosen One, in whom my soul delights. I have put my Ruach upon him; he will bring justice to the ethnicities.
Isa 42:2 He will not cry out nor shout, nor make his voice heard in the streets.
Isa 42:3 A crushed reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not extinguish: He will faithfully execute justice.
Isa 42:4 He will not grow faint nor be discouraged, until he has established justice on the earth; and in his name will the ethnicities trust" (LXX; Mat. 12:21).
Isa 42:5 This is what Almighty Yehowah says, the One who created the heavens and stretched them out, the One who made the earth and all that it produces, the One who gives breath to the ethnicities on it and life to those who live on it:
Isa 42:6 "I, Yehowah, have called you in righteousness and will hold your hand. I will keep you and set you as a covenant for the people, as a Light for the ethnicities,
Isa 42:7 to open the eyes of the blind, to release the prisoners from the dungeon, and from the house of confinement those who sit in darkness.
Isa 42:8 I am Yehowah, that is my name; and my glory I will not share with another nor my praise with carved idols (Exo. 3:14-16; Exo. 6:2-3).
Isa 42:9 See, the previous things came to pass, now I am about to declare new events. Before they begin to occur, I will tell you about them."
Isa 42:10 Sing to Yehowah a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth; you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, the coastlands, and those who live there.
Isa 42:11 Let the desert and the cities cry out, the villages where Kedar lives, shout for joy! Let the inhabitants of Sela (Petra) sing; let them shout from the mountaintops.
Isa 42:12 Let them give glory to Yehowah and declare his praise in the coastlands!
Isa 42:13 Yehowah will go out as a warrior; as a man of war he will stir up his zeal. He will shout, yes, he will roar his battle cries; he will show his enemies his power.
Isa 42:14 I have kept quiet for a long time; I have been still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant.
Isa 42:15 I will lay waste mountains and hills and dry up all their vegetation; and I will turn the rivers into islands and will dry up the marshes.
Isa 42:16 I will bring the blind by a Way that they do not know; in Paths that they do not know I will lead them. I will turn the darkness into light before them, and make the crooked places straight. These things I will do, and I will not abandon them.

Isa 42:17 They will be turned back, they will be completely put to shame, those who trust in carved figures, who say to cast metal figures, “You are our deities.”
Isa 42:18 Listen, you deaf; and look, you blind, that you may see.
Isa 42:19 Who is blind but my servant? Or deaf like my messenger I send? Who is as blind as my covenant partner, or blind as the servant of Yehowah?
Isa 42:20 You see many things but do not comprehend; ears are open, but no one hears.
Isa 42:21 It pleased Yehowah to praise his justice and to make his law glorious!
Isa 42:22 But this is a people robbed and plundered; they are all trapped in pits, held captive in prisons; they have become a plunder with no one to rescue them, and no one shouts, “Bring them back!”
Isa 42:23 Who among you will listen to this? Who will listen and hear in the future?
Isa 42:24 Who gave Jacob over to the robber and Israel to the looters? Was it not Yehowah, against whom we have sinned, in whose Ways they refused to walk, and whose law they refused to obey?
Isa 42:25 Therefore, he poured out his fierce anger against them with the devastation of war. It blazed around them, yet they did not realize it; it burned them, but they did not take it to heart.

Isaiah Chapter 43

Isa 43:1 But now this is what Yehowah says, he who created you, Jacob, and he who formed you, Israel: “Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name, you are mine.
Isa 43:2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overwhelm you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned, and the flames will not destroy you.
Isa 43:3 For I am Yehowah your Divine One, the Set-apart One of Israel, your Savior. I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
Isa 43:4 Since you are precious and special in my sight, I love you; therefore I will give people in exchange for you, and other people in exchange for your life.
Isa 43:5 Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east and gather you from the west.
Isa 43:6 I will say to the north, ‘Hand them over!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold any back!’ Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the remote regions of the earth,
Isa 43:7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I have created for my glory, whom I have formed, yes, whom I have made.
Isa 43:8 Bring out the people who are blind, even though they have eyes, and the deaf, even though they have ears.
Isa 43:9 All the ethnicities gather together, and the people assemble. Who among them could have declared this and announced to us earlier events? Let them bring their witnesses to prove themselves right, let them listen and affirm, ‘It is true.’
Isa 43:10 You are my witnesses,” declares Yehowah, “and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe in me, and understand that I AM. Before me there was no deity formed, and there will be none after me.
Isa 43:11 I, I am Yehowah, and there is no Savior but me.
Isa 43:12 I have declared, saved, and proclaimed, and there is no foreign deity among you. You are my witnesses,” declares Yehowah, “I AM the Almighty.
Isa 43:13 From this day on I AM, and no one can rescue anyone from my hand. I act, and who can turn it back?”
Isa 43:14 This is what Yehowah declares, your Redeemer, the Set-apart One of Israel: “For your sake I send to Babylon and lead them all down as fugitives, turning the Babylonians’ expressions of joy into songs of lamentation.
Isa 43:15 I am Yehowah, your Set-apart One, the Creator of Israel, your King.”
Isa 43:16 This is what Yehowah declares, who opened a way through the SEA and a path in the mighty waters,

Isa 43:17 who led out the chariot and horse, the army, and the mighty armed forces. They fell down together; they will never rise again; they are extinguished, quenched like a burning wick.
Isa 43:18 “Do not think about these former things nor consider the things of long ago.
Isa 43:19 Look, I am about to do a new thing; now it begins to happen; do you not perceive it? I will make a road in the wilderness and streams of water in the desert.
Isa 43:20 The wild animals of the field will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, because I give water in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, for my chosen people to drink,
Isa 43:21 this people whom I formed for myself, that they might recount my praises!
Isa 43:22 But you have not called on me, Jacob; you have become tired of me, Israel.
Isa 43:23 You have not brought me any of your sheep as burnt offerings, or honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with grain offerings nor wearied you with demands for incense.
Isa 43:24 You have bought me no sweet-smelling cane with money, neither have you poured out to me the fat of your sacrifices; but you have burdened me with your sins, you have wearied me with your evil deeds.
Isa 43:25 I, yes, I am he who blots out your offenses for my own sake; and I will not call to mind your sins any longer.
Isa 43:26 Remind me of what happened. Let us debate together; present your cause, that you may be proved innocent.
Isa 43:27 Your first father sinned, and your leaders have transgressed against me.
Isa 43:28 Therefore, I will defile the set-apart officials; I will hand Jacob over to complete destruction and Israel to abusive humiliation.”

Isaiah Chapter 44

Isa 44:1 Now listen, Jacob my servant, and Israel, whom I have chosen:
Isa 44:2 This is what Yehowah says, he who made you and formed you in the womb, and who will help you: “Do not fear, Jacob my servant; and you, Yeshurun, whom I have chosen.
Isa 44:3 For I will pour water on the thirsty ground, and flowing streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Ruach on your offspring, and my blessing on your children.
Isa 44:4 They will spring up among the grass, like willows by the streams of water.
Isa 44:5 One will say, ‘I belong to Yehowah,’ and another will call out the name of Jacob, and another will write on his hand, ‘Belonging to Yehowah,’ and name himself by the name of Israel.”
Isa 44:6 This is what Yehowah says, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces: “I am the first, and I am the last; and there is no Almighty but me (Isa. 41:4; 48:12; Rev. 1:8; 1:11; 1:17; 2:8; 21:6; 22:13).
Isa 44:7 Who is like me? Let him announce it and explain to me the events that occurred since I established my ancient people, and let them declare the events to come.
Isa 44:8 Do not fear or be afraid. Have I not declared to you long ago and announced it? You are my witnesses: Is there any Almighty besides me? There is no other Rock; I know of none.”
Isa 44:9 All who fashion idols are nothing; the things they delight in are worthless; their witnesses cannot see or know anything, and they will be put to shame.
Isa 44:10 Who would form a deity or cast an idol that is worthless?
Isa 44:11 Look, all his associates will be put to shame; the craftsmen are only men. Let them take their stand together; they will cower and be put to shame.
Isa 44:12 The blacksmith works with his tools, forming it, working over the coals. He shapes it with hammers and works it with his strong arm. He is hungry, and his strength wanes; he drinks no water and becomes faint.
Isa 44:13 The craftsman measures the wood with a line and marks it with a stylus. He shapes it with his tools and marks it out with a compass. He shapes it after the figure of a man, like an attractive human, so it may stay in a house.
Isa 44:14 He cuts down cedars, or chooses a cypress tree or an oak tree. He picks for himself trees in the forest. He plants a laurel tree, and the rain makes it grow.

Isa 44:15 Then a man uses it for a fire and warms himself. Yes, he kindles a fire and bakes bread. Then he makes from it a deity and bows down to it; he makes an idol and bows down to it.
Isa 44:16 He burns part of the wood for the fire, roasting his meat over it. He eats and is satisfied. He warms himself and says, “Ah, I am warm, I have seen the fire.”
Isa 44:17 With the rest of the wood he makes a deity, his carved image; he bows down to it and reverences it, and prays to it, “Rescue me, for you are my deity.”
Isa 44:18 They do not know, nor do they understand, for their eyes are blind and cannot see, and their hearts cannot perceive.
Isa 44:19 No one thinks, nor do they comprehend and say, “I have burned part of the wood in the fire; yes, I have also baked bread upon its coals. I have roasted meat over its coals and eaten. Now should I make the other part of the wood into something disgusting to worship? Should I bow down to a block of wood?”
Isa 44:20 It is as if he were eating ashes; his deceived heart misleads him. He cannot rescue himself, nor does he say, “This thing in my right hand is a false deity.”
Isa 44:21 Think about these things, Jacob and Israel, for you are my servant: I have formed you; you are my servant: Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.
Isa 44:22 I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your rebellious deeds, and like a cloud, your sins; return to me, for I have redeemed you.
Isa 44:23 Sing, you heavens, for Yehowah has done this; shout, you depths of the earth! Break out into singing, you mountains, you forest with every tree in it; for Yehowah has redeemed Jacob and will show his glory in Israel.
Isa 44:24 This is what Yehowah says, your Redeemer, he who formed you from the womb: “I am Yehowah, who made everything, who alone stretched out the heavens, who alone fashioned the earth.
Isa 44:25 I who frustrate the omens of the empty talkers, and who disgrace those who read omens; I who overturn the wisdom of the wise and make their advice foolish.
Isa 44:26 I, Yehowah, who confirmed the words of his servant and brings to pass the predictions of his messengers, who says of Jerusalem, ‘She will be inhabited,’ and of the towns of Judah, ‘They will be built again, and I will raise up their ruins;’
Isa 44:27 who says to the deep sea, ‘Be dry, and I will dry up your rivers.’
Isa 44:28 Yehowah is the One who says of Cyrus II, ‘He is my shepherd, he will do my every wish; he will decree about Jerusalem, ‘She will be rebuilt,’ and about the temple, ‘Let its foundations be laid.’”

Isaiah Chapter 45

Isa 45:1 This is what Yehowah says to his anointed, to Cyrus II, whose right hand I hold, in order to subdue ethnicities before him, to disarm kings, and to open the swinging doors before him, so that gates remain open:
Isa 45:2 “I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut in pieces their iron bars,
Isa 45:3 and I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden away, that you may know that it is I, Yehowah, who call you by your name, I, the Mighty One of Israel.
Isa 45:4 For Jacob my servant’s sake, and Israel my chosen, I have called you by your name: Giving you a title of honor, though you have not known me.
Isa 45:5 I am Yehowah, and there is no other; there is no Almighty but me. I will arm you for battle, though you have not known me;
Isa 45:6 that people may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is no deity but me: I am Yehowah, and there is no other.
Isa 45:7 I form the light and create darkness; I bring peace and create disaster; I am Yehowah, who does all these things.
Isa 45:8 You heavens, rain down from above! Let the skies rain down righteousness. Let the earth absorb it, that salvation may sprout up, and righteousness spring up together with it. I, Yehowah, have created them both.
Isa 45:9 Woe to anyone who argues with the One who formed him, to him who is like any other earthen pot among all the earthen pots in the ground! Does the clay ask the potter, ‘What are you making?’ or ‘Your work has no handles on it?’
Isa 45:10 Woe to him who asks a father, ‘What are you fathering?’ or a mother, ‘What are you giving birth to?’
Isa 45:11 This is what Yehowah asks, the Set-apart One of Israel, his Maker: ‘Why do you ask questions about what I will do for my children? Do you tell me what to do concerning the work of my hands?’
Isa 45:12 ‘I made the earth and created man on it. It was my hands that stretched out the heavens, and I commanded all the stars to appear.
Isa 45:13 I stirred up Cyrus II in righteousness, and I will smooth out all his paths. He will build my city; he will let my exiled people go home, and not for price nor bribe,’” says Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Isa 45:14 This is what Yehowah says, “The earnings of Egypt and the merchandise of Cush with the Sabeans, men of tall stature, will be brought to you. They will be yours. They will follow after you, coming in chains. They will bow down to you and plead with you, ‘Surely the Almighty is with you, and there is no other except the Almighty.’”

Isa 45:15 Truly, you are an Almighty who hides yourself, Mighty One of Israel, Savior.
Isa 45:16 They will all be ashamed and disgraced together; those who carve idols will walk in humiliation.
Isa 45:17 But Israel will be saved by Yehowah with an everlasting salvation; you will never again be ashamed or humiliated.
Isa 45:18 This is what Yehowah says, who created the heavens, the true Almighty who created the earth and made it, who established it. He created it, not as a waste, but designed it to be inhabited: "I am Yehowah, and there is no other.
Isa 45:19 I have not spoken in private, in some hidden place; I did not say to Jacob's descendants, 'Seek me in vain!' I am Yehowah, who speaks sincerely; I declare the things that are right.
Isa 45:20 Assemble yourselves and come! Gather together, you refugees from among the ethnicities! They have no knowledge, those who carry carved images and pray to deities that cannot save.
Isa 45:21 Come close and declare it to me, bring the evidence! Let them conspire together. Who has shown this from long ago? Who announced it? Was it not I, Yehowah? There is no Almighty except me, a just Almighty and a Savior; there is no one besides me.
Isa 45:22 Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am the Almighty, and there is no other.
Isa 45:23 By myself I swear, speaking my just decree, and it will not turn back: 'To me every knee will bend, every tongue will swear (Phil. 2:9-11; Rom. 14:11).
Isa 45:24 They will say of me, "In Yehowah alone are righteousness and strength to come to him."'" They will all be ashamed who are angry at him.
Isa 45:25 In Yehowah, all the descendants of Israel will be justified; they will take pride in him.

Isaiah Chapter 46

Isa 46:1 Bel bows down, Nebo stoops; their idols are carried by animals and beasts of burden. These idols that you carry are a heavy burden for weary animals.
Isa 46:2 Together they bend low, kneel down; they cannot rescue the images, and they themselves have gone off into captivity.
Isa 46:3 “Listen to me, house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been carried by me from before your birth, carried from the womb.
Isa 46:4 Even to your old age I am he, and until your hair is gray I will carry you. I made you, and I will bear you; I will carry you, and I will rescue you.
Isa 46:5 To whom will you compare me? Who do you think I resemble, so that we may be compared?
Isa 46:6 People pour out gold from the bag and weigh silver-currency on the scale. They hire a metalsmith, and he makes it into a deity; they bow down and worship it.
Isa 46:7 They lift it on their shoulder and carry it; they set it in its place, and it stands in its place and does not move from it. They cry out to it, but it cannot answer nor save anyone from his trouble.
Isa 46:8 Think about these things; never ignore them, you rebels!
Isa 46:9 Think about the earlier things, those of times past, for I am the Almighty, and there is no other, I am the Almighty, and there is no one like me.
Isa 46:10 I announce the end from the beginning, and beforehand what has not yet happened; I declare, “My plan will happen, and I will do as I desire.”
Isa 46:11 I call a bird of prey from the East, the man of my choice from a distant land; yes, I have spoken; I will also accomplish it; I have purposed, I will also do it.
Isa 46:12 Listen to me, you stubborn people, who are far from doing what is right.
Isa 46:13 I am bringing my righteousness near; it is not far away, and my salvation does not wait; and I will give salvation to Zion and my beauty to Israel.

Isaiah Chapter 47

Isa 47:1 Come down and sit in the dust, virgin daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground without a throne, daughter of the Chaldeans. You will no longer be called dainty and delicate.
Isa 47:2 Take the millstone and grind flour; remove your veil, strip off your flowing robe, uncover your legs, cross the streams.
Isa 47:3 Your nakedness will be uncovered, yes, your shame will be seen: I will take vengeance and will not spare a person.
Isa 47:4 Our Redeemer, Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces is his name, the Set-apart One of Israel.
Isa 47:5 Sit in silence and go into darkness, daughter of the Chaldeans; for you will no longer be called queen of kingdoms.
Isa 47:6 I was angry with my people; I defiled my heritage and gave them over into your hand, but you showed them no mercy; you placed an extremely heavy yoke on the old people.
Isa 47:7 You said, “I will rule forever as sovereign queen.” You did not take these things to heart, nor did you consider how they would turn out.
Isa 47:8 So now hear this, you who love pleasure and sit securely; you who say in your heart, “I exist, and there is no one else like me; I will never sit as a widow, nor will I ever experience loss of children.”
Isa 47:9 But these two things will come to you in a moment, in one day: The loss of children and widowhood; in full force they will come on you, despite your sorceries and your many incantations and amulets.
Isa 47:10 You have trusted in your wickedness; you have said, “No one sees me;” your wisdom and your knowledge lead you astray, but you say in your heart, “I exist, and there is no one else like me.”
Isa 47:11 Disaster will overcome you; you will not be able to drive it away with your incantations. Destruction will fall on you; you will not be able to ward it off. Calamity will strike you suddenly, before you know it.
Isa 47:12 Persist in casting your spells and your many sorceries, which you have faithfully recited since your childhood; perhaps you will be successful, perhaps you will scare away disaster.
Isa 47:13 You are tired out with your many consultations; let those men stand up and save you, those astrologers with their horoscopes, stargazers, and those who declare the months, let them save you from what will happen to you.
Isa 47:14 See, they will become like stubble. The fire will burn them up. They will not save themselves from the hand of the flame. There are no coals to warm them and no fire for them to sit by!

Isa 47:15 This is what they have become to you, those with whom you have worked, and you bought and sold with them when you were young, and all of them keep doing their own foolish things; and when you cry out for help, there is no one who can rescue you.”

Isaiah Chapter 48

Isa 48:1 Hear this, house of Jacob, who are called by the name Israel, and have come from the sperm of Judah; you who swear by the name of Yehowah and invoke the Mighty One of Israel, but not sincerely nor in a righteous manner.
Isa 48:2 For they call themselves people of the set-apart city and trust in the Mighty One of Israel. Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces is his name.
Isa 48:3 “I have declared the things from long ago; they came out from my mouth, and I made them known; then suddenly I did them, and they came to pass.
Isa 48:4 Because I knew that you were obstinate, your neck muscles tight as iron and your forehead like bronze,
Isa 48:5 therefore, I declared these things to you beforehand; before they happened I informed you, so you could not say, ‘My idol has done them,’ or ‘My carved figure and my cast metal figure have ordained these things.’
Isa 48:6 You heard about these things; look at all this evidence; and you, will you not admit what I said is true? From now on, I am showing you new things, hidden things that you have not known.
Isa 48:7 Now, and not from previously, they come into being, and before today, you have not heard about them, so you will not be able to say, ‘Yes, I knew about them.’
Isa 48:8 You never heard; you did not know; these things were not unfolded to your ears beforehand. For I knew that you have been faithlessly deceitful, and that you have been a rebel from birth.
Isa 48:9 For the sake of my name I will defer my anger, and for my honor I will hold back from destroying you.
Isa 48:10 Look, I refined you but not as silver; I have purified you in the furnace of affliction.
Isa 48:11 For my own sake, for my own sake I will act; for how can I allow my name to be dishonored? I will not give my glory to anyone else.
Isa 48:12 Listen to me, Jacob and Israel, whom I called: I am he; I am the first, I also am the last (Isa. 41:4; 44:6; Rev. 1:8; 1:11; 1:17; 2:8; 21:6; 22:13).
Isa 48:13 Yes, my hand laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I call to them, they stand up together.
Isa 48:14 Assemble yourselves, all of you, and listen! Who among you has announced these things? The ally of Yehowah will accomplish his purpose against Babylon. He will carry out the will of the Almighty against the Chaldeans.
Isa 48:15 I, I have spoken, yes, I have summoned him, I have brought him, and he will succeed.

Isa 48:16 Come near to me, listen to this: From the beginning, I have not spoken in secret; when it happens, I am there." Now Lord Yehowah and his Ruach have sent me (Isa. 42:1).
Isa 48:17 This is what Yehowah, your Redeemer, the Set-apart One of Israel says, "I am Yehowah your Divine One, who teaches you how to succeed, who leads you by the Way that you should go.
Isa 48:18 If only you had obeyed my commandments! Then your peace and prosperity would have flowed like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea.
Isa 48:19 Your descendants would have been as numerous as the sand, and the children from your womb as numerous as the grains of sand; their name would not have been cut off nor blotted out from before me.
Isa 48:20 Come out from Babylon! Flee from the Chaldeans! With the sound of a ringing cry announce it! Make this known, make it go out to the ends of the earth! Proclaim, 'Yehowah has redeemed his servant Jacob!'
Isa 48:21 They did not thirst when he led them through the deserts; he made the water to flow out of the rock for them; he split open the rock, and the waters gushed out.
Isa 48:22 There is no peace for the wicked," declares Yehowah.

Isaiah Chapter 49

Isa 49:1 Listen to me, you coastlands! Now give me your attention, you distant ethnicities. Yehowah has called me from birth by name, when my mother brought me into the world.
Isa 49:2 He has made my mouth like a sharp sword; he hid me in the shadow of his hand; he has made me into a polished arrow; in his quiver he has hidden me.
Isa 49:3 He said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory.”
Isa 49:4 But I replied, “Though I thought I have labored in vain, I have spent my energy for nothing, yet my justice is with Yehowah, and my reward is with my Divine One.”
Isa 49:5 Now Yehowah has spoken, he who formed me from birth to be his Servant, to restore Jacob again to himself, so that Israel would be gathered to him, for I am honored in the eyes of Yehowah, and my Divine One has become my strength,
Isa 49:6 and he says, “It is too small a thing for you to be my Servant to reestablish the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the survivors of Israel. I will make you a Light to the ethnicities, that you may be my Salvation to the ends of the earth.”
Isa 49:7 This is what Yehowah says, the Redeemer of Israel, their Set-apart One, to the one whose life is despised, hated by the ethnicities, and a slave of rulers, “Kings will see you and arise, and princes will see you and bow down, because of Yehowah who is faithful, even the Set-apart One of Israel, who has chosen you.”
Isa 49:8 This is what Yehowah says, “At a time I decide to show my grace I will answer you, and in the Day of Salvation I will help you; I will protect you and give you as a covenant for the people, to rebuild the land, to reassign the desolate inheritance.
Isa 49:9 You will say to the prisoners, ‘Come out;’ to those in dark dungeons, ‘Show yourselves.’ They will graze along the roads, and on all the bare slopes will be their pasture.
Isa 49:10 They will not be hungry or thirsty; nor will the heat or sun beat on them, for he who has mercy on them will lead them; he will guide them to springs of water (Rev. 7:16-17; John 7:37-38).
Isa 49:11 Then I will make all my mountains into a road and make my highways level.”
Isa 49:12 Look, these will come from far away, some from the north and the west; and others from the land of Sinim (Chinese, Orientals, Easterners).
Isa 49:13 Sing, heavens, and be joyful, earth; break into singing, you mountains! For Yehowah comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.

Isa 49:14 But Zion said, “Yehowah has forsaken me, and my Lord has forgotten me.”
Isa 49:15 “Can a woman forget her baby nursing at her breast, so she does not have compassion on the son she has borne? Yes, they may forget, but I will not forget you.
Isa 49:16 Look, I have inscribed your name on my palms; your walls are continually before me.
Isa 49:17 Your children are hurrying back, while those who destroyed you are going away.
Isa 49:18 Look around and see, they are all gathering and coming to you. As surely as I live,” declares Yehowah, “you will surely wear them like jewelry; you will put them on like a bride.
Isa 49:19 Though you were a waste and desolate, a land that was in ruins, now you will be too small for the inhabitants, and those who devoured you will be far away.
Isa 49:20 The children born during the time of your bereavement will say in your hearing, ‘The place is too cramped for us, make room for us, so we may live here.’
Isa 49:21 Then you will ask yourself, ‘Who has borne these children for me? I was bereaved and barren, exiled and divorced. Who has raised these children? Look, I was left all alone; where did these come from?’”
Isa 49:22 This is what Lord Yehowah says, “Look, I will raise my hand to the ethnicities; I will raise my signal flag to the people. They will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their shoulders.
Isa 49:23 Kings will be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursemaids; they will bow down to you with their faces to the earth and lick the dust of your feet; and you will know that I am Yehowah; those who wait for me will not be put to shame.”
Isa 49:24 Can the spoils be taken from the warrior, or captives be rescued from the fierce?
Isa 49:25 But this is what Yehowah declares, “Yes, the captives will be taken away from the warrior, and spoils will be rescued; for I will oppose your adversary and save your children.
Isa 49:26 I will feed your oppressors with their own flesh; and they will get drunk on their own blood, as if it were wine. Then all mankind will know that I, Yehowah, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Strong One of Jacob.”

Isaiah Chapter 50

Isa 50:1 This is what Yehowah says, “Where is the certificate of divorce with which I divorced your mother? To which of my creditors did I sell you? Look, you were sold because of your sins, and because of your rebellion, your mother was sent away.
Isa 50:2 Why did I come, but there was no one there? Why did I call, but no one answered? Was my hand too short to ransom you? Was there no power in me to rescue you? Look, at my rebuke I dry up the sea; I make the rivers a desert; their fish die for lack of water and rot.
Isa 50:3 I clothe the sky with darkness; I cover it with sackcloth.”
Isa 50:4 Lord Yehowah has given me a tongue as one of those who are taught, so that I speak a sustaining word to the weary one; he wakes me dawn by dawn; he awakens my ear to hear like those who are taught.
Isa 50:5 Lord Yehowah has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, nor did I turn away backward.
Isa 50:6 I gave my back to those who beat me, and my cheeks to those who plucked out my beard; I did not hide my face from acts of shame and spitting.
Isa 50:7 For Lord Yehowah will help me; therefore, I am not disgraced; so I have made my face like flint, for I know that I will not be put to shame.
Isa 50:8 He who will justify me is close by. Who will oppose me? Let us stand and confront one another. Who is my accuser? Let him come near to me.
Isa 50:9 See, Lord Yehowah will help me. Who will declare me guilty? See, they will all wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.
Isa 50:10 Who among you fears Yehowah? Who obeys the voice of his servant? Who walks in deep darkness without light? He should trust in the name of Yehowah and lean on his Divine One.
Isa 50:11 Look, all you who light fires, who equip yourselves with torches: Walk in the light of your fire and in the flames that you have ignited. This is what you have received from me: You will lie down in a place of pain.

Isaiah Chapter 51

Isa 51:1 Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek Yehowah: Look at the rock from which you were chiseled and to the quarry from which you were cut.
Isa 51:2 Look at Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who bore you; for when he was a lone individual, I called him. I blessed him and made him many.
Isa 51:3 Yes, Yehowah will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places; her wilderness he made like Eden, and her desert plains beside the Jordan River Valley like the garden of Yehowah; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving, and the sound of singing.
Isa 51:4 “Be attentive to me, my people; listen to me, my people! For the law will go out from Me, and I will make my justice to be a light for the ethnicities.
Isa 51:5 My righteousness is near; my salvation will go out, and my arm will judge the ethnicities; the coastlands will wait for me; for my arm they will eagerly wait.
Isa 51:6 Lift up your eyes to the sky, and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish away like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and its inhabitants will die like flies. But my salvation will continue forever, and my righteousness will never stop working.
Isa 51:7 Listen to me, you who know what is right, you people who have my law in your heart: Do not fear the insults of people nor be disheartened by their abuse.
Isa 51:8 For the moth will eat them up like a garment, and the worm will eat them like wool; but my righteousness will be forever and my salvation to all generations.”
Isa 51:9 Awake, awake, clothe yourself with strength, arm of Yehowah. Awake as in the days of old, the generations of ancient times. Is it not you who crushed the sea monster, you who pierced the crocodile?
Isa 51:10 Did you not dry up the SEA, the waters of the great deep, and make the depths of the SEA into a way for the redeemed to pass through?
Isa 51:11 The ransomed of Yehowah will return and come to Zion with cries of joy and with gladness forever on their heads; and gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and mourning will flee away.
Isa 51:12 “I, I am he who comforts you. Why are you afraid of men who will die, the sons of mankind who are made like grass?
Isa 51:13 Why have you forgotten Yehowah your Maker, who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth? You are in constant dread every day because of the hot fury of the oppressor, when he decides to destroy. Where is the fury of the oppressor?

Isa 51:14 The one who is bent down, Yehowah will hurry to release; he will not die and go down to the pit, nor will he lack bread.
Isa 51:15 For I am Yehowah your Divine One, who churns up the SEA, so that its waves roar, Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces is his name.
Isa 51:16 I have placed my words in your mouth, and I have covered you in the shadow of my hand, that I may plant the heavens, lay the foundations of the earth, and say to Zion, 'You are my people.'"
Isa 51:17 Awake, awake, stand up, Jerusalem, you who have drunk out of the hand of Yehowah from the bowl of his anger; you who have drunk out of the bowl down to the dregs from the cup of staggering.
Isa 51:18 There is no one among all the sons she has born to guide her; there is no one among all the sons that she has raised to take her by the hand.
Isa 51:19 These two troubles happened to you, who will grieve with you? Desolation and destruction, and the famine and the sword, who will comfort you?
Isa 51:20 Your sons have fainted; they lie at every street corner, like an antelope in a net; they are filled with the anger of Yehowah, the rebuke of your Divine One.
Isa 51:21 But now, hear this you oppressed one and drunken one but not drunk with wine:
Isa 51:22 Your Lord Yehowah, your Divine One, who pleads the cause of his people, says this, "See, I have taken the cup of staggering from your hand, the bowl, which is the cup of my anger, so that you will not drink it again.
Isa 51:23 I will put it into the hand of your tormentors, those who have said to you, 'Lie down, that we may walk over you;' you made your back like the ground and like the street for them to walk on."

Isaiah Chapter 52

Isa 52:1 Awake, awake, put on your strength, Zion; put on your beautiful garments, Jerusalem, set-apart city; for never again will the uncircumcised or the unclean enter you.
Isa 52:2 Shake yourself off from the dust; arise and sit, Jerusalem; take off the chain from your neck, captive daughter of Zion.
Isa 52:3 For this is what Yehowah says, “You were sold for nothing, and you will be redeemed without money.”
Isa 52:4 For this is what Lord Yehowah declares, “In the beginning, my people went down into Egypt to live temporarily; Assyria has oppressed them recently.
Isa 52:5 Now what do I have here,” declares Yehowah, “seeing that my people are taken away for nothing? Those who rule over them wail,” declares Yehowah, “and my name is slandered continually all day long.
Isa 52:6 Therefore, my people will know my name; they will know in that day, that I am the One who says, “Yes, it is I!”
Isa 52:7 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings the good news, who announces peace, who bears good tidings, who announces salvation, who declares to Zion, “Your Divine One reigns” (Rom. 10:15)!
Isa 52:8 Listen, your watchmen raise their voices, together they shout for joy, for they will see, every eye of theirs, the return of Yehowah to Zion.
Isa 52:9 Break out into joyful singing together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for Yehowah has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.
Isa 52:10 Yehowah has bared his set-apart arm in the sight of all the ethnicities; all the earth will see the salvation of our Divine One.
Isa 52:11 Leave, leave, go out from there; touch nothing unclean; leave from her midst; purify yourselves, you who carry the vessels of Yehowah.
Isa 52:12 For you will not go out in a rush, nor will you leave in a panic; for Yehowah will go before you; and the Mighty One of Israel will be your rearguard.
Isa 52:13 Look, my Servant will act wisely; he will be high and lifted up, and he will be exalted.
Isa 52:14 As many were horrified at you, his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man, and his form no longer looked like anything human.
Isa 52:15 Even so, my Servant will sprinkle many ethnicities, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For that which they had not been told of him, they will see, and that which they had not heard, they will understand (Rom. 15:21).

Isaiah Chapter 53

Isa 53:1 (Passage begins with 52:13-15.) Who has believed our announcement, and to whom has the arm of Yehowah been revealed (John 12:38)?
Isa 53:2 For he grew up before Yehowah like a sapling, and like a sprout out of parched earth; he had no remarkable appearance or splendor; when we saw him, there was no beauty to attract us.
Isa 53:3 He was despised and rejected by people; a man of sorrows, and One familiar with pain. Like One from whom people hide their faces, he was despised; and we considered him insignificant.
Isa 53:4 But surely he has borne our sicknesses and carried our sorrows; yet we thought he was being punished, struck by the Almighty and afflicted.
Isa 53:5 But he was pierced because of our rebellious deeds; he was crushed because of our sins. The punishment for our peace was on him, and with his wounds we are healed.
Isa 53:6 We all like sheep have gone astray; we have each turned to his own way, and Yehowah has placed on him the iniquity of us all.
Isa 53:7 He was oppressed; yet when he humbled himself, he did not open his mouth; as a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.
Isa 53:8 By coercion and judgment he was condemned; who from that generation thought anymore about him? But he was executed; because of the offenses of my people, the penalty was put on him (Dan. 9:26).
Isa 53:9 They placed his grave with the criminals, with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, nor had there been any deceit in his mouth.
Isa 53:10 Yet it was the will of Yehowah to crush him and make him ill. When he makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring, he will prolong his days, and the purpose of Yehowah will be accomplished through him.
Isa 53:11 After the suffering of his life, he will see light and be satisfied. By his knowledge my Righteous Servant will justify many; he will bear their iniquities.
Isa 53:12 Therefore, will I give him his portion among the multitudes, and he will divide the spoils with the many, because he exposed himself to death and was numbered with the transgressors. He bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah Chapter 54

Isa 54:1 “Sing, you barren woman, you who have not given birth; break into joyful singing and cry aloud, you who have never been in birth labor. For the children of the desolate one are more than the children of the married woman” (Gal. 4:27), declares Yehowah.
Isa 54:2 “Make your tent larger and spread your tent curtains farther out, unsparingly; lengthen your ropes and strengthen your stakes.
Isa 54:3 For you will spread out to the right hand and to the left, and your descendants will conquer ethnicities and resettle desolate cities.
Isa 54:4 Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed nor be discouraged, for you will not be disgraced; you will forget the shame of your youth and the disgrace of your widowhood.
Isa 54:5 For your Maker is your husband; Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces is his name. The Set-apart One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the Mighty One of the whole earth.
Isa 54:6 For Yehowah has called you back as a wife abandoned and grieved in spirit, like a woman married young and rejected,” declares your Divine One.
Isa 54:7 “For a short time I abandoned you, but with great compassion I will gather you.
Isa 54:8 In a flood of anger, I hid my face from you momentarily; but with everlasting covenant faithfulness, I will have mercy on you,” declares Yehowah, “the One who rescues you.
Isa 54:9 For this is like the waters of Noah to me: As I swore that the waters of Noah would never again pass over the earth, so have I sworn that I will not be angry with you or rebuke you.
Isa 54:10 Though the mountains may fall and the hills be shaken, yet my steadfast love will not turn away from you, nor will my covenant of peace be shaken,” declares Yehowah, “who has mercy on you.
Isa 54:11 Afflicted one, storm-driven and uncomforted one, look, I will set your pavement in turquoise, and lay your foundations with sapphires.
Isa 54:12 I will make your pinnacles of rubies and your gates of sparkling stones, and your outer wall of beautiful stones.
Isa 54:13 Then all your children will be taught by Yehowah; and the peace of your children will be great.
Isa 54:14 In righteousness, I will reestablish you. You will no longer experience persecution, for you will not be afraid, and nothing frightening will come near you.
Isa 54:15 Look, if anyone stirs up trouble, it will not be from me; anyone who stirs up trouble with you will fall in defeat.

Isa 54:16 See, I have created the blacksmith, who blows the burning coals and forges weapons as his work, and I have created the destroyer to destroy.
Isa 54:17 No weapon that is formed against you will succeed; and you will condemn everyone who accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of Yehowah and their vindication from me," declares Yehowah.

Isaiah Chapter 55

Isa 55:1 “Come, everyone who is thirsty, come to the water, and you who have no money, come, buy, and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost (Rev. 22:17).
Isa 55:2 Why do you weigh out silver-currency for what is not bread, and why do you labor for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in fatness.
Isa 55:3 Turn your ears and come to me! Listen, that you may live! I will make an everlasting covenant with you: My reliable, faithful love promised to David.
Isa 55:4 Look, I have placed him as a witness to the ethnicities, as a leader and commander of the people.
Isa 55:5 Look, you will call to an ethnicity that you did not know; and an ethnicity that did not know you will run to you because of Yehowah your Divine One, the Set-apart One of Israel, who has glorified you.”
Isa 55:6 Seek Yehowah while he may be found; call on him while he is nearby.
Isa 55:7 Let the wicked leave his path and the man of sin his thoughts. Let him return to Yehowah, and he will pity him, and to our Divine One, who will abundantly forgive him.
Isa 55:8 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my Ways,” declares Yehowah.
Isa 55:9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my Ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.
Isa 55:10 For as the rain and snow come down from the sky and do not return there, unless they saturate the earth, make it produce, sprout, and give seed to the farmer who sows and bread to the eater,
Isa 55:11 so also my word will be what goes from my mouth: It will not return to me useless, but it will accomplish that which I wish, and it will succeed in that for which I sent it.
Isa 55:12 For you will go out in joy and be led along peacefully; the mountains and the hills will break out in joyful shouts before you, and all the trees of the fields will clap their hands.
Isa 55:13 Instead of the thorn bushes, the cypress will grow; and instead of the brier, the myrtle tree will grow, and it will be for Yehowah, for his name, as an everlasting sign that will not be cut off.”

Isaiah Chapter 56

Isa 56:1 This is what Yehowah declares, “Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is coming soon, and my righteousness is about to be revealed.
Isa 56:2 Blessed is the man that does this, and who holds it tightly. He observes the Sabbath, not defiling it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil.”
Isa 56:3 Let no foreigner who has become a follower of Yehowah say, “Yehowah will certainly exclude me from his people.” The eunuch should not say, “See, I am a dry tree.”
Isa 56:4 For this is what Yehowah declares, “To the eunuchs who observe my Sabbaths and choose what pleases me, and hold fast my covenant,
Isa 56:5 to them I will set up in my house and within my walls a monument that is better than having sons and daughters. I will give them an everlasting monument that will never be cut off.
Isa 56:6 Also, ethnicities who join themselves to Yehowah, to serve him, and who love the name of Yehowah, to worship him, every one who observes the Sabbath, and who keeps from defiling it, and who holds fast my covenant,
Isa 56:7 I will bring to my set-apart mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar. For my temple will be called a house of prayer for all ethnicities” (Mark 11:17),
Isa 56:8 declares Lord Yehowah, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, “I will still gather others in addition to them.”
Isa 56:9 All you wild beasts of the field, come and devour, all you beasts in the forest!
Isa 56:10 All their watchmen are blind, they do not understand. They are all silent dogs who cannot bark. They dream, and lying down they love to sleep.
Isa 56:11 The dogs have big appetites; they can never get enough; they are shepherds without discernment; they have all turned to their own way, each one covetous for unjust gain, according to his own will.
Isa 56:12 “Come,” they say, “let us drink wine and beer. Tomorrow will be like today, a day great beyond measure.”

Isaiah Chapter 57

Isa 57:1 The righteous perish, but no one considers it, and the people of covenant faithfulness are gathered away, but no one understands that the righteous is gathered away from the evil.
Isa 57:2 He enters into peace; they rest in their beds, those who walk in their uprightness.
Isa 57:3 But come here, you sons of the sorceress, children of the adulterer and the woman who has prostituted herself.
Isa 57:4 Whom are you merrily mocking? Against whom are you opening the mouth and sticking out the tongue? Are you not children of rebellion, children of deceit?
Isa 57:5 You heat yourselves up with deities, having sex together under the oaks, under every green tree, you who kill your children in the dry riverbeds, under the rocky overhangs.
Isa 57:6 Among the smooth things of the river valley are the things that have been assigned to you. They are the object of your devotion. You pour out your drink offering to them and raise up a grain offering. In these things should I take pleasure?
Isa 57:7 You prepared your bed on a high mountain; you also went up there to offer sacrifices.
Isa 57:8 Behind the door and the doorposts you set up your symbols; you deserted me, made yourselves naked, and went up; you made your bed wide. You made a covenant with them; you loved their beds; you saw their private parts.
Isa 57:9 You went to Molech with oil; you multiplied perfumes. You send your ambassadors far away; you went down to the place of the dead.
Isa 57:10 You were tired from your long journey, but you never said, “It is hopeless.” You found life in your hand; therefore you did not weaken.
Isa 57:11 “Whom are you worried about? Whom do you fear so much that has caused you to act so deceitfully, so much that you would not remember me or think about me? Because I was silent for so long, you are no longer afraid of me.
Isa 57:12 I will proclaim all your righteous acts and tell all that you have done, but they will not help you.
Isa 57:13 When you cry out, let your collection of idols rescue you. Instead, the wind will carry them all away, a breath will carry them all away. Yet he who takes refuge in me will inherit the land and will take possession of my set-apart mountain.
Isa 57:14 He will say, ‘Build, build! Clear a way! Remove all the stumbling blocks from the path of my people!’”

Isa 57:15 For this is what the high and elevated One says, who lives eternally, whose name is set apart, “I live in the exalted and Set-apart Place, with him also that is of a crushed and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble ones, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.
Isa 57:16 For I will not accuse forever, nor will I be angry forever, for then man’s spirit would faint before me, the lives that I have made.
Isa 57:17 Because of the sin of his violent gain, I was angry, and I punished him; I hid my face and was angry, but he went backward in the way of his heart.
Isa 57:18 I have seen his ways, but I will heal him. I will lead him, and comfort and console those who mourn for him,
Isa 57:19 and I create the fruit of the lips. Peace, peace to those who are far off and to those who are near,” says Yehowah, “I will heal them.
Isa 57:20 But the wicked are like the tossing sea, which cannot rest, and its waters churn up mire and mud.
Isa 57:21 There is no peace for the wicked,” declares the Almighty.

Isaiah Chapter 58

Isa 58:1 “Cry loudly; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Confront my people with their rebellion and the house of Jacob with their sins.
Isa 58:2 Yet they seek me daily and delight in the knowledge of my Ways, like a nation that practiced righteousness and did not abandon the law of their Divine One. They ask me for righteous judgments; they take pleasure in the thought of the Almighty coming near.
Isa 58:3 ‘Why have we fasted,’ they ask, ‘but you do not see it? Why have we humbled ourselves, but you do not notice?’ Look, on the day of your fast, you find your own pleasure and oppress all your laborers.
Isa 58:4 Look, you fast to quarrel and fight, and to hit with your fist of wickedness; you do not fast today to make your voice heard above.
Isa 58:5 Is this really the kind of fast that I would want: A day for anybody to humble himself, for him to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under himself? Do you really call this a fast, a day that pleases Yehowah?
Isa 58:6 Is not this the fast that I choose: To release wicked bonds, to undo the ropes of the yoke, to set the crushed ones free, and to break every yoke?
Isa 58:7 Is it not to break your bread with the hungry and to bring the poor and homeless into your house?” When you see someone naked, you should clothe him; and you should not hide yourself from your own relatives.
Isa 58:8 Then your light would be broken open like daybreak, and your healing would quickly sprout up; your righteousness would go before you, and the glory of Yehowah would be your rearguard.
Isa 58:9 Then you would call, and Yehowah would answer; you would cry out for help, and he would say, “Here I am!” If you take away from among yourselves the yoke, the accusing finger, and the speech of wickedness,
Isa 58:10 if you yourselves provide for the hungry and satisfy the need of the distressed; then your light will rise in the darkness, and your darkness will be like the noonday.
Isa 58:11 Then Yehowah will lead you continually and satisfy you in regions where there is no water, and he will strengthen your bones. You will be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.
Isa 58:12 Some of you will rebuild the ancient ruins; you will raise up the ruins of many generations; you will be called, “The repairer of the wall, the restorer of streets to live on.”
Isa 58:13 Suppose that you turn back your feet from traveling on the Sabbath, and from doing your own pleasure on my set-apart day. Suppose that you call the Sabbath a delight, and that you call the matters of Yehowah set apart and

honored. Suppose that you honor the Sabbath by leaving your own business, and by not finding your own pleasure, and by not speaking your own words. Isa 58:14 “Then you will find delight in Yehowah; and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you from the inheritance of Jacob your father,” for the mouth of Yehowah has spoken.

Isaiah Chapter 59

Isa 59:1 Look, the hand of Yehowah is not so short that it cannot save; nor his ear so dull, that it cannot hear.
Isa 59:2 Your sinful acts, however, have separated you from your Divine One, and your sins have made him hide his face from you and from hearing you.
Isa 59:3 For your hands are stained with blood and your fingers with sin. Your lips speak lies and your tongue speaks maliciously.
Isa 59:4 No one calls in righteousness, and none pleads his case in truth. They trust in empty words and tell lies; they conceive trouble and give birth to sin.
Isa 59:5 They hatch eggs of a poisonous snake and weave a spider's web. Whoever eats of their eggs dies, and if an egg is crushed, it hatches into a poisonous snake.
Isa 59:6 Their webs cannot be used for garments, nor can they cover themselves with their works. Their works are works of sin, and deeds of violence are in their hands.
Isa 59:7 Their feet run to evil, and they run to pour out innocent blood. Their thoughts are thoughts of sin; violence and destruction are their roads.
Isa 59:8 The Way of peace they do not know, and there is no justice in their paths. They have made crooked paths; whoever travels these paths does not know peace.
Isa 59:9 Therefore, justice is far from us, nor does righteousness reach us. We wait for light but see darkness; we look for brightness, but we walk in darkness.
Isa 59:10 We grope for the wall like the blind, like those who cannot see. We stumble at noonday as at dusk; among the strong we are like dead men.
Isa 59:11 We growl like bears and moan like doves; we wait for justice, but there is none; for rescue, but it is far from us.
Isa 59:12 For our many transgressions are before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and we know our sins.
Isa 59:13 We have rebelled, denying Yehowah and turning away from following our Divine One. We have spoken extortion and turning aside, conceived complaining from the heart and words of lying.
Isa 59:14 Justice is driven back, and righteousness stands far off; for truth stumbles in the public square, and right cannot come.
Isa 59:15 Truth has gone away, and he who turns away from evil makes himself a victim. Yehowah saw it and was displeased that there was no justice.
Isa 59:16 He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intervene. Therefore, his own arm brought salvation for him, and his righteousness sustained him.

Isa 59:17 He put on righteousness as a breastplate and a helmet of salvation upon his head (Eph. 6:17; 1 Thes. 5:8). He clothed himself with garments of vengeance and wore zeal as a mantle.
Isa 59:18 He repaid them for what they had done, angry judgment to his adversaries, vengeance to his enemies, to the islands punishment as their reward.
Isa 59:19 So they will fear the name of Yehowah from the west, and his glory from the sun's rising; when the enemy comes as a narrow rushing stream, the Ruach of Yehowah will drive him away.
Isa 59:20 "A Redeemer will come to Zion and to those who turn from their rebellious deeds in Jacob," declares Yehowah.
Isa 59:21 "As for me, this is my covenant with them," declares Yehowah (Rom. 11:26-27), "my Ruach who is upon you, and my words which I have put in your mouth, will not leave your mouth, or go out of the mouth of your children, or go out of the mouth of your children's children," declares Yehowah, "from this time and forever."

Isaiah Chapter 60

Isa 60:1 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of Yehowah has risen on you.
Isa 60:2 Though darkness will cover the earth, and thick darkness the ethnicities; yet Yehowah will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen on you.
Isa 60:3 Ethnicities will come to your light, and kings to your bright light that is rising.
Isa 60:4 Look all around and see. They all gather themselves together and come to you. Your sons will come from far, and your daughters will be carried in their arms.
Isa 60:5 Then you will look and be radiant, and your heart will rejoice and overflow, because the abundance of the sea will be poured out to you, the wealth of the ethnicities will come to you.
Isa 60:6 Camel caravans will cover you, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all of them will come from Sheba; they will bring gold and frankincense, and will sing the praises of Yehowah.
Isa 60:7 All the flocks of Kedar will be gathered together to you, the rams of Nebaioth will serve your needs; they will be acceptable offerings on my altar; and I will glorify my glorious temple.
Isa 60:8 Who are these who fly along like a cloud and like the doves to their shelters?
Isa 60:9 The coastlands look for me, and the ships of Tarshish lead, to bring your sons from far away, their silver and their gold with them, for the name of Yehowah your Divine One, and for the Set-apart One of Israel, because he has honored you.
Isa 60:10 Sons of foreigners will rebuild your walls, and their kings will serve you; though in my wrath I punished you, yet in my grace I will have compassion on you.
Isa 60:11 Your gates also will remain open continually; they will not be shut day or night, so that the wealth of the ethnicities may be brought, with their kings being led.
Isa 60:12 Indeed, ethnicities and kingdoms that will not serve you will perish; those ethnicities will be completely destroyed.
Isa 60:13 The glory of Lebanon will come to you, the cypress tree, the fir, and the cypress box tree together, to beautify my sanctuary; and I will glorify the place of my feet.
Isa 60:14 They will come to you to bow down, the sons of those who humbled you; they will bow at your feet; they will call you the City of Yehowah, Zion of the Set-apart One of Israel.

Isa 60:15 Instead of you remaining abandoned and hated, with no one passing through you, I will make you a thing of pride forever, a joy from generation to generation.
Isa 60:16 You will also drink the milk of the ethnicities and will nurse at the breast of kings; you will know that I, Yehowah, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Strong One of Jacob.
Isa 60:17 Instead of bronze I will bring gold, instead of iron I will bring silver; instead of wood, bronze, and instead of stones, iron. I will appoint peace as your governors and justice your rulers.
Isa 60:18 Violence will no longer be heard in your land, or devastation, nor shattering within your borders; but you will call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise!
Isa 60:19 The sun will no longer be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you; but Yehowah will be your everlasting Light and your Divine One your glory.
Isa 60:20 Your sun will no longer set, nor will your moon wane to conjunction; for Yehowah will be your everlasting Light, and the days of your mourning will be ended.
Isa 60:21 All your people will be righteous; they will take possession of the land for all time, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.
Isa 60:22 The little one will become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation; I, Yehowah, will swiftly accomplish these things (the final redemption) when the time comes.

Isaiah Chapter 61

Isa 61:1 The Ruach of Lord Yehowah is on me, because Yehowah has anointed me to proclaim the good news to the afflicted. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, and to set free those who are oppressed.
Isa 61:2 He has sent me to proclaim the year of the grace of Yehowah (Luke 4:18-19), the Day of vengeance of our Divine One, and to comfort all who mourn.
Isa 61:3 He has sent me to give to those who mourn in Zion, to give them a turban instead of ashes, oil of joy instead of mourning, a mantle of praise in place of a spirit of dullness, to call them oaks of righteousness, the planting of Yehowah, that he may be glorified.
Isa 61:4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins; they will restore the former desolations. They will restore the ruined cities, the desolations from many former generations.
Isa 61:5 Foreigners will stand and feed your flocks, and sons of ethnicities will work your fields and vineyards.
Isa 61:6 You will be called the priests of Yehowah; they will call you servants of our Divine One. You will eat the wealth of the ethnicities, and you will boast in their riches.
Isa 61:7 Instead of your shame you will have double; and instead of dishonor they will rejoice over their share. So they will have a double share of their land; everlasting joy will be theirs.
Isa 61:8 For I, Yehowah, love justice, and I hate robbery and violent injustice. I will faithfully repay them, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Isa 61:9 Their descendants will be known among the ethnicities, and their offspring among the people. All who see them will acknowledge them, that they are the people whom Yehowah has blessed.
Isa 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in Yehowah; in my Divine One I will be glad! For he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has clothed me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns himself with a turban, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
Isa 61:11 For as the earth produces its sprouting plants, and as the garden makes its planting grow, so Lord Yehowah will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up in front of all the ethnicities.

Isaiah Chapter 62

Isa 62:1 For Zion’s sake I will not be silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness proceeds brightly, and her salvation as a burning torch.
Isa 62:2 The ethnicities will see your righteousness and all kings your glory. You will be called by a new name that Yehowah will choose.
Isa 62:3 You will also be a crown of beauty in the hand of Yehowah and a royal turban of kingship in the hand of your Divine One.
Isa 62:4 It will no more be said of you, “Abandoned;” nor of your land any longer will it be said, “Desolate.” Indeed, you will be called, “My delight is in her,” and your land, “Married,” for Yehowah delights in you, and your land will be married.
Isa 62:5 Truly, as a young man marries a young woman, so your sons will marry you, and as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, your Divine One will rejoice over you.
Isa 62:6 I have put watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they are not silent day or night. You who keep reminding Yehowah, do not be quiet.
Isa 62:7 Do not allow him to rest, until he reestablishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise on earth.
Isa 62:8 Yehowah has sworn by his right hand and by the arm of his strength, “Surely, I will no longer give your grain as food for your enemies. Foreigners will not drink your new wine, for which you have worked.
Isa 62:9 For those who harvest the grain will eat it and praise Yehowah, and those who pick the grapes will drink the wine in the courts of my set-apart sanctuary.”
Isa 62:10 Come through, come through the gates! Prepare the way for the people! Build up, build up the highway! Gather out the stones! Raise up a signal flag for the ethnicities!
Isa 62:11 Look, Yehowah announces to the ends of the earth, “Say to the daughter of Zion: Look, your Savior is coming! See, his reward is with him, and his recompense is going before him” (Rev. 22:12).
Isa 62:12 They will call you, “The set-apart people; the redeemed of Yehowah,” and you will be called, “Sought after; a city not abandoned.”

Isaiah Chapter 63

Isa 63:1 “Who is this who comes from Edom, clothed in red from Bozrah (in modern Jordan)? Who is he in royal clothing, marching confidently because of his great strength? It is I, speaking righteousness and powerfully able to save.
Isa 63:2 Why are your clothes red, and why do they look like you have been treading grapes in a winepress?
Isa 63:3 I have trodden grapes in the winepress alone, and no one from the ethnicities joined me. I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my fury. Their blood is spattered on my clothes and stained all my clothes (Rev. 14:18-20; 19:13-15; Joel 3:13).
Isa 63:4 For I looked forward to the Day of Vengeance, and the year for my redemption had arrived.
Isa 63:5 I looked, and there was no one to help. I wondered that there was none to help, but my own arm brought victory for me, and my strong anger drove me on.
Isa 63:6 I trampled down the ethnicities in my anger and made them drunk in my wrath, and I poured out their blood on the earth.
Isa 63:7 I will tell of the acts of the covenant faithfulness of Yehowah, the praiseworthy deeds of Yehowah. I will tell of all that Yehowah has done for us, and of his great goodness to the house of Israel. This compassion he has shown us because of his mercy, and with many deeds of covenant faithfulness.
Isa 63:8 For he said, “For certain they are my people, children who are not disloyal.” He became their Savior.
Isa 63:9 Through all their suffering, he suffered too, and the angel from his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he saved them, and he lifted them up and carried them through all the ancient times.
Isa 63:10 But they rebelled and grieved his Ruach Kodesh. So he became their enemy and fought against them.
Isa 63:11 His people thought about the ancient times of Moses. They asked, “Where is Yehowah, who brought them up out of the SEA with the shepherds of his flock? Where is Yehowah, who put his Ruach Kodesh among them?
Isa 63:12 Where is Yehowah, who made his glorious power go with the right hand of Moses, and divided the water (SEA) before them, to make an everlasting name for himself?
Isa 63:13 Where is Yehowah, who led them through the deep water (SEA)? Like a horse running on flat land, they did not stumble.
Isa 63:14 As the cattle that go down into the valley, the Ruach of Yehowah gave them rest. So you led your people, to make yourself a name of praise.

Isa 63:15 Look down from Heaven and take notice from your set-apart and glorious habitation. Where are your zeal and your mighty acts? Your pity and your compassionate actions are kept from us.
Isa 63:16 For you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does not recognize us, you, Yehowah, are our Father. ‘Our Redeemer’ has been your name from ancient times.
Isa 63:17 Yehowah, why do you make us wander from your Ways and harden our hearts, so we do not obey you? Return for your servants’ sake, the tribes of your inheritance.
Isa 63:18 Your people possessed your Set-apart Place for a short time, but then our enemies trampled it.
Isa 63:19 We have become like those over whom you never ruled, like those who were never called by your name.”

Isaiah Chapter 64

Isa 64:1 “Oh, if you had split open the heavens and come down! The mountains would have shaken at your presence,
Isa 64:2 as when fire kindles the brushwood, or the fire makes water boil. Oh, that your name would be known by your adversaries, that the ethnicities would tremble at your presence!
Isa 64:3 Previously, when you did marvelous things that we had not expected, you came down, and the mountains trembled at your presence.
Isa 64:4 Since ancient times, no one has heard or perceived, nor eye seen any Almighty One besides you, who does things for him who waits for him.
Isa 64:5 You come to help those who rejoice in doing what is right, those who call to mind your Ways and obey them. You were angry when we sinned. In your Ways, we will always be rescued.
Isa 64:6 For we have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a menstrual pad. We have all withered like leaves; our iniquities, like the wind, carry us away.
Isa 64:7 There are none who calls on your name, who makes an effort to take hold of you. For you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away in the hand of our iniquities.
Isa 64:8 Yet, Yehowah, you are our Father; we are the clay. You are our Potter; and we all are the work of your hand.
Isa 64:9 Be not too angry, Yehowah, nor always call to mind against us our sins. Please look at us all, your people.
Isa 64:10 Your set-apart cities have become a wilderness; Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.
Isa 64:11 Our set-apart and beautiful temple, where our fathers praised you, has been destroyed by fire, and all that was so dear is in ruins.
Isa 64:12 How can you still hold back, Yehowah? How can you remain silent and continue to humiliate us?”

Isaiah Chapter 65

Isa 65:1 “I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek. I announced, ‘Here I am! Here I am!’ to an ethnicity that did not call on my name.
Isa 65:2 I have spread out my hands all day to a stubborn ethnicity, who walk in a way that is not good, who have walked after their own thoughts and plans (Rom. 10:20-21)!
Isa 65:3 They are a people who continually offend me to my face, offering sacrifices in gardens, and burning incense on brick tiles.
Isa 65:4 They sit among the graves and keep watch all night, and eat pork with the broth of unclean meat in their dishes.
Isa 65:5 They declare, ‘Stand away, do not come near to me, for I am more set apart than you.’ These things are smoke in my nose, a fire that burns all day long.
Isa 65:6 Look, it is written before me: I will not keep quiet, for I will pay them back; I will repay them into their laps,
Isa 65:7 for their sins and the sins of their fathers together,” declares Yehowah. “I will repay them for burning incense on the mountains and for mocking me on the hills. I will therefore measure out their past deeds into their laps.”
Isa 65:8 This is what Yehowah declares, “As when juice is found in a cluster of grapes, when one says, ‘Do not ruin it, for there is good in it,’ this is what I will do for my servants’ sake: I will not ruin them all.
Isa 65:9 I will bring descendants from Jacob, and from Judah ones who will possess my mountains. My chosen ones will possess the land, and my servants will live there.
Isa 65:10 Sharon will become a pasture for the flocks, and the Valley of Achor a resting place for herds, for my people who seek me.
Isa 65:11 But you who abandon Yehowah, who forget my set-apart mountain, who prepare a table for the deity Fortune, and fill wine glasses of mingled wine for the deity called Destiny:
Isa 65:12 I will destine you for the sword, and you will all bow down to the slaughter, because when I called, you did not answer; when I spoke, you did not listen. But you did what was evil in my sight and chose to do what displeases me.”
Isa 65:13 This is what Lord Yehowah declares, “Look, my servants will eat, but you will be hungry; look, my servants will drink, but you will be thirsty; look, my servants will rejoice, but you will be put to shame.

Isa 65:14 Look, my servants will shout with joy because of gladness of heart, but you will cry because of the pain of the heart, and will wail because of the crushing of the spirit.
Isa 65:15 You will leave behind your name as a curse for my chosen ones to speak; I, Lord Yehowah, will kill you; I will call my servants by another name.
Isa 65:16 Whoever pronounces a blessing on the earth will be blessed by me, the Mighty One of truth. Whoever takes an oath on the earth will swear by me, the Mighty One of truth, because the former troubles will be forgotten, for they will be hidden from my eyes.
Isa 65:17 For see, I am about to create new heavens and a new earth (2 Pet. 3:10-17; Rev. 21:1; Isa. 66:22); and the former things will not be remembered or be brought to mind.
Isa 65:18 But you will be glad and rejoice forever in what I am about to create. See, I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and her people as a delight.
Isa 65:19 I will rejoice over Jerusalem and be glad over my people; weeping and cries of distress will no longer be heard in her.
Isa 65:20 Never again will an infant live there only a few days; nor will an old man die before his time. One who dies at one hundred years old will be considered a young person. Anyone who fails to reach the age of one hundred years old will be considered cursed.
Isa 65:21 They will build houses and inhabit them, and they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
Isa 65:22 No longer will they build a house and another live in it; they will not plant, and another eat; for as the days of trees will be the days of my people. My chosen will fully outlive the work of their hands.
Isa 65:23 They will not labor in vain nor give birth to dismay. For they are the children of those blessed by Yehowah and their descendants with them.
Isa 65:24 Before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.
Isa 65:25 The cheetah and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; but dust will be the snake's food. They will no longer hurt nor destroy on all my set-apart mountain," declares Yehowah (Isa. 11:6-8; Hos. 2:18).

Isaiah Chapter 66

Isa 66:1 This is what Yehowah says, “Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where then is the temple you will build for me? Where is the place where I may rest?
Isa 66:2 My hand has made all these things; that is how these things came to be,” declares Yehowah. “This is the man of whom I approve, the broken and contrite in spirit, and who trembles at my word.
Isa 66:3 He who slaughters an ox also murders a man; he who sacrifices a lamb also breaks a dog’s neck; he who offers a grain offering offers hog’s blood; he who offers a memorial of incense also blesses wickedness. They have chosen their own ways, and they take pleasure in their abominations.
Isa 66:4 In the same way, I will choose their own punishment; I will bring on them what they fear, because when I called, no one answered; when I spoke, no one listened. They did what was evil in my sight and chose to do what displeases me.”
Isa 66:5 Hear the Word of Yehowah, you who tremble at his word, “Your brothers who hate and exclude you for my name’s sake have said, ‘May Yehowah be glorified, then we will see your joy,’ but they will be put to shame.
Isa 66:6 A sound of battle tumult comes from the city, a sound from the temple, the sound of Yehowah paying back his enemies.
Isa 66:7 Before she goes into labor, she gives birth; before pain is upon her, she gave birth to a Son.
Isa 66:8 Who has heard of such a thing? Who has seen such things? Will a land be born in one day? Can a nation be established in one moment? Yet as soon as Zion goes into labor, she gives birth to her children.
Isa 66:9 Do I bring a baby to the birth canal and not permit the child to be born?” asks Yehowah. “Or do I bring a child to the moment of delivery and then hold it back?” asks your Divine One.
Isa 66:10 Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her, all you who mourned over her!
Isa 66:11 For you will nurse and be satisfied; with her breasts you will be comforted; for you will drink them to the full and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.
Isa 66:12 This is what Yehowah declares, “I am about to spread peace over her like a river, and the riches of the ethnicities like an overflowing stream. You will nurse at her side, be carried in her arms, and be dandled on her knees.
Isa 66:13 As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you, and you will be comforted in Jerusalem.”

Isa 66:14 You will see this, and your heart will rejoice, and your bones will sprout like the tender grass. The hand of Yehowah will be made known to his servants, but he will show his anger against his enemies.
Isa 66:15 For look, Yehowah is coming with fire, and his chariots are coming like the windstorm to bring the heat of his anger, and his rebuke with flames of fire.
Isa 66:16 For Yehowah judges mankind by fire and with his sword. Those executed by Yehowah will be many.
Isa 66:17 They consecrate themselves and make themselves pure, so they may enter the gardens, following the one in the middle of those who eat hog's flesh and abominable things like mice. "They will come to an end," declares Yehowah.
Isa 66:18 "For I know their deeds and their thoughts. The time is coming when I will gather all ethnicities. They will come and see my glory.
Isa 66:19 I will set a mighty sign among them. Then I will send survivors from them to the ethnicities: To Tarshish, Put, and Lud, archers who draw their bows, to Tubal, Javan, and to the distant coastlands, where they have not heard about me nor seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the ethnicities.
Isa 66:20 They will bring back all your brothers out of all the ethnicities, as an offering to Yehowah. They will come on horses, and in chariots, in wagons, on mules, and on camels, to my set-apart mountain Jerusalem," declares Yehowah. "For the people of Israel will bring a grain offering in a clean vessel into the temple of Yehowah.
Isa 66:21 Some of these I will even choose as priests and Levites," says Yehowah.
Isa 66:22 "For just as the new heavens and the new earth that I will make will remain before me (2 Pet. 3:10-13; Rev. 21:1; Isa. 65:17)," declares Yehowah, "so your descendants will remain, and your name will remain.
Isa 66:23 It will be from month to month, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all people will come to bow down to me in worship," declares Yehowah (Zech. 14:16-19).
Isa 66:24 "They will go out and see the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me, for the maggots that eat them will not die, and the fire that consumes them will not be quenched; and it will be an abhorrence to all flesh" (Mark 9:44-48).

Book of Jeremiah

Jeremiah Chapter 1

Jer 1:1 This is the word of Jeremiah (Yirmeyahu) son of Hilkiah; he was one of the priests at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin.
Jer 1:2 The Word of Yehowah came to him in the days of Josiah son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign (c. 627 BC).
Jer 1:3 It also came in the days of Jehoiakim son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the fifth month of the eleventh year of Zedekiah son of Josiah, king of Judah, when the people of Jerusalem were taken away as prisoners (c. 587 BC).
Jer 1:4 The Word of Yehowah came to me,
Jer 1:5 “Before I formed you in the womb, I chose you; before you came out from the womb I consecrated you; I made you a prophet to the ethnicities.”
Jer 1:6 “Ah, Lord Yehowah!” I said, “I do not know how to speak, for I am too young.”
Jer 1:7 But Yehowah ordered me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go everywhere I send you, and you must say whatever I command you!
Jer 1:8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to rescue you,” declares Yehowah.
Jer 1:9 Then Yehowah reached out with his hand, touched my mouth and said to me, “Now I have placed my words in your mouth.
Jer 1:10 Look, I am appointing you today over ethnicities and over kingdoms, to uproot and break down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and plant.”
Jer 1:11 The Word of Yehowah came to me, asking, “What do you see, Jeremiah?” I answered, “I see an almond branch.”
Jer 1:12 Yehowah said to me, “You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to carry it out.”
Jer 1:13 The Word of Yehowah came to me a second time and asked, “What do you see?” I answered, “I see a heated pot, whose surface is churning, tipping away from the north.”
Jer 1:14 Yehowah said to me, “Disaster will be opened up out of the north on all who live in this land.
Jer 1:15 For I am calling all the ethnicities of the northern kingdoms,” declares Yehowah. “They will come, and everyone will set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, against all the walls that surround it, and against all the cities of Judah.

Jer 1:16 I will pronounce sentence against them for all their evil in forsaking me, in burning incense to false deities, and in worshiping what they made with their own hands.
Jer 1:17 Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not break down before them, or I will break you before them!
Jer 1:18 See! Today, I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land.
Jer 1:19 They will fight against you, but they will not defeat you, for I will be with you to rescue you," declares Yehowah.

Jeremiah Chapter 2

Jer 2:1 The Word of Yehowah came to me,
Jer 2:2 “Go and proclaim in the ears of Jerusalem. Say, ‘Yehowah says this: I have called to mind on your behalf the covenant faithfulness in your youthfulness, your love at the time when we were engaged, when you went after me in the wilderness, the land that was not sown.
Jer 2:3 Israel was set apart to Yehowah, the firstfruits of his harvest! All who ate from the firstfruits were held guilty; disaster came upon them,’” declares Yehowah.
Jer 2:4 Hear the Word of Yehowah, house of Jacob and every family in the house of Israel.
Jer 2:5 Yehowah says this, “What did your fathers find wrong with me, that they went far from following me? That they went after useless idols and became useless themselves?
Jer 2:6 They did not ask, ‘Where is Yehowah, who brought us up from the land of Egypt? Where is Yehowah, who led us to the wilderness, into the land of the Arabah and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, a land through which no one passes and where no one lives?’
Jer 2:7 But I brought you to the land of Carmel, to eat its fruit and other good things! Yet when you came, you defiled my land, you made my inheritance an abomination!
Jer 2:8 The priest did not ask, ‘Where is Yehowah?’ And the experts in the law did not know me! The shepherds transgressed against me. The prophets prophesied for Baal and walked after unprofitable things.
Jer 2:9 So I will still accuse you,” declares Yehowah, “and I will accuse your grandchildren.
Jer 2:10 For cross over to the coasts of Kittim and look. Send messengers out to Kedar and find out, and see if there has ever before been anything like this.
Jer 2:11 Has an ethnicity exchanged deities, even though they were not deities? But my people have exchanged their Glory for what cannot help them.
Jer 2:12 Shudder, Heaven, because of this! Be shocked and horrified,” declares Yehowah.
Jer 2:13 “For my people have committed two evils against me: They have abandoned the springs of living waters by digging out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that cannot hold water!
Jer 2:14 Is Israel a slave? Was he not born at home? So why has he become plunder?
Jer 2:15 Young lions roared against him. They made a lot of noise and made his land a horror. His cities are destroyed without any inhabitants.

Jer 2:16 Also, the people of Memphis and Tahpanhes will shave your skull.
Jer 2:17 Did you not do this to yourselves when you abandoned Yehowah your Divine One, while he was leading you along the Way?
Jer 2:18 So now, why take the road to Egypt and drink the waters of Shihor? Why take the road to Assyria and drink the waters of the Euphrates River?
Jer 2:19 Your wickedness rebukes you, and your faithlessness punishes you. So think about it; understand that it is wicked and bitter for you to abandon me, Yehowah your Divine One, and to dread me no more," declares Lord Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Jer 2:20 "For I broke your yoke that you had in ancient days; I tore your fetters off you. Still you stated, 'I will not serve!' since you bowed down on every high hill and beneath every leafy tree, you adulterer.
Jer 2:21 But I myself had planted you as a choice vine, a completely true seed. Yet how you have changed toward me, a disloyal one from a foreign vine!
Jer 2:22 For even if you clean yourself in the river or wash with strong soap, your iniquity is a stain before me," declares Lord Yehowah.
Jer 2:23 "How can you say, 'I am not defiled! I have not walked after the Baals?' Look at your behavior in the valleys! Understand what you have done, you swift camel running its own way!
Jer 2:24 You are a wild donkey, accustomed to the wilderness, longing for life and panting after the useless wind! Who turns her around when she is in heat? Anyone seeking her does not tire himself. They go out to her in her month of heat.
Jer 2:25 You must restrain your feet from becoming bare and your throat from being thirsty! But you have stated, 'It is hopeless! No, I love foreigners and go after them!'
Jer 2:26 Like the shame of a thief when he is found, so the house of Israel will be ashamed, they, their kings, their princes, and their priests and prophets!
Jer 2:27 These are the ones who say to the tree, 'You are my father,' and to the stone, 'You gave birth to me.' For their back faces me and not their faces. Nevertheless, they entreat in the time of troubles, 'Arise and save us!'
Jer 2:28 Yet, where are the deities that you made for yourselves? Let them arise, if they wish to save you in your time of troubles, for your idols equal your cities in number, Judah!
Jer 2:29 So why do you accuse me of doing wrong? All of you have sinned against me," declares Yehowah.
Jer 2:30 "I have punished your people in vain. They would not accept discipline. Your sword has devoured your prophets like a destructive lion!
Jer 2:31 You who belong to this generation! Pay attention to my word, the Word of Yehowah! Have I been a wilderness to Israel? Or a land of deep darkness?

Why would my people state, ‘Let us wander around, we will not go to you anymore?’
Jer 2:32 Will a virgin forget her jewelry, a bride her veils? Yet my people have forgotten me for days without number!
Jer 2:33 How well you make your way to look for love. You have even taught your ways to wicked women.
Jer 2:34 The blood that was the life of innocent poor people has been found on your clothes. These people were not discovered in acts of burglary.
Jer 2:35 Instead, in spite of all these things, you keep stating, ‘I am blameless. Surely his anger will turn from me.’ But look! You will be judged since you say, ‘I have not sinned.’
Jer 2:36 Why do you treat so lightly this change in your ways? You will also be disappointed by Egypt, just as you were by Assyria.
Jer 2:37 You will also go out from there dejected, with your hands on your head, for Yehowah has rejected the ones whom you trusted, so you will not be helped by them.”

Jeremiah Chapter 3

Jer 3:1 “They say, ‘A man sends his wife away, so she goes from him and becomes another man’s wife. Should he return to her again? Is she not completely unclean?’ That woman is this land! You have acted like a whore with many companions, and now do you want to return to me?” declares Yehowah (Deut. 24:1-4).
Jer 3:2 “Lift up your eyes to the barren heights and look! Is there any place where you have not had illicit sex? By the roadsides you sat waiting for your lovers, as an Arab in the wilderness. You have polluted the land with your prostitution and wickedness.
Jer 3:3 So the rains were withheld, and the spring rains did not come. But your face is arrogant, like a promiscuous woman’s face. You refuse to feel shame.
Jer 3:4 Now will you not call out to me: ‘My father! My closest friend even from my youth!
Jer 3:5 Will he be angry with me forever? Will you always keep your anger?’ Look! You have proclaimed you would commit evil, and you have committed it. So continue to do it!”
Jer 3:6 Then Yehowah said to me in the days of King Josiah, “Do you see how Israel is faithless to me? She goes to every high mountain and under every leafy tree, and there she acts like a promiscuous woman.
Jer 3:7 I said, ‘After she does all these things, she will return to me,’ but she did not return. Then her faithless sister Judah saw what she did.
Jer 3:8 So I saw that for all these reasons she committed adultery. Apostate Israel! I sent her out and gave her a decree of divorce. But her treasonous sister, Judah, did not fear and went out and also acted like a promiscuous woman!
Jer 3:9 It mattered nothing to her that she defiled the land, so they made idols from the stone and the tree.
Jer 3:10 Then after all of this, neither did her faithless sister Judah return to me with all her heart but with a lie!” declares Yehowah.
Jer 3:11 Then Yehowah said to me, “Faithless Israel has been more righteous than faithless Judah!
Jer 3:12 Go and proclaim these words to the north. Say, ‘Return, faithless Israel!’ declares Yehowah, ‘I will not always be angry with you. Since I am faithful,’ declares Yehowah, ‘I will not stay angry forever.
Jer 3:13 Acknowledge your iniquity, for you have transgressed against Yehowah your Divine One; you have shared your ways with foreigners under every leafy tree! For you have not listened to my voice!’ declares Yehowah.
Jer 3:14 ‘Return, faithless people!’ declares Yehowah, ‘for I have married you! I will take you, one from a city, two from a clan, and I will bring you to Zion!

Jer 3:15 I will give you shepherds after my heart, and they will shepherd you with knowledge and insight.
Jer 3:16 Then it will happen that you will increase and bear fruit in the land in those days,' declares Yehowah. 'They will no longer say, "The Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah!" This matter will no longer come up in their hearts, for they will no longer think about it or pay attention to it. It will never be made again.'
Jer 3:17 In that time, they will proclaim about Jerusalem, 'This is the throne of Yehowah,' and all the ethnicities will gather at Jerusalem in the name of Yehowah. They will no longer walk in the stubbornness of their wicked hearts.
Jer 3:18 In those days, the house of Judah will walk with the house of Israel. They will come together from the land of the north to the land that I gave your ancestors as an inheritance.
Jer 3:19 As for me, I said, 'How I want to honor you as my son and give you a pleasant land, an inheritance more beautiful than what is in any ethnicity!' I would have said, 'You will call me "my Father."' I would have said that you would not turn from following me.
Jer 3:20 But like a woman faithless to her husband, you have betrayed me, house of Israel," declares Yehowah.
Jer 3:21 A voice is heard on the plains, the weeping and pleading of the people of Israel! For they have changed their ways; they have forgotten Yehowah their Divine One.
Jer 3:22 "Return, faithless people! I will heal you of treachery!" "Behold! We will come to you, for you are Yehowah our Divine One!
Jer 3:23 Only lies come from the hills, from the many mountains. Certainly, the salvation of Israel is only in Yehowah our Divine One.
Jer 3:24 Yet shameful idols have consumed what our ancestors have worked for, their flocks and cattle, their sons and daughters!
Jer 3:25 Let us lie down in shame. May our shame cover us, for we have sinned against Yehowah our Divine One! We ourselves and our ancestors, from the time of our youthfulness to this present day, have not listened to the voice of Yehowah our Divine One!"

Jeremiah Chapter 4

Jer 4:1 “If you return, Israel,” declares Yehowah, “then it should be to me that you return. If you remove your detestable things from before me and do not wander from me again,
Jer 4:2 and if you swear, ‘Yehowah lives in truth, justice, and righteousness,’ the ethnicities will ask for my blessing, and they will praise me.
Jer 4:3 For Yehowah declares this to each person in Judah and Jerusalem: ‘Plow your own ground and do not sow among thorns.
Jer 4:4 Be circumcised to Yehowah and remove the foreskins of your heart, men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, or else my fury will go out like fire and burn, with no one able to extinguish it. This will happen because of the wickedness of your deeds.
Jer 4:5 Report in Judah and let it be heard in Jerusalem. Cry, “Blow the trumpet in the land!” Proclaim, “Gather together! Let us go to the fortified cities!”
Jer 4:6 Lift up the signal flag and point it toward Zion, and run for safety! Do not stay, for I am bringing disaster from the north and a great collapse.
Jer 4:7 A lion is coming out from his thicket and someone who will destroy ethnicities is setting out. He is leaving his place to bring horror to your land, to turn your cities into ruins, where no one will live.
Jer 4:8 Because of this, wrap yourself in sackcloth, lament and wail. For the force of the anger of Yehowah has not turned away from us.
Jer 4:9 Then it will happen in that day,’ declares Yehowah, ‘that the hearts of the king and his officials will die. The priests will be appalled, and the prophets will be horrified.’”
Jer 4:10 So I said, “Ah! Lord Yehowah. Surely you have completely deceived this people and Jerusalem by proclaiming, ‘There will be peace for you.’ Yet the sword is striking against their life.”
Jer 4:11 In that time, it will be said of this people and Jerusalem, “A burning wind from the plains of the desert will make its way to the daughter of my people. It will not winnow or cleanse them.
Jer 4:12 A wind far stronger than that will come at my command, and I will now pass sentence against them.
Jer 4:13 See, he is attacking like clouds, and his chariots are like a storm. His horses are faster than eagles. Woe to us, for we will be devastated!
Jer 4:14 Cleanse your heart from wickedness, Jerusalem, so that you might be saved. How long will your deepest thoughts be about how to sin?
Jer 4:15 For a voice is bringing news from Dan, and the coming disaster is heard from the mountains of Ephraim.

Jer 4:16 Make the ethnicities think about this: See, announce to Jerusalem that besiegers are coming from a distant land to shout in battle against the cities of Judah.
Jer 4:17 They will be like the watchmen of a cultivated field against her all around, since she has been rebellious against me," declares Yehowah,
Jer 4:18 "and your conduct and your deeds have done these things to you. This will be your punishment. How terrible it will be! It will strike your heart.
Jer 4:19 My heart! My heart! I am in anguish in my heart. My heart is turbulent within me. I cannot keep quiet for I hear the sound of the trumpet, an alarm for battle.
Jer 4:20 Collapse after collapse is proclaimed, for all the land is suddenly devastated. They devastate my tabernacle and my tent abruptly.
Jer 4:21 How long will I see the standard? Will I hear the sound of the trumpet?
Jer 4:22 For the foolishness of my people, they do not know me. They are idiotic people, and they have no understanding. They have skill at evil but do not know to do good.
Jer 4:23 I saw the land, and see! It was formless and empty. For there was no light for the heavens.
Jer 4:24 I looked at the mountains. Behold, they were trembling, and all the hills were shaking about.
Jer 4:25 I looked. Behold, there was no one, and all the birds of the sky had fled.
Jer 4:26 I looked. Behold, the orchards were a wilderness, and all the cities had been pulled down before Yehowah, before the fury of his wrath."
Jer 4:27 This is what Yehowah declares, "All the land will become a devastation, but I will not completely destroy them.
Jer 4:28 For this reason, the land will mourn, and the heavens above will darken. For I have declared my intentions; I will not hold back; I will not turn from carrying them out.
Jer 4:29 Every city will flee from the noise of the cavalry and the archers with a bow; they will run into the forests. Every city will climb up into the rocky places. The cities will be abandoned, for there will be no one to inhabit them.
Jer 4:30 Now that you have been devastated, what will you do? For though you dress in scarlet, adorn yourself with gold jewelry, and make your eyes look bigger with paint, your beauty is vain, the men who lusted for you now reject you. Instead, they are trying to take away your life.
Jer 4:31 So I hear the sound of anguish, distress as in the birth of a firstborn child, the sound of the daughter of Zion. She is gasping for breath. She spreads out her hands, 'Woe to me! I am fainting because of these murderers.'"

Jeremiah Chapter 5

Jer 5:1 “Rush about through the streets of Jerusalem; search in her city squares, too. Then look and think about this: If you can find a man or anyone who is acting justly and trying to act faithfully, then I will forgive Jerusalem.
Jer 5:2 Even if they are swearing, ‘By the life of Yehowah,’ they are making false oaths.”
Jer 5:3 Yehowah, do your eyes not look for faithfulness? You struck the people, but they do not feel pain. You have completely defeated them, but they still refuse to receive discipline. They make their faces harder than rock, for they refuse to repent.
Jer 5:4 So I said, “Surely these are only poor people. They are foolish, for they do not know the Ways of Yehowah, nor the decrees of their Divine One.
Jer 5:5 I will go to the important people and declare the messages of the Almighty to them, for they at least know the Ways of Yehowah, the decrees of their Divine One. But they all broke their yoke together; they all tore apart the chains that bound them to the Almighty.
Jer 5:6 So a lion from a thicket will attack them. A cheetah from the Arabah will ruin them. A lurking panther will come against their cities. Anyone who goes outside his city will be torn apart. For their transgressions increase. Their acts of faithlessness are unlimited.
Jer 5:7 Why should I pardon these people? Your sons have abandoned me and have made oaths by what are not deities. I fed them fully, but they committed adultery and took on the marks of a house of prostitution.
Jer 5:8 They were horses in heat. They roamed about wanting to mate. Each man neighed to his neighbor’s wife.
Jer 5:9 So should I not punish them,” asks Yehowah, “and should I not avenge myself on a nation that is like this?
Jer 5:10 Go up onto her vineyards’ terraces and destroy. But do not bring complete destruction to them. Trim their vines, since those vines do not come from Yehowah.
Jer 5:11 For the houses of Israel and Judah have completely betrayed me,” declares Yehowah,
Jer 5:12 “and they have denied me. They say, ‘He is not real. Evil will not come on us, nor will we see sword or famine.
Jer 5:13 For the prophets have become as useless as the wind, and there is no one else to declare the messages of the Almighty to us. Let their threats come upon themselves.’”

Jer 5:14 So Yehowah, Mighty One of the heavenly armed forces declares this, “Because you have said this, see, I am about to place my word in your mouth. It will be like a fire, and this people will be like wood! For it will consume them.
Jer 5:15 See! I am about to bring an ethnicity against you from far away, house of Israel,” declares Yehowah, “it is a lasting ethnicity, an ancient ethnicity! It is an ethnicity whose language you do not know, nor will you understand what they say.
Jer 5:16 Its quiver is like an open tomb. They are all soldiers.
Jer 5:17 So your harvest will be consumed, your sons and daughters also, and your food. They will eat your flocks and cattle; they will eat the fruit from your vines and fig trees. They will batter down with a sword your fortified cities that you trusted in.
Jer 5:18 But even in those days,” declares Yehowah, “I do not intend to destroy you completely.
Jer 5:19 It will happen when you, Israel and Judah, ask, ‘Why has Yehowah our Divine One done all these things to us?’ that then you, Jeremiah, will prophesy to them, ‘Just as you abandoned Yehowah and worshiped foreign deities in your land, so you will also serve foreigners in a land that is not your own.’
Jer 5:20 Report this to the house of Jacob and let it be heard in Judah. Say,
Jer 5:21 ‘Hear this, foolish people! For idols have no will; there are eyes in them, but they cannot see. There are ears on them, but they do not hear.
Jer 5:22 Do you not fear me,’ declares Yehowah, ‘or tremble before my face? I have placed a border of sand against the sea, an ongoing decree that it does not violate, even though the sea rises and falls, still it does not violate it. Even though its waves roar, they do not cross it.
Jer 5:23 But this people has a stubborn heart. It turns away in rebellion and goes away.
Jer 5:24 For they do not say in their hearts, “Let us fear Yehowah our Divine One, the One who brings the rain, the autumn rain and the spring rains, in their right time, keeping the fixed weeks of the harvest for us.”
Jer 5:25 Your iniquities kept these things from happening. Your sins have stopped good from coming to you.
Jer 5:26 For wicked men are found with my people. They watch as someone crouches to capture birds; they set a trap and catch people.
Jer 5:27 Like a cage full of birds, their houses are full of deceit. So they grow large and become rich.
Jer 5:28 They have become fat; they shine with well-being. They crossed over all bounds of wickedness. They do not plead the cause of the people, or the cause of the orphan. They prosper even though they have not given justice to the needy.
Jer 5:29 Should I not punish them for these things,’ asks Yehowah, ‘and will I not take vengeance for myself on a nation like this?

Jer 5:30 Atrocities and horrors have occurred in the land.
Jer 5:31 The prophets prophesy with deceit, and the priests rule with their own power. My people love it this way, but what will happen in the end?'"

Jeremiah Chapter 6

Jer 6:1 Find safety, people of Benjamin, by leaving Jerusalem. Blow a trumpet in Tekoa. Raise up over Beth Hakerem a signal-fire, since wickedness is appearing from the north; a great crushing is coming.
Jer 6:2 The daughter of Zion, the beautiful and delicate woman, will be destroyed.
Jer 6:3 The shepherds and their flocks will go to them; they will set up tents against her all around; each man will shepherd with his own hand.
Jer 6:4 “Dedicate yourselves to the deities for the battle. Arise, let us attack at noon. It is too bad that the daylight is fading away, that the shadows of dusk are falling.
Jer 6:5 But let us attack at night and destroy her fortresses.”
Jer 6:6 For Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces declares this: “Cut her trees, and heap up siegeworks against Jerusalem. This is the right city to attack, because it is filled with oppression.
Jer 6:7 Just as a well keeps giving water, so this city keeps producing wickedness. Violence and disorder are heard in her. Suffering and plague are continually before me.
Jer 6:8 Accept discipline, Jerusalem, or I will turn away from you and make you into a ruin, an uninhabited land.”
Jer 6:9 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces declares this, “They will certainly glean those who are left in Israel like a vineyard. Reach out again with your hand to pick grapes from the vines.
Jer 6:10 To whom should I declare and warn so they will listen? Look! Their ears are uncircumcised; they are not able to pay attention! Look! The Word of Yehowah has come to them to correct them, but they do not want it.”
Jer 6:11 But I am filled with the fury of Yehowah. I am tired of holding it in. He commanded me, “Pour it out on the children in the streets and on the groups of young men. For every man will be taken away with his wife; and every old person heavy with years.
Jer 6:12 Their houses will be turned over to others, both their fields and their wives together. For I will attack the inhabitants of the land with my hand,” declares Yehowah.
Jer 6:13 “Yehowah declares that from their smallest to their greatest, each of them is greedy for dishonest gain. Prophets to priest, everyone practices deceit.
Jer 6:14 But they have healed the wounds of my people lightly. They shout, ‘Peace! Peace!’ when there is no peace.

Jer 6:15 Were they ashamed when they committed abominations? They were not ashamed at all. They had no shame. So they will fall with those who fall at the time that I punish them. They will be overthrown," declares Yehowah.
Jer 6:16 Yehowah declares this, "Stand at the road crossing and look; ask for the ancient Pathways. 'Where is this good Way?' Then go on it and find a resting place for yourselves. But the people say, 'We will not go.'
Jer 6:17 I appointed for you watchmen to listen for the trumpet. But they said, 'We will not listen.'
Jer 6:18 Therefore, ethnicities, listen! See, you witnesses, what will happen to them.
Jer 6:19 Hear, earth! See, I am about to bring disaster to this people, the fruit of their thoughts. They paid no attention to my word or law, but they instead rejected it."
Jer 6:20 "What does this frankincense going up from Sheba mean to me? Or these sweet smells from a distant land? Your burnt offerings are not acceptable to me nor are your sacrifices.
Jer 6:21 So Yehowah declares this, 'See, I am about to place a stumbling block against this people. They will stumble over it, fathers and sons together. Inhabitants and their neighbors will also perish.'
Jer 6:22 Yehowah declares this, 'See, a people is coming from a northern land. For a great ethnicity has been stirred up to come from a distant land.
Jer 6:23 They will pick up bows and spears. They are cruel and have no compassion. Their sound is like the sea roar, and they are cavalry in formation as fighting men, daughter of Zion.'"
Jer 6:24 We have heard the news about them. Our hands fall limp in distress. Anguish seizes us as a woman bearing a child.
Jer 6:25 Do not go out to the fields and do not walk on the roads, for the swords of the enemy and terror are all around.
Jer 6:26 Daughter of my people, fasten on sackcloth and roll about in the dust of a funeral for an only child. Perform a bitter funeral for yourself, for the destroyer will come suddenly upon us.
Jer 6:27 "I have made you, Jeremiah, one who tests my people like one would test metal, so you will inspect and test their ways.
Jer 6:28 They are all the most stubborn of people, who go about slandering others. All of them are bronze and iron, acting corruptly.
Jer 6:29 The bellows are scorched by the fire that is burning them; the lead is consumed in the flames. The refining continues among them, but it is useless, because the evil is not removed.
Jer 6:30 They will be called rejected silver, for Yehowah has rejected them."

Jeremiah Chapter 7

Jer 7:1 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from Yehowah,
Jer 7:2 “Stand at the gate of the temple of Yehowah and proclaim this word, ‘Hear the Word of Yehowah, all you of Judah, you who enter these gates to worship Yehowah.
Jer 7:3 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, declares this: “Make your ways and practices good, and I will let you continue to live in this place.
Jer 7:4 Do not entrust yourself to deceitful words and cry, “Temple of Yehowah! Temple of Yehowah! Temple of Yehowah!”
Jer 7:5 For if you actually make your ways and practices good; if you completely execute justice between a man and his neighbor,
Jer 7:6 if you do not exploit the sojourning foreigner staying in the land, the orphan, or the widow, and do not pour out innocent blood in this place, and do not walk after false deities to your own harm,
Jer 7:7 then I will let you stay in this place, in the land that I gave to your ancestors from ancient times and forever.
Jer 7:8 Behold! You are trusting in deceitful words that do not help you.
Jer 7:9 Do you steal, murder (John 10:10), and commit adultery? Do you swear deceitfully and offer incense to Baal and walk after false deities whom you have not known?
Jer 7:10 Then do you come and stand before me in this temple where my name is proclaimed and declare, “We are saved,” so you can do all of these abominations?
Jer 7:11 Is this temple, which carries my name, a den of bandits in your eyes (Mark 11:17)? But behold, I have seen it,’” declares Yehowah.
Jer 7:12 ‘So go to my place that was in Shiloh, where I allowed my name to stay there in the beginning, and look at what I did to it because of the wickedness of my people Israel.
Jer 7:13 So now, on account of your doing all of these practices,’ declares Yehowah, ‘I spoke to you time and time again, but you did not listen. I summoned you, but you did not answer.
Jer 7:14 Therefore, what I did to Shiloh, I will also do to this temple that is called by my name, the temple in which you have trusted, this place that I gave to you and your ancestors.
Jer 7:15 For I will send you out from before me, just as I had sent out all your brothers, all the descendants of Ephraim.’

Jer 7:16 As for you, Jeremiah, do not pray for this people, and do not lift up a lamenting wail or say a prayer on their behalf, and do not petition me, for I will not listen to you.
Jer 7:17 Do you not see what they are doing in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?
Jer 7:18 The children are gathering wood and the fathers are kindling the fire! The women are kneading dough to make cakes for the queen of the heavens and pour out drink offerings for false deities, so that they will provoke me.
Jer 7:19 Are they truly provoking me?" asks Yehowah. "Is it not themselves whom they are provoking, so that shame is on them?
Jer 7:20 Therefore, Lord Yehowah declares this, 'See, my anger and wrath will gush out onto this place, on both man and beast, on the tree in the fields and the fruit on the ground. It will burn and never be extinguished.'
Jer 7:21 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, says this, 'Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices and the meat from them.
Jer 7:22 For when I brought your ancestors out from the land of Egypt, I did not require anything from them. I gave them no command about matters of burnt offerings and sacrifices.
Jer 7:23 I only gave them this command, "Listen to my voice, and I will be your Divine One, and you will be my people. So walk in all the Ways that I am commanding you, so that it may go well with you."
Jer 7:24 But they did not listen or pay attention. They lived by their own stubborn plans of their wicked hearts, so they went backwards, not forward.
Jer 7:25 Ever since the day when your ancestors went out from the land of Egypt until this day, I have sent every one of my servants, my prophets, to you. I persisted in sending them.
Jer 7:26 But they did not listen to me. They paid no attention. Instead, they hardened their necks. They were more wicked than their ancestors.'
Jer 7:27 So proclaim all these words to them, but they will not listen to you. Proclaim these things to them, but they will not answer you.
Jer 7:28 Say to them, "This is a nation that does not listen to the voice of Yehowah its Divine One and does not receive discipline. Truth is destroyed and cut off from their mouths.
Jer 7:29 Cut off your hair, shave yourself, and throw away your hair. Sing a funeral song over the open places. For Yehowah has rejected and abandoned this generation in his rage.
Jer 7:30 For the sons of Judah have done evil in my eyes," declares Yehowah, "they have set their detestable things in the temple where my name is proclaimed, in order to defile it.

Jer 7:31 Then they built the high place of Topheth that is in the Valley of Ben Hinnom. They did this to burn their sons and daughters in fire, something that I did not command, nor did it enter my mind.
Jer 7:32 So see, days are coming," declares Yehowah, "when it will no longer be called Topheth or Valley of Ben Hinnom. It will be the Valley of Slaughter; they will bury bodies in Topheth until there is no room left.
Jer 7:33 The corpses of this people will be food for the birds of the sky and the beasts of the earth, and there will be no one to frighten them away.
Jer 7:34 I will put an end to the cities of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem, the sounds of exaltation and jubilation, the sounds of the groom and the bride; since the land will become a desolation."""

Jeremiah Chapter 8

Jer 8:1 “At that time,” declares Yehowah, “they will bring out from the graves the bones of the kings of Judah and its officials, the bones of the priests and the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
Jer 8:2 Then they will spread them out in the light of the sun, moon, and all the stars of the skies; these things in the sky that they have followed and served, that they have walked after and sought, and that they have worshiped. The bones will not be gathered or buried again. They will be like dung on the surface of the earth.
Jer 8:3 In every remaining place where I have driven them, they will choose death instead of life for themselves, all who are still left over from this evil nation,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Jer 8:4 So say to them, ‘Yehowah declares this: “Does anyone fall and not get up? Does anyone get lost and not try to return?
Jer 8:5 Why has this people, Jerusalem, turned away in permanent faithlessness? They hold on to treachery and refuse to repent.
Jer 8:6 I paid attention and listened, but they did not speak right; no one was sorry for his wickedness, no one who asks “What have I done?” All of them go where they wish, like a stallion rushing toward battle.
Jer 8:7 Even the stork in the sky knows the right times; and the doves, swifts, and cranes. They go on their migrations at the right time, but my people do not know the decrees of Yehowah.
Jer 8:8 How can you say, “We are wise, for the Law of Yehowah is with us?” Indeed, see! The deceitful pen of the scribes has created deceit.
Jer 8:9 The wise men will be ashamed. They are dismayed and trapped. See! They reject the Word of Yehowah, so what use is their wisdom?
Jer 8:10 So I will give their wives to others, and their fields to those who will possess them, for from the youngest to the greatest, all of them are exceedingly greedy! From the prophet to the priest, all of them practice deceit.
Jer 8:11 For they treated the fracture of the daughter of my people as if it were a trivial thing. They shouted, “Peace, peace,” but there was no peace!
Jer 8:12 Were they ashamed when they practiced abominations? They were not ashamed. They had no humility. So they will fall at the time of their punishment, with those who have already fallen. They will be overthrown,” declares Yehowah.
Jer 8:13 “I will remove them completely,” declares Yehowah. “There will be no grapes on the vine, nor will there be figs on the fig trees. For the leaf will wither, and what I have given to them will pass away.
Jer 8:14 ‘Why are we sitting here? Come together; let us go to the fortified cities, and we will become silent there in death. For Yehowah our Divine One will

silence us. He will make us drink poison (opium, poppy juice), since we have sinned against Yehowah.
Jer 8:15 We are hoping for peace, but there will be nothing good. We are hoping for a time of healing, but see, there will be terror.'
Jer 8:16 The snorting of his stallions is heard from Dan. The whole earth shakes at the sound of the neighing of his strong horses. For the cavalry will come and consume the land and its wealth, the city and the ones living in it.
Jer 8:17 For see, I am sending out snakes among you, vipers that you cannot charm. They will bite you,"' declares Yehowah.
Jer 8:18 "My sorrow has no end, and my heart is sick.
Jer 8:19 See! The screaming voice of the daughter of my people from a far distant land! Is not Yehowah in Zion? Or is not her King in her? Why then would they offend me with their carved figures and foreign worthless idols?
Jer 8:20 'The harvest has passed on, summer is over. But we have not been saved.'
Jer 8:21 I am hurt because of the hurt of the daughter of my people. I mourn at the horrible things that have happened to her; I am dismayed.
Jer 8:22 Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why will the healing of the daughter of my people not happen?

Jeremiah Chapter 9

Jer 9:1 If only my head could produce water, and my eyes be a fountain of tears! For I wish to weep day and night for those among the daughter of my people who have been killed.
Jer 9:2 If only someone would give me a place for travelers in the wilderness to stay, where I could go to abandon my people. If only I could leave them, since all of them are adulterers, a band of traitors!"
Jer 9:3 Yehowah declares, "They tread on their bows of lies with their tongues, but it is not because of any faithfulness of theirs that they grow strong on the earth. They go from one wicked act to another. They do not know me.
Jer 9:4 Each of you, be on guard against your neighbor and do not trust in any brother. For every brother is certainly a deceiver, and every neighbor walks in slander.
Jer 9:5 Each man mocks his neighbor and does not speak the truth. Their tongues teach deceitful things. They are exhausted from committing iniquity.
Jer 9:6 Your dwelling is in the midst of deception; in their deceit they refuse to acknowledge me," declares Yehowah.
Jer 9:7 So Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces says this, "See, I am about to test them. I will examine them. How else should I act for the daughter of my people?
Jer 9:8 Their tongues are sharpened arrows; they speak unfaithful things. With their mouths they proclaim peace with their neighbors, but with their hearts they lie in wait for them.
Jer 9:9 Should I not punish them because of these things," asks Yehowah, "and should I not avenge myself on a nation that is like this?
Jer 9:10 I will sing a song of mourning and wailing for the mountains, and a funeral song will be sung for the meadows. For they are burned, so no one can pass through them. They will not hear the sound of any livestock. The birds of the sky and the animals have all fled away.
Jer 9:11 So I will turn Jerusalem into piles of ruins, a hideout for jackals. I will make Judah's cities ruined places without inhabitants."
Jer 9:12 Who is the wise man that understands this? What does the mouth of Yehowah proclaim to him, so he might report it? Why has the land perished? It is destroyed like the wilderness, where there is no one to pass through it.
Jer 9:13 Yehowah says, "It is because they have abandoned my law that I set before them, because they do not listen to my voice or walk by it.
Jer 9:14 It is because they have walked by their stubborn hearts and have followed the Baals as their fathers taught them to do.

Jer 9:15 Therefore, Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, declares this, ‘See, I am about to make this people eat wormwood and drink poisonous water (opium, poppy juice).
Jer 9:16 Then I will scatter them among the ethnicities that they have not known, neither they nor their ancestors. I will send out a sword after them, until I have completely destroyed them.’”
Jer 9:17 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces says this, “Think about this: Summon funeral singers; let them come. Send out for women skilled at lamenting; let them come.
Jer 9:18 Let them hurry and sing a mournful song over us, so our eyes may run with tears and our eyelids flow with water.
Jer 9:19 For the sound of wailing is heard in Zion, ‘How we are devastated. We are greatly ashamed, for we have abandoned the land since they tore down our houses.’
Jer 9:20 So you women, hear the Word of Yehowah; pay attention to the messages that come from his mouth. Then teach your daughters a mourning song and each neighbor woman a funeral song.
Jer 9:21 For death has come through our windows; it goes into our palaces. It destroys children from outside and young men in the city squares.
Jer 9:22 Speak this, ‘Yehowah declares, the corpses of men will fall like dung in the fields and like grain stalks after the reapers, and there will be no one to gather them.’”
Jer 9:23 Yehowah says this, “Do not let the wise man take pride in his wisdom or the warrior in his might. Do not let the wealthy man take pride in his riches.
Jer 9:24 For if a man takes pride in anything, let it be in this, that he has insight and knows me. For I am Yehowah, who acts with covenant loyalty, justice, and righteousness on earth. For it is in these that I take pleasure,” declares Yehowah.
Jer 9:25 “See, days are coming,” declares Yehowah, “when I will punish all the circumcised who are such only in their body.
Jer 9:26 I will punish Egypt and Judah, Edom, the people of Ammon, Moab, and all the people who cut the hair on their heads extremely short. For all these ethnicities are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel has an uncircumcised heart.”

Jeremiah Chapter 10

Jer 10:1 “Hear the word that Yehowah is announcing to you, house of Israel.
Jer 10:2 Yehowah declares this, ‘Do not learn the ways of the ethnicities and do not be dismayed by the signs in the heavens, for the ethnicities are dismayed by these.
Jer 10:3 For the customs of the ethnicities are worthless. For someone cuts a tree down in a forest; the hands of a craftsman do this with an ax.
Jer 10:4 Then they decorate it with silver and gold. They strengthen it with hammer and nails, so it will not fall over.
Jer 10:5 These idols are like scarecrows in a cucumber field, for they can say nothing. They have to be carried, for they cannot take any steps at all. Do not fear them, for they cannot bring about evil, nor are they able to do anything good.’”
Jer 10:6 There is no one like you, Yehowah. You are great, and your name is great in power!
Jer 10:7 Who does not fear you, king of the ethnicities? For this is what you deserve, for there is no one like you among all the wise men of the ethnicities or all their royal kingdoms.
Jer 10:8 They are all the same, they are brutish and stupid, disciples of idols that are nothing but wood.
Jer 10:9 They bring hammered silver from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz made by artificers, the hands of refiners. Their clothes are blue and purple cloth. Their skillful men made all of these things.
Jer 10:10 But Yehowah is the true Almighty. He is the living Almighty and eternal King. The earth quakes at his anger, and the ethnicities cannot endure his anger.
Jer 10:11 You will speak to them like this, “The deities that did not make the heavens and earth will perish from the earth and from under these heavens.”
Jer 10:12 The Maker of earth in his power established the globe in his wisdom and spread the heavens in his understanding.
Jer 10:13 His voice makes the roar of waters in the heavens, and he brings up the mists from the ends of the earth. He makes lightning for the rain and sends out wind from his storehouse.
Jer 10:14 Every man has become ignorant, without knowledge. Every metalworker is put to shame by his idols. For his cast images are frauds; there is no life in them.
Jer 10:15 They are useless, the work of mockers; they will perish at the time of their punishment.

Jer 10:16 But Yehowah, the portion of Jacob, is not like these, for he is the molder of all things. Israel is the tribe of his inheritance; Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces is his name.
Jer 10:17 Gather your luggage and leave the land, you people who have been living under the siege.
Jer 10:18 For Yehowah declares this, “See, I am about to throw the inhabitants of the land out this time. I will cause them distress, and they will find it to be so.”
Jer 10:19 Woe to me! Because of my broken bones, my wound is infected. So I said, “Surely this is agony, but I must bear it.”
Jer 10:20 My tent is devastated, and all of my tent cords are cut in two. They have taken my children away from me, so they no longer exist. There is no longer anyone to spread out my tent or to raise up my tent curtains.
Jer 10:21 For the shepherds have become stupid. They do not seek Yehowah. So they have no success; all their flocks are scattered.
Jer 10:22 The voice of an intelligence report has arrived, “See! It is coming, a great earthquake is coming from the land of the north to make the cities of Judah into ruins, hideouts for jackals.”
Jer 10:23 I know, Yehowah, that a man’s path does not come from himself. No person walking directs his own steps.
Jer 10:24 Discipline me, Yehowah, with justice, not in your anger or you would destroy me.
Jer 10:25 Pour your fury on the ethnicities that do not know you, and on the families that do not call on your name. For they have devoured Jacob and consumed him, so as to completely destroy him and demolish his habitation.

Jeremiah Chapter 11

Jer 11:1 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from Yehowah,
Jer 11:2 “Listen to the words of this covenant, and declare them to each man in Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
Jer 11:3 Say to them, ‘Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel declares this: “Cursed is anyone who does not listen to the words of this covenant.
Jer 11:4 This is the covenant that I commanded your ancestors to keep in the day I brought them out from the land of Egypt, from the furnace for smelting iron. I said, “Listen to my voice and do all of these things just as I have commanded you, for you will be my people, and I will be your Divine One.”
Jer 11:5 Obey me, so that I may confirm the oath that I swore to your ancestors, the oath that I would give them the land flowing with milk and honey, where you live today.”’” Then I, Jeremiah, answered, “Yes, Yehowah!”
Jer 11:6 Yehowah ordered me, “Proclaim all these things in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, ‘Listen to the words of this covenant and carry them out.
Jer 11:7 For I have been giving commands to your ancestors from the day I brought them up from the land of Egypt until this present time, persistently warning them to, “Listen to my voice.”’
Jer 11:8 But they did not listen or pay attention. Each person has been walking in the stubbornness of his wicked heart. So I brought all the curses in this covenant that I commanded to come against them. But the people still did not obey.”
Jer 11:9 Next, Yehowah said to me, “A conspiracy has been discovered among the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
Jer 11:10 They have turned to the iniquities of their earliest ancestors, who refused to listen to my word, who instead walked after false deities to worship them. The house of Israel and the house of Judah broke my covenant that I established with their ancestors.
Jer 11:11 Therefore, Yehowah declares this, ‘See, I am about to bring disaster on them, disaster from which they will not be able to escape. Then they will call out to me, but I will not listen to them.
Jer 11:12 The cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will go and call out to the deities to which they had given offerings, but they will certainly not be saved by them at the time of their disaster.
Jer 11:13 For you Judah, the number of your deities has increased to equal the number of your cities. You have made the number of shameful altars in Jerusalem, incense altars for Baal, equal to the number of her streets.

Jer 11:14 So you yourself, Jeremiah, must not pray for this people. You must not wail or pray on their behalf. For I will not be listening when they call on me in their disaster.
Jer 11:15 Why is my beloved one, the one who has had so many wicked intentions, in my temple? The set-apart meat of your sacrifices cannot help you. You rejoice because of your evil actions.
Jer 11:16 In the past, Yehowah called you a leafy olive tree, beautiful with lovely fruit (Rom. 11:17; Zech. 4:11-12). But he will light a fire on it that will sound like the roar of a storm; its branches will be broken.
Jer 11:17 For Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, the One who planted you, has decreed disaster against you, because of the wicked acts that the house of Israel and the house of Judah have committed, they have angered me by giving offerings to Baal.'"
Jer 11:18 Yehowah made me know these things, so I know them. You, Yehowah, made me see their deeds.
Jer 11:19 I was like a gentle lamb being led to a butcher. I did not know that they had formed plans against me, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit! Let us cut him off from the land of the living, so his name will no longer be remembered."
Jer 11:20 Yet Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces is the righteous judge who examines the heart and the mind. I will witness your vengeance against them, for I have presented my case to you.
Jer 11:21 Therefore, Yehowah says this concerning the people of Anathoth who are seeking your life, "They say, 'You must not prophesy in the name of Yehowah, or you will die by our hand.'
Jer 11:22 Therefore, Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces declares this, 'See, I am about to punish them. Their vigorous young men will die by the sword. Their sons and their daughters will die by famine.
Jer 11:23 None of them will be left, because I am bringing disaster against the people of Anathoth, a year of their punishment.'"

Jeremiah Chapter 12

Jer 12:1 You are righteous, Yehowah, whenever I bring disputes to you. I must certainly tell you of my reason to complain: Why do the ways of the wicked succeed? All the faithless people are successful.
Jer 12:2 You planted them and they took root. They continue to produce fruit. You are near to them in their mouths, but far away from their hearts.
Jer 12:3 Yet you yourself know me, Yehowah. You have seen me and have examined my heart. Take them away like sheep to the slaughter. Set them apart for the Day of slaughter.
Jer 12:4 How long will the land go on drying up, and the plants in every field wither because of the wickedness of its inhabitants? Beasts and birds have been taken away. Indeed, the people say, “Yehowah does not know what will happen to us.”
Jer 12:5 The Lord said, “Indeed, if you, Jeremiah, have run with infantrymen and they have tired you out, how can you compete against cavalry? If you fall down in the safe countryside, how will you do in the thickets along the Jordan River?
Jer 12:6 For even your brothers and your father’s family have betrayed you and have loudly denounced you. Do not trust in them, even if they say nice things to you.
Jer 12:7 I have abandoned my house; I have forsaken my inheritance. I have given my own beloved people into the hands of her enemies.
Jer 12:8 My inheritance has become to me like a lion in a thicket; she sets herself against me with her own voice, so I hate her.
Jer 12:9 My prized possession is a hyena, and birds of prey circle around her overhead. Go, gather all the living creatures in the fields, and bring them in to eat them.
Jer 12:10 Many shepherds have destroyed my vineyard. They have stomped all over my portion of land; they turned my delightful portion into a wilderness, a desolation.
Jer 12:11 They have made her a desolation. I mourn for her; she is desolate. All the land has been made desolate, for there is no one who takes it to heart.
Jer 12:12 Destroyers have come against all the bare places in the wilderness, for the sword of Yehowah is devouring from one end of the land to the other. There is no safety in the land for any living creature.
Jer 12:13 They have sown wheat but harvest thorn bushes. They are exhausted from work but have gained nothing. So be ashamed of your gain because of the anger of Yehowah.”
Jer 12:14 Yehowah declares this against all my neighbors, the wicked ones who strike at the possession that I made my people Israel inherit, “See, I am the One

who is about to uproot them from their own ground, and I will pull up the house of Judah from among them.
Jer 12:15 Then after I uproot those ethnicities, it will happen that I will have compassion on them and bring them back; I will return them, each man to his inheritance and his land.
Jer 12:16 It will come about that if those ethnicities carefully learn the Ways of my people, to swear by my name, 'As Yehowah lives!' just as they have taught my people to swear by Baal, then they will be built up in the midst of my people.
Jer 12:17 But if any do not listen, then I will uproot that ethnicity. It will certainly be uprooted and destroyed," declares Yehowah.

Jeremiah Chapter 13

Jer 13:1 Yehowah said this to me, “Go and buy a linen undergarment and put it on around your waist but do not put it in water first.”
Jer 13:2 So I bought an undergarment as Yehowah directed, and I put it on around my waist.
Jer 13:3 Then the Word of Yehowah came to me a second time,
Jer 13:4 “Take the undergarment that you purchased that is around your waist, get up and travel to the Euphrates. Hide it there in a rock crevice.”
Jer 13:5 So I went and hid it in the Euphrates just as Yehowah had commanded me.
Jer 13:6 After many days, Yehowah said to me, “Get up and go back to the Euphrates. Take from there the undergarment that I had told you to hide.”
Jer 13:7 So I went back to the Euphrates and dug out the undergarment where I had hid it. But behold! The undergarment was destroyed; it was no good at all.
Jer 13:8 Then the Word of Yehowah came to me again,
Jer 13:9 “Yehowah declares this: In the same way, I will destroy the great arrogance of Judah and Jerusalem.
Jer 13:10 This wicked people who refuses to listen to my word, who walk in the hardness of their heart, who go after false deities to worship them and bow down to them, they will be like this undergarment that is good for nothing.
Jer 13:11 For just as an undergarment clings to someone’s hips, so I have made all the house of Israel and all the house of Judah cling to me,” declares Yehowah, “to be my people, to bring me fame, praise, and honor. But they would not listen to me.
Jer 13:12 So you must speak this word to them, ‘Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, says this: Every jar will be filled with wine.’ They will answer you, ‘Do we not indeed know that every jar will be filled with wine?’
Jer 13:13 So say to them, ‘Yehowah declares this: See, I am about to fill with drunkenness every inhabitant of this land, the kings who sit on David’s throne, the priests, prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
Jer 13:14 Then I will smash each man against the other, fathers and children together,’ declares Yehowah, ‘I will not pity them or have compassion, and I will not spare them from destruction.’”
Jer 13:15 Listen and pay attention. Do not be arrogant, for Yehowah has spoken.
Jer 13:16 Give glory to Yehowah your Divine One before he brings darkness, and before he causes your feet to stumble on the mountains at dusk. For you are hoping for light, but he will turn the place into a deep darkness, into a dark cloud.
Jer 13:17 So if you will not listen, I will weep alone because of your arrogance.

My eyes will certainly weep and flow with tears, for the flock of Yehowah has been taken captive.
Jer 13:18 “Say to the king and to the queen mother, ‘Humble yourselves and sit down, for the crowns on your head, your pride and glory, have fallen off.’
Jer 13:19 The cities in the Negev will be shut up, with no one to open them. Judah will be taken captive, all of her into exile.
Jer 13:20 Lift up your eyes and look at the ones coming from the north. Where is the flock he gave to you, the flock that was so beautiful to you?
Jer 13:21 What will you say when Yehowah places over you those whom you had taught to be your friends? Are these not the beginnings of the labor pains that will seize you just like a woman in childbirth?
Jer 13:22 Then you might ask in your heart, ‘Why are these things happening to me?’ It will be for the multitude of your iniquities that your skirts are raised up, and you have been violated.
Jer 13:23 Can the ethnic Cushites change their skin color, or a leopard change its spots? If so, then you yourself, although accustomed to wickedness, would be able to do good.
Jer 13:24 So I will scatter them like chaff that perishes in the desert wind.
Jer 13:25 This is what I have given to you, the portion I have decreed for you,” declares Yehowah, “because you have forgotten me and trusted in deceit.
Jer 13:26 So also I myself will strip your skirts off you, and your private parts will be seen.
Jer 13:27 Your adultery and neighing, the shamefulness of your promiscuous behavior on the hills and in the fields! I will cause them to be seen, these detestable things! Woe to you, Jerusalem! You have not been clean. How long will this continue?”

Jeremiah Chapter 14

Jer 14:1 This is the Word of Yehowah that came to Jeremiah regarding the drought,
Jer 14:2 “Let Judah mourn; let her gates fall apart. They are wailing for the land; their cries for Jerusalem are going up.
Jer 14:3 Their chiefs send out their servants for water. When they go to the trenches, they cannot find water. They all return unsuccessful; they cover their heads ashamed and dishonored.
Jer 14:4 Because of this, the ground is cracked, for there is no rain in the land. The plowmen are ashamed and cover their heads.
Jer 14:5 For even the doe leaves her young in the fields and abandons them, for there is no grass.
Jer 14:6 The wild donkeys stand on the bare plains, and they pant in the wind like jackals. Their eyes fail to work, for there is no vegetation.”
Jer 14:7 Even though our iniquities testify against us, Yehowah, act for the sake of your name. For our faithless actions increase; we have sinned against you.
Jer 14:8 Hope of Israel, the One who saves him in the time of distress, why will you be like a sojourner in the land, like a foreign wanderer who stretches out and spends just one night?
Jer 14:9 Why will you be like a confused man, like a warrior who is not able to rescue anyone? For you are in our midst, Yehowah! Your name has been proclaimed over us. Do not leave us.
Jer 14:10 Yehowah says this to this people: “Since they love to wander, they have not held back their feet from doing so.” Yehowah is not pleased with them. Now he calls to mind their iniquity and has punished their sins.
Jer 14:11 Yehowah ordered me, “Do not pray for good on behalf of this people.
Jer 14:12 For if they fast, I will not listen to their wailing, and if they offer up burnt offerings and food offerings, I will not take pleasure in them. For I will put an end to them by sword, famine, and plague.”
Jer 14:13 Then I said, “Oh, Lord Yehowah! See! The prophets are saying to the people, ‘You will not see sword; there will be no famine for you, for I will give you true security in this place.’”
Jer 14:14 Yehowah said to me, “The prophets prophesy deceit in my name. I did not send them out, nor did I give them any command or speak to them. But deceitful visions and useless, deceitful divination coming from their own minds are what they are prophesying to you.”
Jer 14:15 Therefore, Yehowah declares this, “About the prophets prophesying in my name, but whom I did not send out, those who say there will be no sword or famine in this land: These prophets will perish by sword and famine.

Jer 14:16 Then the people to whom they prophesied will be thrown out in the streets of Jerusalem because of famine and sword, for there will be no one to bury them, them, their wives, their sons, or their daughters, for I will pour out their wickedness on them.
Jer 14:17 Say this word to them: 'Let my eyes flow with tears, night and day. Do not let them stop, for there will be a great collapse of the virgin daughter of my people, a great and incurable wound.
Jer 14:18 If I go out to the field, there are the ones who were killed by the sword! If I come to the city, there are the diseases that are caused by famine. Both the prophet and the priest wander about the land, and they do not know.'"
Jer 14:19 Have you completely rejected Judah? Do you hate Zion? Why will you afflict us, when there is no healing for us? We hoped for peace, but there was nothing good, and for a time of healing, but see, there is only terror.
Jer 14:20 We admit, Yehowah, our offenses, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you.
Jer 14:21 Do not reject us! For the sake of your name, do not make your glorious throne a disgrace. Remember, and do not break your covenant with us.
Jer 14:22 Is there among the idols of the ethnicities anyone who can make the heavens give the spring rain? Are you not the One, Yehowah our Divine One, who does this? We hope in you, for you have done all these things.

Jeremiah Chapter 15

Jer 15:1 Then Yehowah said to me, “Even if Moses or Samuel were standing in front of me, I would still not be in favor of this people. Send them out from before me, for them to go away.
Jer 15:2 It will happen that they will ask you, ‘Where should we go?’ Then you must answer them, ‘Yehowah declares this: Those destined for death should go to death; those destined for the sword should go to the sword. Those destined for famine should go to famine; and those destined for captivity should go to captivity.’
Jer 15:3 For I will assign them to four groups,” declares Yehowah, “the sword to slaughter some, the dogs to drag some away, the birds of the sky and the beasts of the earth to consume and destroy some.
Jer 15:4 I will make of them a horrifying thing to all the kingdoms of the earth, because of what Manasseh son of Hezekiah, king of Judah, did in Jerusalem.
Jer 15:5 For who will have compassion for you, Jerusalem? Who will grieve for you? Who will turn to ask about your welfare?
Jer 15:6 You have forsaken me,” declares Yehowah, “you have gone back from me. So I will strike you with my hand and destroy you. I am tired of having mercy on you.
Jer 15:7 So I will winnow them with a pitchfork at the gates of the land. I will bereave them. I will destroy my people since they will not turn from their ways.
Jer 15:8 I will make their widows number more than the sands of the seashore. Against the mothers of young men I will send the destroyer at noonday. I will make shock and horror suddenly fall on them.
Jer 15:9 The mother who has borne seven children will waste away. She will gasp. Her sun will set while it is still day. She will be ashamed and embarrassed, for I will give those who remain to the sword in the presence of their enemies,” declares Yehowah.
Jer 15:10 Woe to me, my mother! For you have borne me, I who am a man of controversy and argument through all the land. I have not lent, nor has anyone lent to me, but they all curse me.
Jer 15:11 Yehowah said: “Will I not rescue you for good? I will certainly make your enemies beg for help in the time of calamity and distress.
Jer 15:12 Can one smash iron? Especially iron from the north that is mixed with bronze?
Jer 15:13 I will give to your enemies your wealth and treasures as free plunder. I will do this because of all your sins committed within all your borders.
Jer 15:14 Then I will make you serve your enemies in a land that you do not know, for a fire will ignite, kindled in my wrath against you.”

Jer 15:15 You yourself know, Yehowah! Call me to mind and help me. Bring vengeance for me against my pursuers. In your patience do not take me away. Acknowledge that I have suffered reproach for you.
Jer 15:16 Your words have been found, and I consumed them. Your words were a joy to me, a joy to my heart, for your name is proclaimed on me, Yehowah, Mighty One of the heavenly armed forces.
Jer 15:17 I did not sit in the circle of those who celebrated or rejoiced. I sat in solitude because of your powerful hand, for you filled me with indignation.
Jer 15:18 Why is my pain ongoing and my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be like deceitful waters to me, waters that dry up?
Jer 15:19 Therefore, Yehowah said this, “If you repent, Jeremiah, then I will restore you, and you will stand before me and serve me. For if you separate the foolish things from the precious things, you will be like my mouth. The people will come back to you, but you yourself must not go back to them.
Jer 15:20 I will make you like an impenetrable bronze wall to this people, and they will wage war against you. But they will not defeat you, for I am with you to save and rescue you,” declares Yehowah,
Jer 15:21 “for I will rescue you from the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the hand of the tyrant.”

Jeremiah Chapter 16

Jer 16:1 Then the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Jer 16:2 “Do not take a wife for yourself, and do not have sons or daughters for yourself in this place.
Jer 16:3 For Yehowah says this to the sons and daughters who are born in this place, to the mothers who bear them, and to the fathers who caused them to be born in this land,
Jer 16:4 ‘They will die diseased deaths. They will not be mourned or buried. They will be like dung on the ground. For they will come to an end by sword and famine, and their corpses will be food for the birds of the sky and the beasts of the earth.’
Jer 16:5 For Yehowah says this, ‘Do not enter any house where there is mourning. Do not go about lamenting, and do not sympathize with these people. For I have gathered up my peace, covenant faithfulness, and acts of tender mercy, from this people,’ declares Yehowah,
Jer 16:6 ‘so the great and the small will die in this land. They will not be buried, nor will anyone mourn for them. No one will cut themselves or shave their heads for them.
Jer 16:7 No one must share any food in mourning to comfort them because of the deaths, and none must give a comforting cup to his father or his mother in order to comfort them.
Jer 16:8 You must not go to a banquet house to sit with them in order to eat or drink.’
Jer 16:9 For Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, declares this, ‘See, before your eyes, in your days and in this place, I am about to put an end to the sound of joy and celebration, the voices of the groom and bride.’
Jer 16:10 Then it will happen that you will report all these words to this people, and they will ask you, ‘Why has Yehowah decreed all this great disaster against us? What is our iniquity and sin that we sinned against Yehowah our Divine One?’
Jer 16:11 So answer them, ‘Because your ancestors abandoned me,’ declares Yehowah, ‘they went after false deities and worshiped and bowed down to them. They abandoned me and have not kept my law.
Jer 16:12 But you yourselves have brought about more wickedness than your ancestors, for see, each person is walking by the stubbornness of his wicked heart; there is no one who listens to me.

Jer 16:13 So I will throw you from this land to a land that you have not known, neither you nor your ancestors, and you will worship false deities there by day and night, for I will not give any grace to you.’
Jer 16:14 Therefore, see! The days are coming,” declares Yehowah, “when it will no longer be said, ‘As Yehowah lives, the One who brought up the people of Israel from the land of Egypt.’
Jer 16:15 For as Yehowah lives, the One who brought up the people of Israel from the land of the north and from the lands where he had scattered them, I will bring them back to the land that I gave to their ancestors.
Jer 16:16 See! I will send for many fishermen,” declares Yehowah, “so they will fish the people out. After this, I will send for many hunters, so they will hunt for them among all the mountains and hills, and in rock crevices.
Jer 16:17 For my eye is on all their ways; they cannot be hidden from before me. Their iniquity cannot be concealed from before my eyes.
Jer 16:18 I will first pay back double for their iniquity and sin for their polluting of my land with their disgusting idol figures, and for their filling my inheritance with their disgusting idols.”
Jer 16:19 Yehowah, you are my stronghold and my refuge, my place of safety in the Day of distress. The ethnicities will go to you from the ends of the earth and say, “Surely our ancestors inherited deceit. They are empty; there is no profit in them.”
Jer 16:20 “Do people make deities for themselves? But they are not deities.
Jer 16:21 Therefore, see! I will cause them to know in this time, I will cause them to know my hand and my power, so they will know that Yehowah is my name.”

Jeremiah Chapter 17

Jer 17:1 “The sin of Judah is written with an iron stylus having a diamond point. It is engraved on the tablet of their hearts and on the horns of your altars.
Jer 17:2 Their children remember their altars and their Asherah poles by the leafy trees on the high hills.
Jer 17:3 My mountain in the open country and all your wealth along with all of your treasures, I will give as plunder to others. That is the price of your high places, and the sin that is throughout all your territories.
Jer 17:4 You will lose the inheritance that I gave to you. I will enslave you to your enemies in a land that you do not know, for you have ignited a fire in my wrath, which will burn forever.”
Jer 17:5 Yehowah declares, “The person who trusts in mankind is accursed; he makes flesh his strength but turns his heart away from Yehowah.
Jer 17:6 For he will be like a juniper in the Arabah and will not see anything good coming. He will stay in the stony places in the wilderness, barren land without inhabitants.
Jer 17:7 But the person who trusts in Yehowah is blessed, for Yehowah is his reason for confidence.
Jer 17:8 For he will be like a tree planted beside waters along the stream; his roots will spread out. He will not see that heat is coming, for his leaves will be luxurious. Then in the year of drought he will not be anxious, nor will he stop producing fruit.
Jer 17:9 The heart (mind) is more deceitful than anything else. It is sick; who can understand it?
Jer 17:10 I am Yehowah, the One who searches through the mind, who tests the heart. I give to each person according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.
Jer 17:11 A partridge hatches an egg that she did not lay. Someone may become rich unjustly, but when half his days are over, those riches will abandon him, and in the end he will be a fool.”
Jer 17:12 “The place of our temple is a glorious throne, elevated from the beginning.
Jer 17:13 Yehowah is the hope of Israel. All who abandon you will be ashamed. Those in the land who turn away from you will be cut off. For they are abandoning Yehowah, the fountain of living waters.
Jer 17:14 Heal me, Yehowah, and I will be healed! Rescue me, and I will be rescued. For you are my song of praise!
Jer 17:15 See, they are asking me, ‘Where is the Word of Yehowah? Let it come, I pray!’

Jer 17:16 As for me, I did not run from being a shepherd following you. I did not long for the Day of Disaster. You know the proclamations that came from my lips. They were made in your presence.
Jer 17:17 Do not be a terror to me. You are my refuge on the Day of Calamity.
Jer 17:18 May my pursuers be ashamed, but do not let me be ashamed. May they be dismayed, but do not let me be dismayed. Send the Day of Disaster against them and shatter them with a double share of destruction."
Jer 17:19 Yehowah commanded me: "Go and stand in the gate of the people where the kings of Judah enter and where they exit, then in all the other gates of Jerusalem.
Jer 17:20 Proclaim to them, 'Hear the Word of Yehowah, kings of Judah and all you people of Judah, and every resident of Jerusalem who comes in through these gates.
Jer 17:21 Yehowah declares this: "Be careful for the sake of your lives and do not carry a burden on the Sabbath day to bring it into the gates of Jerusalem.
Jer 17:22 Do not bring a load out from your house on the Sabbath day. Do not do any work, but set apart the Sabbath day, just as I commanded your ancestors to do.'"
Jer 17:23 They did not listen or pay attention, but stiffened their neck, so they would not hear me nor accept discipline.
Jer 17:24 It will happen that if you truly listen to me," declares Yehowah, "and do not bring a load into the gates of this city on the Sabbath day, but instead set apart the Sabbath day to Yehowah and not do any work on it,
Jer 17:25 then kings, princes, and those who sit on David's throne will come to the gates of this city in chariots and with horses, they and their leaders, men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, and this city will be inhabited forever.
Jer 17:26 They will come from the cities of Judah and from all around Jerusalem, from the land of Benjamin and the lowlands, from the mountains, and from the Negev, bringing burnt offerings and sacrifices, grain offerings and frankincense, thank offerings to the temple of Yehowah.
Jer 17:27 But if you do not listen to me, to set apart the Sabbath day, to not carry heavy loads and to not enter the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day, then I will light a fire in its gates, and it will consume the fortresses of Jerusalem, and it cannot be put out."

Jeremiah Chapter 18

Jer 18:1 This is the Word of Yehowah that came to Jeremiah,
Jer 18:2 “Arise and go out to the potter’s house, for I will have you hear my word there.”
Jer 18:3 So I went out to the potter’s house, and behold! The potter was working on the potter’s wheel.
Jer 18:4 But the object of clay that he was molding was ruined in his hand, so he changed his mind and made another object that seemed good in his eyes to do.
Jer 18:5 Then the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Jer 18:6 “Should I not be able to act like this potter with you, house of Israel?” asks Yehowah. “See! Like clay in a potter’s hand, that is how you are in my hand, house of Israel.
Jer 18:7 At one moment, I may proclaim something about an ethnicity or a kingdom, that I will drive it out, tear it down, or destroy it.
Jer 18:8 But if the ethnicity about which I have made that proclamation turns from its evil, then I will relent from the disaster that I was planning to bring upon it.
Jer 18:9 At another moment, I may proclaim something about an ethnicity or a kingdom, that I will build it up or plant it.
Jer 18:10 But if it does evil in my eyes by not listening to my voice, then I will stop the good that I had said I would do for them.
Jer 18:11 So now, speak to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, ‘Yehowah declares this: See, I am about to form disaster against you. I am about to devise a plan against you. Repent, each person from his wicked path, so your ways and your practices will bring good to you.’
Jer 18:12 But they will say, ‘This is no use. We will act according to our own plans. Each one of us will do what his evil, stubborn heart desires.’
Jer 18:13 Therefore, Yehowah says this, ‘Ask the ethnicities, who has ever heard of such a thing as this? The virgin Israel has committed a horrible act.
Jer 18:14 Does the snow in Lebanon ever leave the rocky hills on its sides? Are the mountain streams coming from far away ever destroyed, those cold streams?
Jer 18:15 Yet my people have forgotten me. They have made offerings to useless idols and been made to stumble in their paths; they have left the ancient Paths to walk lesser paths.
Jer 18:16 Their land will become a horror, an object of everlasting whistling. Everyone who passes by her will shudder and shake his head.
Jer 18:17 I will scatter them before their enemies like an eastern wind. I will show them my back, and not my face, on the day of their disaster.’”

Jer 18:18 So the people said, “Come, let us make plots against Jeremiah, since the law will never perish from the priests, or advice from the wise men, or words from the prophets. Come, let us attack him with our words and no longer pay attention to anything he proclaims.”
Jer 18:19 Pay attention to me, Yehowah, and listen to the voice of my enemies.
Jer 18:20 Will disaster from them really be my reward for being good to them? For they have dug a pit for me. Remember how I stood before you to speak for their welfare, to cause your fury to turn away from them.
Jer 18:21 Therefore, hand over their children to famine, and give them to the hands of those who use the sword. So let their women become bereaved and widows, and their men be killed, and their young men killed by the sword in battle.
Jer 18:22 Let a distressed shout be heard from their houses, as you suddenly bring raiders against them. For they have dug a pit to capture me and have hidden traps for my feet.
Jer 18:23 But you, Yehowah, you know all of their plans against me to kill me. Do not forgive their iniquities and sins. Do not wipe their sins away from you. Instead, let them be overthrown before you. Act against them in the time of your wrath.

Jeremiah Chapter 19

Jer 19:1 Yehowah said this, “Go and purchase a potter’s clay flask while you are with the elders of the people and the priests.
Jer 19:2 Then go out to the Valley of Ben Hinnom at the entry of the Broken Pottery Gate, and there proclaim the words that I will tell you.
Jer 19:3 Say, ‘Hear the Word of Yehowah, kings of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem! Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, declares this, “See, I am about to bring disaster on this place, and the ears of everyone who hears of it will tingle.
Jer 19:4 I will do this, because they have abandoned me and profaned this place. In this place, they offer sacrifices to false deities that they did not know. They, their ancestors, and the kings of Judah have also filled this place with innocent blood.
Jer 19:5 They built the high places of Baal to burn their sons in the fire as burnt offerings to him, something that I did not command or mention, nor did it enter my mind.
Jer 19:6 Therefore, see, the days are coming,” declares Yehowah, “when this place will no longer be called Topheth, the Valley of Ben Hinnom, for it will be the Valley of Slaughter.
Jer 19:7 In this place, I will make the plans of Judah and Jerusalem useless. I will make them to fall by the sword before their enemies and by the hand of the ones seeking their lives. Then I will give their corpses as food to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth.
Jer 19:8 Then I will make this city a ruin and the object of whistling, for everyone passing by it will shudder and whistle regarding all of its plagues.
Jer 19:9 I will make them eat the flesh of their sons and daughters; each man will consume the flesh of his neighbor in the siege and in the anguish brought on them by their enemies, and the ones seeking their lives.’”
Jer 19:10 Then you will break the clay flask in the sight of the men who went with you.
Jer 19:11 You will say to them, ‘Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces says this: I will do this same thing to this people and this city,’ declares Yehowah, ‘just as Jeremiah shattered the clay flask, so that it could not be repaired again. People will bury the dead in Topheth, until there is no place left for any more dead.
Jer 19:12 This is what I will do to this place and its inhabitants, when I make this city like Topheth,’ declares Yehowah,
Jer 19:13 ‘so the houses of Jerusalem and of the kings of Judah will become like Topheth, all the houses on whose rooftops the unclean people worship all the stars of heaven and pour out drink offerings to false deities.’”

Jer 19:14 Then Jeremiah went from Topheth, where Yehowah had sent him to prophesy. He stood in the courtyard of the temple of Yehowah, and he said to all the people,
Jer 19:15 “Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, declares this, ‘See, I am about to bring to this city and to all of its towns all the disaster that I have proclaimed against it, since they stiffened their neck and refused to listen to my words.’”

Jeremiah Chapter 20

Jer 20:1 Pashhur son of Immer the priest, he was a leading officer, heard Jeremiah prophesying these words before the temple of Yehowah.
Jer 20:2 So Pashhur beat Jeremiah the prophet and then placed him in the stocks that were at the Upper Gate of Benjamin in the temple of Yehowah.
Jer 20:3 It happened on the next day, that Pashhur brought Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then Jeremiah said to him, "Yehowah has not called your name Pashhur, but you are Magor Missabib (Terror on Every Side).
Jer 20:4 For Yehowah declares this, 'Look, I will make you an object of horror, you and all of your loved ones, for they will fall by the sword of their enemies, and your eyes will see it. I will give all of Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon. He will make them captives in Babylon or attack them with the sword.
Jer 20:5 I will give him all the wealth of this city and all of its produce, all of its precious items, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah. I will place these things in the hand of your enemies, and they will seize them. They will take them and bring them to Babylon.
Jer 20:6 But you, Pashhur, and all the inhabitants of your house will go into captivity. You will go to Babylon and die there. You and all of your loved ones to whom you prophesied deceitful things will be buried there.'"
Jer 20:7 "You deceived me, Yehowah. I was indeed deceived. You seized me and defeated me. I have become a laughingstock. The people mock me every day, all the day.
Jer 20:8 For whenever I have spoken, I have called out and proclaimed, 'Violence and destruction!' Then the Word of Yehowah has become for me reproach and mocking every day.
Jer 20:9 If I say, 'I will not think about Yehowah anymore. I will no longer proclaim his name.' Then it is like a fire in my heart, held within my bones. So I struggle to contain it, but I cannot.
Jer 20:10 I have heard intelligence reports of terror from many people all around. 'Report! We must report it!' Those who are close to me watch to see if I will fall. 'Perhaps he can be tricked. If so, we can overpower him and take our revenge on him.'
Jer 20:11 But Yehowah is with me like a powerful warrior, so the ones pursuing me will stagger. They will not defeat me. They will be greatly ashamed, because they will not succeed. They will have unending shame, it will never be forgotten.
Jer 20:12 But you, Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, you who examine the righteous, and who see the mind and the heart. Let me see your vengeance on them, since I have shown my case to you.

Jer 20:13 Sing to Yehowah! Praise Yehowah! For he has rescued the lives of those who are oppressed from the hand of evildoers.
Jer 20:14 Let the day when I was born be cursed. Do not let the day that my mother bore me be blessed.
Jer 20:15 Let the man who informed my father be cursed, the one who announced, ‘A male child has been born to you,’ causing great joy!
Jer 20:16 Let that man be like the cities that Yehowah overthrew when he would not have mercy. May he hear a call for help at dawn and the shout of battle at noontime.
Jer 20:17 May this happen, since Yehowah did not kill me in the womb or make my mother my tomb, a pregnant womb forever.
Jer 20:18 Why is it that I came out from the womb to see troubles and agony, so that my days are filled with shame?”

Jeremiah Chapter 21

Jer 21:1 This is the word that came from Yehowah to Jeremiah when King Zedekiah sent Pashhur son of Malkijah and Zephaniah son of Maaseiah the priest to him. They entreated him,
Jer 21:2 “Seek advice from Yehowah on our behalf, for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon is making war on us. Perhaps Yehowah will do miracles for us, as in times past, and will make him withdraw from us.”
Jer 21:3 So Jeremiah prophesied to them, “This is what you must say to Zedekiah,
Jer 21:4 ‘Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, declares this: See, I am about to turn back the instruments of war that are in your hand, with which you are fighting against the king of Babylon and the Chaldeans who are closing you in from outside the walls! For I will gather them in the middle of this city.
Jer 21:5 Then I myself will fight against you with a raised hand and a strong arm, and with wrath, fury, and great anger.
Jer 21:6 For I will attack the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast. They will die in a severe plague.
Jer 21:7 After this,’ declares Yehowah, ‘Zedekiah king of Judah, his servants, the people, and whoever remains in this city after the plague, the sword, and the famine, I will give them all into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those seeking their life. Then he will kill them with the edge of the sword. He will not pity them, spare them, or have compassion.’
Jer 21:8 Then to this people you must say, ‘Yehowah declares this: See, I am about to place before you the Way of life and the way of death.
Jer 21:9 Anyone staying in this city will die by the sword, famine, and plague; but anyone going out and falling on his knees before the Chaldeans who have closed in against you will live. He will escape with his life.
Jer 21:10 For I have set my face against this city in order to bring disaster and not to bring good,’ declares Yehowah. ‘It has been given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will burn it.’
Jer 21:11 Concerning the house of the king of Judah, listen to the Word of Yehowah:
Jer 21:12 House of David, Yehowah declares, ‘Bring about justice at dawn. Rescue the one who has been robbed by the hand of the oppressor, or my fury will go out like fire and burn, and there is no one who can extinguish it because of your evil deeds.

Jer 21:13 See, inhabitant of the valley! I am against you, rock of the plain,’ declares Yehowah, ‘I am against anyone who is asking, “Who will come down to attack us?” or “Who will enter our houses?”
Jer 21:14 I have assigned the fruit of your practices to come against you,’ declares Yehowah, ‘and I will light a fire in the thickets, and it will consume everything around it.’”

Jeremiah Chapter 22

Jer 22:1 This is what Yehowah commands, “Go down to the house of the king of Judah and proclaim this word there:
Jer 22:2 Say, ‘King of Judah, listen to the Word of Yehowah, you who sit on David’s throne, you, and your servants, and your people who come through these gates.
Jer 22:3 Yehowah commands this, “Perform justice and righteousness, and anyone who has been robbed, rescue him from the hand of the oppressor. Do not mistreat any sojourning foreigner in your land, or any orphan or widow. Do not commit violence or pour out innocent blood in this place.
Jer 22:4 For if you truly do these things, then kings sitting on David’s throne will enter the gates of this house riding in a chariot and on horses, he, his servants, and his people!
Jer 22:5 But if you do not listen to these words from me that I have announced,” declares Yehowah, “then this royal palace will become a ruin.”’
Jer 22:6 For Yehowah declares this concerning the palace of the king of Judah, ‘You are like Gilead, or like the summit of Lebanon to me. Yet I will turn you into a wilderness, into cities with no inhabitants.
Jer 22:7 For I have designated destroyers to come against you! Men with their weapons will cut off the best of your cedars and let them fall into the fire.
Jer 22:8 Then many ethnicities will pass by this city. Each person will ask the next, “Why has Yehowah acted in this way toward this great city?”
Jer 22:9 Then the other will answer, “Because they abandoned the covenant of Yehowah their Divine One and bowed down to false deities and worshiped them.”
Jer 22:10 Do not weep for the dead. Do not mourn for him. But you must certainly weep for anyone who goes into captivity, for he will never return and see the land of his birth again.’
Jer 22:11 For Yehowah declares this about Jehoahaz son of Josiah king of Judah, who served as king instead of Josiah his father, ‘He has gone from this place and will not come back.
Jer 22:12 He will die there in the place to where they have exiled him, and he will never again see this land.’
Jer 22:13 Woe to anyone who is building his house in unrighteousness and his upper rooms in injustice; for whom others work, but who does not pay them.
Jer 22:14 Woe to anyone who says, ‘I will build for myself a house of great height and spacious upper rooms, who constructs wide windows for himself, and panels with cedar, and paints it all red.’

Jer 22:15 Is this what makes you a good king, that you wanted to have boards of cedar? Did not your father also eat and drink, yet do justice and righteousness? Then things went well for him.
Jer 22:16 He judged in favor of the poor and needy. It was good then. Is this not what it means to know me?" asks Yehowah.
Jer 22:17 "But there is nothing in your eyes and heart except worry for your unjust profit and for pouring out innocent blood, for producing oppression and crushing of others.
Jer 22:18 Therefore, Yehowah declares this about Jehoiakim son of Josiah, king of Judah: They will not lament for him with 'Woe, my brother!' or 'Woe, my sister!' They will not lament him with 'Woe, master!' or 'Woe, majesty!'
Jer 22:19 He will be buried with a donkey's burial, dragged away and thrown out beyond the gates of Jerusalem.
Jer 22:20 Go up Lebanon's mountains and shout. Lift your voice in Bashan. Shout from the Abarim mountains, for all of your friends will be destroyed!
Jer 22:21 I spoke to you when you were safe, but you replied, 'I will not listen.' This was your custom since your youth, for you have not listened to my voice.
Jer 22:22 The wind will shepherd away all your shepherds, and your friends will go into captivity. Then you will certainly be ashamed and humiliated by all of your evil deeds.
Jer 22:23 You king, you who live in the House of the Forest of Lebanon, you who nest among the cedars, how you will groan when the labor pains of anguish come on you like childbirth."
Jer 22:24 "As I live," declares Yehowah, "even if you, Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, were the signet on my right hand, I would tear you off.
Jer 22:25 For I have given you to the hand of the ones seeking your life and to the hand of those before whom you are afraid, even to the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and the Chaldeans.
Jer 22:26 I will throw you and your mother who bore you into another land, a country where you were not born, and there you will die.
Jer 22:27 About this land to which they will want to return, they will not come back here.
Jer 22:28 Is this a despised and shattered vessel? Is this man Jehoiachin a pot that pleases no one? Why have they thrown him and his descendants out, and have poured them out into a land that they did not know?
Jer 22:29 Land, Land, Land! Hear the Word of Yehowah!
Jer 22:30 Yehowah commands this, 'Write about this man Jehoiachin: He will be childless. He will not prosper during his days, and no one among his descendants will achieve success or ever again sit on David's throne and rule over Judah.'"

Jeremiah Chapter 23

Jer 23:1 “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture,” declares Yehowah.
Jer 23:2 Therefore, Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, says this concerning the shepherds who are shepherding his people, “You are scattering my flock and driving them away. You have not cared for them at all. Know this! I will pay you back for the evil of your practices,” declares Yehowah.
Jer 23:3 “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all of the lands where I have driven them, and I will return them to a grazing place, where they will be fruitful and increase.
Jer 23:4 Then I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, so they will no longer fear or be shattered. None of them will go missing,” declares Yehowah.
Jer 23:5 “See, the days are coming,” declares Yehowah, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch. He will reign as king; he will act wisely and cause justice and righteousness in the land.
Jer 23:6 In his days, Judah will be rescued, and Israel will live in security. Then this is the name by which he will be called: Yehowah Our Righteousness.
Jer 23:7 Therefore see, days are coming,” declares Yehowah, “when they will no longer say, ‘As Yehowah lives, who brought the people of Israel up from the land of Egypt.’
Jer 23:8 Instead they will say, ‘As Yehowah lives, who brought up and who led back the descendants of the house of Israel from the northern land and all the lands where they had been driven.’ Then they will live in their own land.”
Jer 23:9 Regarding the prophets, my heart is broken in me, and all of my bones tremble. I have become like a drunk man, like a man whom wine has overpowered because of Yehowah and his set-apart words.
Jer 23:10 For the land is full of adulterers. Because of these, the land is dried up. The meadows in the wilderness dry up. These prophets’ paths are wicked; their power is not used in a right manner.
Jer 23:11 “For both the prophets and the priests are polluted. I even found their wickedness in my temple!” declares Yehowah.
Jer 23:12 “Therefore, their path will be like a slippery place in the darkness. They will be pushed down. They will fall in it. For I will send disaster against them in the year of their punishment,” declares Yehowah.
Jer 23:13 “For I have seen offensiveness among the prophets in Samaria. They prophesied by Baal and led my people Israel off the right Path.
Jer 23:14 Among the prophets in Jerusalem I have seen horrible things: They commit adultery and walk in deceit. They strengthen the hands of evildoers; no

one turns back from his evildoing. All of them have become like Sodom to me and its inhabitants like Gomorrah!”
Jer 23:15 Therefore, Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces declares this concerning the prophets, “Look, I am about to make them eat wormwood and drink poisonous water (opium, poppy juice), for pollution has gone out from the prophets of Jerusalem to all the land.”
Jer 23:16 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces declares this, “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They have deluded you! They are announcing visions from their own minds, not from the mouth of Yehowah.
Jer 23:17 They are constantly saying to those who dishonor me, ‘Yehowah declares there will be peace for you.’ For everyone walking in the stubbornness of his own heart says, ‘Disaster will not come upon you.’
Jer 23:18 Yet who has stood in the council meeting of Yehowah? Who sees and hears his word? Who pays attention to his word and listens?
Jer 23:19 See, there is a storm coming from Yehowah! His fury is going out, and a tempest is whirling about. It is whirling around the heads of the wicked.
Jer 23:20 The wrath of Yehowah will not return, until it has carried out and brought into being his heart’s intentions. In the last days, you will understand it.
Jer 23:21 I did not send out these prophets. They just appeared. I did not proclaim anything to them, but they have still prophesied.
Jer 23:22 For if they had stood in my council meeting, they would have caused my people to hear my word; they would have caused them to turn from their wicked words and corrupt practices.
Jer 23:23 Am I only an Almighty nearby,” asks Yehowah, “and not also an Almighty far away?
Jer 23:24 Can anyone hide in a secret place, so I cannot see him?” asks Yehowah. “And do I not fill the heavens and the earth?” asks Yehowah.
Jer 23:25 “I have heard what the prophets have said, those who were prophesying deceit in my name. They said, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’
Jer 23:26 How long will this go on, prophets who prophesy lies from their minds, and who prophesy from the deceit in their hearts?
Jer 23:27 They are planning on making my people forget my name with the dreams that they report, each one to his neighbor, just as their ancestors forgot my name in favor of the name of Baal (lord).
Jer 23:28 The prophet who has a dream, let him report the dream. But the one to whom I have declared something, let him declare my word truthfully. What does straw have to do with grain?” asks Yehowah.
Jer 23:29 “Is not my word like fire?” asks Yehowah, “And like a hammer that shatters a rock into pieces?
Jer 23:30 So see, I am against the prophets,” declares Yehowah, “anyone who steals words from another person and claims they come from me.

Jer 23:31 See, I am against the prophets," declares Yehowah, "who use their tongues to prophesy proclamations.
Jer 23:32 See, I am against the prophets who dream deceitfully," declares Yehowah, "and then proclaim them, and in this way mislead my people with their deceit and boasting. I am against them, for I have not sent them out nor given them commands. So they will certainly not help this people," declares Yehowah.
Jer 23:33 "When this people or a prophet or a priest asks you, 'What is the declaration of Yehowah?' Then you must ask them, 'What declaration? For I have abandoned you,'" declares Yehowah.
Jer 23:34 "As for the prophets, priests, and people who are saying, 'Yehowah declares,' I will punish that man and his household.
Jer 23:35 You continue to ask, each person of his neighbor and each man of his brother, 'What did Yehowah answer?' and, 'What did Yehowah declare?'
Jer 23:36 But you must no longer talk about the declaration of Yehowah, since each declaration from each man has become his own message, and you have perverted the words of the living Almighty, Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, our Divine One.
Jer 23:37 This is what you are asking the prophet, 'What did Yehowah answer you? What did Yehowah declare?'
Jer 23:38 Then you report a declaration from Yehowah, but Yehowah says this, 'You say, "Here is a declaration of Yehowah," even though I sent a command to you, "Do not say: This is a declaration from Yehowah."
Jer 23:39 Therefore see, I am about to pick you up and throw you away from me, along with the city that I gave you and your ancestors.
Jer 23:40 Then I will put everlasting shame and insult on you that will not be forgotten.'"

Jeremiah Chapter 24

Jer 24:1 Yehowah showed me something. Behold, two baskets of figs were placed before the temple of Yehowah. This vision happened after Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, took into exile Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, the officials of Judah, the craftsmen, and the metalworkers from Jerusalem, and brought them to Babylon.
Jer 24:2 One basket of figs was perfectly good, like first ripe figs, but the other basket of figs was so rotten, they could not be eaten.
Jer 24:3 Yehowah asked me, “What do you see, Jeremiah?” I answered, “Figs. Figs that are perfectly good, and figs that are so rotten, they cannot be eaten.”
Jer 24:4 Then the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Jer 24:5 “Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, says this: I will look on the exiles of Judah for their benefit, just like these good figs, the exiles whom I have sent out from this place to the land of Chaldea.
Jer 24:6 I will set my eyes on them for good and restore them to this land. I will build them up and not tear them down. I will plant them and not uproot them.
Jer 24:7 Then I will give them a heart to know me, for I am Yehowah. They will be my people, and I will be their Divine One, so they will turn to me with all their heart.
Jer 24:8 But like the bad figs that are too rotten to be eaten, this is what Yehowah declares, I will act in this Way with Zedekiah, king of Judah, with his officials, and with the rest of Jerusalem who remain in this land or go to stay in the land of Egypt.
Jer 24:9 I will turn them into a frightening thing, a disaster, in the sight of all the kingdoms on earth, a disgrace and a subject for proverbs, taunts, and curses in every place where I will have driven them.
Jer 24:10 I will send out sword, famine, and plague against them, until they are finished off from the land that I gave them and their ancestors.”

Jeremiah Chapter 25

Jer 25:1 This is the word that came to Jeremiah about all the people of Judah. It came in the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah, king of Judah. That was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon (c. 605 BC).
Jer 25:2 Jeremiah the prophet proclaimed this to all the people of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
Jer 25:3 He said, “For twenty-three years, from the thirteenth year (c. 627 BC) of Josiah son of Amon, king of Judah until this day (c. 605 BC), the words of Yehowah have been coming to me. I have been proclaiming them to you. I was eager to proclaim them, but you would not listen.
Jer 25:4 Yehowah sent out all his servants the prophets to you. They were eager to go out, but you would not listen or pay attention.
Jer 25:5 These prophets proclaimed, ‘Let each man turn from his wicked way and the corruption of his practices and return to the land that Yehowah gave in ancient times to your ancestors and to you, as a permanent gift.
Jer 25:6 So do not walk after false deities to worship them or bow down to them, and do not provoke him with the work of your hands, so that he does you harm.’
Jer 25:7 ‘But you have not listened to me,’ declares Yehowah, ‘so you have provoked me with the work of your hands to do harm to you.’
Jer 25:8 So Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces says this, ‘Because you did not listen to my words,
Jer 25:9 see, I am about to send out a command to gather all the people of the north,’ declares Yehowah, ‘with Nebuchadnezzar my servant, king of Babylon, and bring them against this land and its inhabitants, and against all the ethnicities around you. For I will set them apart for destruction. I will turn them into a horror, an object for whistling, and an unending desolation.
Jer 25:10 The sounds of joy and celebration, the voices of the bridegroom and bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the lamps, I will make all these things disappear from these ethnicities.
Jer 25:11 Then all of this land will become a desolation and a horror, and these ethnicities will serve the king of Babylon for seventy years (c. 605 – 536 BC).
Jer 25:12 Then it will happen when seventy years have been completed, that I will punish the king of Babylon and that ethnicity, the land of the Chaldeans,’ declares Yehowah, ‘for their iniquity and make it an unending desolation.
Jer 25:13 Then I will carry out against that land all the words that I had spoken, and everything written in this Book that Jeremiah has prophesied against all the ethnicities.
Jer 25:14 For also many ethnicities and great kings will make slaves out of these nations. I will repay them for their deeds and the works of their hands.’”

Jer 25:15 For Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, said this to me, “Take this cup of the wine of fury from my hand and make all the ethnicities to which I am sending you drink it.
Jer 25:16 For they will drink and then stumble about and rant madly before the sword that I am sending out among them.”
Jer 25:17 So I took the cup from the hand of Yehowah, and I made all the ethnicities to which Yehowah had sent me drink it:
Jer 25:18 Jerusalem, the cities of Judah and her kings and officials, to turn them into ruins and something terrifying, and into an object for whistling and cursing, as they are at this present day.
Jer 25:19 Ethnicities also had to drink it: Pharaoh king of Egypt and his servants; his officials and all his people;
Jer 25:20 all people of mixed heritage and all the kings of the land of Uz; all the kings of the land of Philistia, Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod;
Jer 25:21 Edom, Moab, and the people of Ammon.
Jer 25:22 The kings of Tyre and Sidon, the kings of the coasts on the other side of the sea,
Jer 25:23 Dedan, Tema, and Buz with all the ones who cut the hair on the sides of their heads, they also had to drink it.
Jer 25:24 These people also had to drink it: All the kings of Arabia and all the kings of people of mixed heritage who live in the wilderness;
Jer 25:25 all the kings of Zimri, all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes;
Jer 25:26 all the kings of the north, the ones close by and the ones far away, everyone with his brother and all the kingdoms of the world that are on the surface of the earth. Finally, the king of Babylon will drink after them all.
Jer 25:27 Yehowah ordered me, “Now you must say to them, ‘Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, declares this: Drink and become drunk, then vomit, fall down, and do not rise before the sword that I am sending among you.’
Jer 25:28 Then it will happen that if they refuse to take the cup from your hand to drink, you will say to them, ‘Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces declares this: You must certainly drink it.
Jer 25:29 For see, I am about to bring disaster on the city that is called by my name, and should you yourselves be free from punishment? You will not be free, for I am calling a sword against all the inhabitants of the land!’ Declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Jer 25:30 So you yourself, Jeremiah, must prophesy to them all these words. You must say to them, ‘Yehowah will roar from the heights and will raise his voice from his set-apart dwelling, and thunder from his set-apart dwelling place; and

he will shout like those who tread the grapes against all those who live on the earth.
Jer 25:31 A noise comes to the ends of the land, for a dispute from Yehowah is going to bring a lawsuit against the ethnicities. He will administer justice to all flesh. He will hand over the wicked ones to the sword,' declares Yehowah.
Jer 25:32 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces declares this, 'See, disaster is going out from ethnicity to ethnicity, and a great storm is beginning from the farthest parts of the earth.
Jer 25:33 Then those killed by Yehowah will on that day extend from one end of the earth to the other; they will not be mourned, gathered, or buried. They will be like dung on the ground.
Jer 25:34 Wail, shepherds, and shout for help! Roll about on the ground, you majestic people in the flock. For your day to be slaughtered and scattered has come. You will fall like chosen rams.
Jer 25:35 Refuge for the shepherds is gone. There is no escape for the majestic ones in the flock.
Jer 25:36 There are the distressed cries of the shepherds and the wails of the majestic ones in the flock, for Yehowah is devastating their pastures.
Jer 25:37 So the peaceful pastures will be devastated because of the angry wrath of Yehowah.
Jer 25:38 Like a young lion, he has left his den, for their land will become a horror because of the oppressor's anger, because of his angry wrath.'"

Jeremiah Chapter 26

Jer 26:1 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from Yehowah,
Jer 26:2 “Yehowah says this: Stand in the courtyard of my temple and speak about all the cities of Judah who come to worship at my temple. Proclaim all the words that I have commanded you to say to them. Do not cut short any word!
Jer 26:3 It may be that they will listen, that each man will turn from his wicked ways, so I will relent concerning the disaster that I am planning to bring on them because of the wickedness of their practices.
Jer 26:4 So you must say to them, ‘Yehowah declares this: If you do not listen to me, so as to walk in my law that I have placed before you,
Jer 26:5 if you do not listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I am persistently sending to you, but you have not listened,
Jer 26:6 then I will make this temple like Shiloh; I will turn this city into a curse in the sight of all the ethnicities on earth.’”
Jer 26:7 The priests, the prophets, and all the people heard Jeremiah announcing these words in the temple of Yehowah.
Jer 26:8 So it happened that when Jeremiah had finished announcing all that Yehowah commanded him to say to all the people, the priests, prophets, and all the people seized him and exclaimed, “You will certainly be executed!
Jer 26:9 Why have you prophesied in the name of Yehowah and said that this temple will become like Shiloh, and this city will become desolate, with no inhabitant?” For all the people had formed a mob against Jeremiah in the temple of Yehowah.
Jer 26:10 Then the officials of Judah heard these words and went up from the king’s house to the temple of Yehowah. They sat in the gateway at the New Gate of the temple of Yehowah.
Jer 26:11 The priests and the prophets spoke to the officials and to all the people, “It is right for this man to be executed, for he prophesied against this city, just as you heard with your own ears!”
Jer 26:12 So Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, “Yehowah has sent me out to prophesy against this temple and this city, to say all the words that you have heard.
Jer 26:13 So now, improve your ways and your practices, and listen to the voice of Yehowah your Divine One, so that Yehowah will relent concerning the disaster that he has proclaimed against you.
Jer 26:14 I myself, look at me, am in your hand. Do to me what is good and right in your eyes.
Jer 26:15 But you must surely know that if you kill me, then you are bringing

innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and its inhabitants, for Yehowah has truly sent me to you to proclaim all these words for your ears."
Jer 26:16 Then the officials and all the people said to the priests and prophets, "It is not right for this man to be executed, for he has proclaimed things to us in the name of Yehowah our Divine One."
Jer 26:17 Then men from the elders of the land rose up and spoke to the entire congregation of the people,
Jer 26:18 "Micah of Moresheth (aka Azekah) was prophesying in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah. He spoke to all the people of Judah, 'Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces declares this: Zion will be plowed like a field, Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble, and the temple mount will become a hill overgrown with thickets.'
Jer 26:19 Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all of Judah execute him? Did he not fear Yehowah and appease the face of Yehowah, so that Yehowah would relent concerning the disaster that he proclaimed to them? So will we do greater evil against our own lives?"
Jer 26:20 Meanwhile, there was another man who prophesied in the name of Yehowah, Uriah son of Shemaiah from Kiriath Jearim, he also prophesied against this city and this land, agreeing with all of Jeremiah's words.
Jer 26:21 But when King Jehoiakim and all his soldiers and officials heard his word, then the king tried to execute him, but Uriah heard and was afraid, so he ran away and went to Egypt.
Jer 26:22 Yet King Jehoiakim sent out men to Egypt, Elnathan son of Achbor and men with him to Egypt.
Jer 26:23 They took Uriah out from Egypt and brought him to King Jehoiakim. Then Jehoiakim murdered him with a sword and sent his corpse out to the graves of the ordinary people.
Jer 26:24 But the hand of Ahikam son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, so he was not given into the hand of the people to be executed.

Jeremiah Chapter 27

Jer 27:1 In the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from Yehowah (c. 597 BC).
Jer 27:2 This is what Yehowah commanded me, “Make fetters and a yoke for yourself. Place them on your neck.
Jer 27:3 Then send them out to the king of Edom, the king of Moab, the king of the people of Ammon, the king of Tyre, and to the king of Sidon. Send them by the hand of those kings’ ambassadors who have come to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah.
Jer 27:4 Give commands to them for their masters, ‘Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, says this: This is what you must say to your masters,
Jer 27:5 “I myself made the earth by my great strength and my raised arm. I also made the people and animals on the earth, and I give it to anyone who is right in my eyes.
Jer 27:6 So now, I myself am giving all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, my servant. Also, I am giving the living things in the fields to him to serve him.
Jer 27:7 For all the ethnicities will serve him, his sons, and his grandsons, until the time comes for his land to end. Then many ethnicities and great kings will subdue him.
Jer 27:8 So the ethnicity and the kingdom that does not serve Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and that does not put his neck into the yoke of the king of Babylon, I will punish that ethnicity with sword, famine, and plague,” declares Yehowah, “until I have destroyed them by his hand.
Jer 27:9 So do not listen to your prophets, your diviners, your seers, soothsayers, and sorcerers who have been speaking to you, ‘Do not serve the king of Babylon.’
Jer 27:10 For they are prophesying deceit to you in order to send you far away from your lands, for I will drive you away, and you will die.
Jer 27:11 But the ethnicity that places its neck into the yoke of the king of Babylon and serves him, I will allow it to rest in its land,” declares Yehowah, “and they will cultivate it and make their homes in it.”””
Jer 27:12 So I spoke to Zedekiah king of Judah and gave him this message, “Place your necks into the yoke of the king of Babylon and serve him and his people, and you will live.
Jer 27:13 Why will you die, you and your people, by the sword, famine, and plague, just as I have declared about the ethnicity that refuses to serve the king of Babylon?

Jer 27:14 Do not listen to the words of the prophets who speak to you, ‘Do not serve the king of Babylon,’ for they are prophesying lies to you.
Jer 27:15 ‘For I have not sent them out,’ declares Yehowah, ‘for they are prophesying deceit in my name, so that I will drive you out, and you will perish, both you and the prophets who are prophesying to you.’”
Jer 27:16 I proclaimed this to the priests and all the people, “Yehowah says this: Do not listen to the words of your prophets who prophesy to you, ‘Look! The objects belonging to the temple of Yehowah are being returned from Babylon now!’ They are prophesying lies to you.
Jer 27:17 Do not listen to them. You should serve the king of Babylon and live. Why should this city become a ruin?
Jer 27:18 If they are prophets, and if the Word of Yehowah has truly come to them, let them beg Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces not to send to Babylon the objects that remain in his temple, the house of the king of Judah, and Jerusalem.
Jer 27:19 For Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces is making a proclamation about the pillars, the sea, and the base, and the rest of the objects that remain in this city,
Jer 27:20 the objects that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon did not take when he carried Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim, the king of Judah, into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon with all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem (c. 598 BC).
Jer 27:21 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, says this about the objects that remain in the temple of Yehowah, the house of the king of Judah, and Jerusalem,
Jer 27:22 ‘They will be brought to Babylon, and they will remain there, until the day I have set to come for them,’ declares Yehowah, ‘then I will bring them up and restore them to this place.’”

Jeremiah Chapter 28

Jer 28:1 It happened in that year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year (c. 594 BC) and the fifth month, Hananiah son of Azzur the prophet, who was from Gibeon, spoke to me in the temple of Yehowah in front of the priests and all the people,
Jer 28:2 “Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, says this: I have broken the yoke imposed by the king of Babylon.
Jer 28:3 Within two years time, I will bring back to this place all the objects belonging to the temple of Yehowah that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took from this place and transported to Babylon.
Jer 28:4 Then I will bring back to this place Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and all the captives of Judah who were sent to Babylon,” declares Yehowah, “for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.”
Jer 28:5 So Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Hananiah the prophet in front of the priests and to all the people who stood in the temple of Yehowah.
Jer 28:6 Jeremiah the prophet said, “May Yehowah do this! May Yehowah confirm the words that you prophesied and bring back to this place the objects belonging to the temple of Yehowah, and all the captives from Babylon.
Jer 28:7 However, listen to the word that I am proclaiming in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people.
Jer 28:8 The prophets who existed before me and you from long ago also prophesied about many ethnicities and against great kingdoms, about war, famine, and plague.
Jer 28:9 So the prophet who prophesies that there will be peace, if his word comes true, then it will be known that he is indeed a prophet sent out by Yehowah.”
Jer 28:10 But Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from the neck of Jeremiah the prophet and broke it.
Jer 28:11 Then Hananiah spoke in front of all the people, “Yehowah says this: Just like this, within two years I will break from off the neck of every ethnicity the yoke imposed by Nebuchanezzar king of Babylon.” Then Jeremiah the prophet went on his way.
Jer 28:12 After Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from the neck of Jeremiah the prophet, the Word of Yehowah came to Jeremiah,
Jer 28:13 “Go and speak to Hananiah, ‘Yehowah declares this: You broke a yoke of wood, but I will make instead a yoke of iron.’
Jer 28:14 For Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, declares this: I have placed a yoke of iron on the neck of all these ethnicities to

serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and they will serve him. I have also given him the wild beasts in the fields to rule over.”
Jer 28:15 Next, Jeremiah the prophet said to Hananiah the prophet, “Listen Hananiah! Yehowah has not sent you, but you yourself have caused this people to believe in lies.
Jer 28:16 So Yehowah declares this: ‘Look, I am about to send you out from the earth. You will die this year, since you proclaimed rebellion against Yehowah.’”
Jer 28:17 In the seventh month of that same year, Hananiah the prophet died.

Jeremiah Chapter 29

Jer 29:1 These are the words in the Scroll that Jeremiah the prophet sent out from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the captives and to the priests, prophets, and all the people that Nebuchadnezzar exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon.
Jer 29:2 This was after King Jehoiachin, the queen mother, and the high officials, the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, and the craftsmen had been sent away from Jerusalem.
Jer 29:3 He sent this Scroll by the hand of Elasah son of Shapan and Gemariah (Gemaryah) son of Hilkiah whom Zedekiah, king of Judah, had sent to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.
Jer 29:4 The Scroll stated, "Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, declares this to all the captives whom I caused to be exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon,
Jer 29:5 'Build houses and live in them. Plant gardens and eat their fruit.
Jer 29:6 Take wives and give birth to sons and daughters. Then take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands. Let them give birth to sons and daughters and increase there, so you do not become too few.
Jer 29:7 Seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be exiled, and intercede with Yehowah on its behalf, since there will be peace for you, if it is at peace.'
Jer 29:8 For Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, declares this, 'Do not let your prophets who are in your midst and your diviners deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that you yourselves are having.
Jer 29:9 For they are prophesying deceitfully to you in my name. I did not send them out,' declares Yehowah.
Jer 29:10 For Yehowah declares this, 'When Babylon has ruled you for seventy years (c. 605-536 BC), I will help you and carry out my good word for you to bring you back to this place.
Jer 29:11 For I myself know the plans that I have for you,' declares Yehowah, 'plans for peace and not for disaster, to give you a future and hope.
Jer 29:12 Then you will call to me, go, pray to me, and I will listen to you.
Jer 29:13 For you will seek me and find me, since you will seek me with all your heart.
Jer 29:14 Then I will be found by you,' declares Yehowah, 'and I will bring back your fortunes; I will gather you from all the ethnicities and places where I scattered you,' declares Yehowah, 'for I will bring you back to the place from where I caused you to be exiled.'
Jer 29:15 Since you said that Yehowah has raised up prophets for us in Babylon,

Jer 29:16 Yehowah says this to the king who sits on the throne of David and to all the people who are staying in that city, your brothers who have not gone out with you into captivity,
Jer 29:17 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces declares this, ‘See, I am about to send sword, famine, and disease on them. For I will make them like rotten figs that are too bad to be eaten.
Jer 29:18 Then I will pursue them with sword, famine, and plague and make them a horrible sight to all the kingdoms on earth, a horror, an object about curses and hissed words, and a shameful thing among all the ethnicities where I scattered her.
Jer 29:19 This is because they did not listen to my word,’ declares Yehowah, ‘that I sent out to them through my servants the prophets. I repeatedly sent them, but you would not listen,’ declares Yehowah.
Jer 29:20 So you yourselves listen to the Word of Yehowah, all you exiles whom he has sent out from Jerusalem to Babylon,
Jer 29:21 ‘I, Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, declare this about Ahab son of Kolaiah and Zedekiah son of Maaseiah, who prophesy falsely to you in my name: See, I am about to put them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. He will execute them before your eyes.
Jer 29:22 Then a curse will be spoken about these persons by all the captives of Judah in Babylon. The curse will state: May Yehowah make you like Zedekiah and Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in fire.
Jer 29:23 This will happen because of the shameful things they did in Israel when they committed adultery with their neighbor’s wives and declared false words in my name, things that I never commanded them to say. For I am the One who knows; I am the Witness,’” declares Yehowah.
Jer 29:24 “About Shemaiah the Nehelamite, say this:
Jer 29:25 ‘Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, declares this: Because you sent out letters in your own name to all the people in Jerusalem, to Zephaniah son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, which said,
Jer 29:26 “Yehowah has made you priest instead of Jehoiada the priest, for you to be in charge of the temple of Yehowah. You are in control of all the people who rave and make themselves into prophets. Put them in stocks and chains.
Jer 29:27 So now, why have you not rebuked Jeremiah of Anathoth, who makes himself into a prophet against you?
Jer 29:28 For he has sent out to us in Babylon and said, ‘It will be a long time. Build houses and live in them, and plant gardens and eat their fruit.’””’
Jer 29:29 Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the hearing of Jeremiah the prophet.
Jer 29:30 So the Word of Yehowah came to Jeremiah,

Jer 29:31 “Send word to all the exiles, ‘Yehowah says this about Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because Shemaiah has prophesied to you when I myself did not send him; because he has led you to believe lies,
Jer 29:32 therefore, Yehowah declares this: Look, I am about to punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite and his descendants. There will not be a man for him to stay among this people. He will not see the good that I will do for my people,’ declares Yehowah, ‘for he has proclaimed faithlessness against me, Yehowah.’”

Jeremiah Chapter 30

Jer 30:1 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from Yehowah,
Jer 30:2 “This is what Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, says, ‘Write for yourself in a Scroll all the words that I have declared to you.
Jer 30:3 For look, days are coming,’ declares Yehowah, ‘when I will restore the fortunes of my people, Israel and Judah. I, Yehowah, have said it. For I will bring them back to the land that I gave their ancestors, and they will possess it.’”
Jer 30:4 These are the words that Yehowah prophesied concerning Israel and Judah,
Jer 30:5 “For Yehowah declares this, ‘We have heard a trembling voice of dread and not of peace.
Jer 30:6 Ask and see if a man bears a child. Why do I see every young man with his hand on his loins? Like a woman bearing a child, why have all their faces become pale?
Jer 30:7 Woe! For that Day will be great, with none like it. It will be a time of distress for Jacob, but he will be rescued from it.
Jer 30:8 For it will be in that Day,’ declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, ‘that I will break the yoke off your neck, and I will shatter your chains, so foreigners will no longer enslave you.
Jer 30:9 But they will worship Yehowah their Divine One and serve David their king, whom I will make king over them.
Jer 30:10 So you, my servant Jacob, do not fear,’ declares Yehowah, ‘and do not be dismayed, Israel. For see, I am about to bring you back from far away, and your descendants from the land of captivity. Jacob will return and be at peace; he will be secure, and there will be no more terror.
Jer 30:11 For I am with you,’ declares Yehowah, ‘to save you. Then I will bring a complete end to all the ethnicities where I have scattered you. But I will certainly not put an end to you, though I discipline you justly and will certainly not leave you unpunished.’
Jer 30:12 For Yehowah says this, ‘Your injury is incurable; your wound is infected.
Jer 30:13 There is no one to plead your case; there is no remedy for your wound to heal you.
Jer 30:14 All of your lovers have forgotten you. They will not look for you, for I have wounded you with the wound of an enemy and the discipline of a cruel master because of your many iniquities and your innumerable sins.
Jer 30:15 Why do you call for help for your injury? Your pain is incurable. Because of your many iniquities, your innumerable sins, I have done these things to you.

Jer 30:16 So everyone who consumes you will be consumed, and all of your adversaries will go into captivity. For the ones who have plundered you will become plunder, and I will make all of the ones despoiling you a spoil.
Jer 30:17 For I will bring healing on you; I will heal you of your wounds,' declares Yehowah, 'I will do this because they called you: Outcast. No one cares for this Zion.'"
Jer 30:18 Yehowah says this, "See, I am about to bring back the fortunes of Jacob's tents and have compassion on his homes. Then a city will be built on the heap of ruins, and a stronghold will exist again where it used to be.
Jer 30:19 Then a song of praise and a sound of merriment will go out from them, for I will increase them and not diminish them; I will honor them, so they will not be humbled.
Jer 30:20 Then their people will be like before, and their congregation will be established before me, when I punish all the ones who are now tormenting them.
Jer 30:21 Their leader will come from among them. He will emerge from their midst when I draw him near, and when he approaches me. If I do not do this, who would dare come close to me?" declares Yehowah.
Jer 30:22 "Then you will be my people, and I will be your Divine One.
Jer 30:23 See, the tempest of Yehowah, his fury, has gone out. It is a continual tempest. It will whirl on the heads of the wicked people.
Jer 30:24 The wrath of Yehowah will not return, until it has carried out and brought into being his heart's intentions. In the final Days, you will understand it."

Jeremiah Chapter 31

Jer 31:1 “At that Time,” declares Yehowah, “I will be the Mighty One of all the clans of Israel, and they will be my people.”
Jer 31:2 Yehowah says this, “The people who have survived the sword that came to slaughter Israel have found grace and rest in the wilderness.”
Jer 31:3 Yehowah appeared to me in the past and proclaimed, “I have loved you with everlasting love. So I have drawn you toward myself with covenant faithfulness.
Jer 31:4 I will build you up again, so you will be built, virgin Israel. You will again pick up your tambourines and go out with happy dances!
Jer 31:5 You will plant vineyards again on the mountains of Samaria; the farmers will plant and put the fruit to good use.
Jer 31:6 For a Day will come when the watchmen in the mountains of Ephraim will proclaim, ‘Arise, let us go up to Zion, to Yehowah our Divine One.’”
Jer 31:7 For Yehowah says this, “Shout for joy over Jacob! Shout in gladness for the head of the ethnicities! Let praise be heard! Say, ‘Yehowah has rescued his people, the remnant of Israel.’
Jer 31:8 See, I am about to bring them from the northern lands. I will gather them from the farthest parts of the earth to the Feast of Passover (LXX Jer. 38:8; Jer. 23:7-8). The blind and lame will be among them; pregnant women and those who are about to give birth will be with them. A great congregation will return here.
Jer 31:9 They will come weeping; I will lead them as they make their pleas. I will have them journey to streams of water on a straight road. They will not stumble on it, for I will be a father to Israel, and Ephraim will be my firstborn.”
Jer 31:10 “Hear the Word of Yehowah, ethnicities. Report along the coasts in the distance. You must say, ‘The One who scattered Israel is gathering her up and keeping her as a shepherd keeps his sheep.’
Jer 31:11 For Yehowah has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from the hand that was too strong for him.
Jer 31:12 Then they will come and rejoice on the heights of Zion. They will rejoice over the goodness of Yehowah, over the grain and the new wine, over the oil and the offspring of the flocks and herds. For their lives will become like a watered garden, and they will never again feel any more sorrow.
Jer 31:13 Then virgins will rejoice with dancing, and young and old men will be together. For I will change their mourning into celebration. I will have compassion on them and cause them to rejoice instead of sorrowing!
Jer 31:14 Then I will saturate the lives of the priests in abundance. My people will fill themselves with my goodness,” declares Yehowah.

Jer 31:15 Yehowah says this: “A voice is heard in Ramah, wailing and bitter weeping. It is Rachel weeping for her children. She refuses to be comforted over them, for they are no longer here” (Mat. 2:18).
Jer 31:16 Yehowah commands this, “Hold your voice back from weeping and your eyes from tears; because there is a recompense for your suffering,” declares Yehowah, “your children will return from the enemy’s land.
Jer 31:17 There is hope for your future,” declares Yehowah, “your descendants will return inside their borders.”
Jer 31:18 “I have certainly heard Ephraim sorrowing, ‘You punished me, and I have been punished. Bring me back like an untrained calf, and I will be brought back, for you are Yehowah my Divine One.
Jer 31:19 For after I turned back to you, I was sorry; after I was trained, I slapped my thigh in grief. I was ashamed and humiliated, for I have borne the guilt of my youth.’
Jer 31:20 Is not Ephraim my precious child? Is he not my dear, delightful son? For whenever I speak against him, I certainly still call him to my loving mind. In this Way, my heart longs for him. I will certainly have compassion on him,” declares Yehowah.
Jer 31:21 “Place road signs for yourself. Set up guideposts for yourself. Set your mind on the right Path, the Way you should take. Come back, virgin Israel! Come back to these cities of yours.
Jer 31:22 How long will you continue to waver, faithless daughter? For Yehowah has created something new on earth: Women are surrounding strong men to protect them.”
Jer 31:23 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, says this, “When I bring back the people to their land, they will say this in the land of Judah and her cities, ‘May Yehowah bless you, you righteous place where he lives, you set-apart mountain.’
Jer 31:24 For Judah and all his cities will live together on her. Farmers and shepherds with their flocks will be there.
Jer 31:25 For I will give the weary ones water to drink, and I will fill everyone suffering from thirst.”
Jer 31:26 After this, I awoke, and I realized that my sleep had been refreshing.
Jer 31:27 “Look, the days are coming,” declares Yehowah, “when I will sow the houses of Israel and Judah with the descendants of man and beast.
Jer 31:28 In the past, I kept them under surveillance in order to uproot them and to tear them down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring them harm. But in the coming days, I will watch over them, in order to build them up and to plant them,” declares Yehowah.
Jer 31:29 “In those days, no one will say any longer, ‘Fathers have eaten sour grapes, but the children’s teeth are dulled.’

Jer 31:30 For each man will die in his own iniquity; everyone who eats sour grapes, his teeth will be dulled.
Jer 31:31 Look, the days are coming," declares Yehowah, "when I will establish a New Covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah (Heb. 8:8-12; 10:16-17).
Jer 31:32 It will not be like the covenant that I established with their fathers in the days when I took them by their hand to bring them out from the land of Egypt. Those were the days when they broke my covenant (Exo. 32:1-4), although I was a husband for them," declares Yehowah.
Jer 31:33 "But this is the covenant that I will establish with the house of Israel after these days," declares Yehowah: "I will place my law within them and will write it on their heart (mind), for I will be their Divine One, and they will be my people.
Jer 31:34 Then each man will no longer teach his neighbor, or a man teach his brother or sister, 'Know Yehowah!' For all of them, from the least of them to the greatest, will know me," declares Yehowah, "for I will forgive their iniquity and will no longer call their sins to mind" (Mat. 11:11; Heb. 10:16-17).
Jer 31:35 Yehowah says this, "The One who makes the sun to shine by day, who gave statutes of the moon, and who makes the stars illuminate the night (Gen. 1:16; Psa. 136:8-9; Acts 27:20). He is the One who sets the sea in motion, so that its waves roar. Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces is his name." He says this,
Jer 31:36 "Only if these enactments vanish from my sight," declares Yehowah, "will Israel's descendants ever stop from forever being a nation before me."
Jer 31:37 Yehowah says this, "Only if the highest heavens can be measured, and only if the earth's foundation below can be discovered, will I reject all of Israel's descendants because of all that they have done," declares Yehowah.
Jer 31:38 "Look, the days are coming," declares Yehowah, "when the city will be rebuilt for Yehowah, from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate.
Jer 31:39 Then the measuring line will go out again farther, to the hill of Gareb and around Goah.
Jer 31:40 The entire valley of burial and ashes, and all the fields to the Kidron Valley and to the corner of the Horse Gate in the east, will be set apart for me, Yehowah. It will not be pulled up or overthrown ever again."

Jeremiah Chapter 32

Jer 32:1 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from Yehowah in the tenth year (c. 588 BC) of Zedekiah king of Judah, the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.
Jer 32:2 At that time, the military force of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was imprisoned in the courtyard of the guard at the house of the king of Judah.
Jer 32:3 Zedekiah king of Judah had imprisoned him, and said, "Why do you prophesy, 'Yehowah declares this: Look, I am about to give over this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will capture it.
Jer 32:4 Zedekiah king of Judah will not escape from the hand of the Chaldeans, for he has indeed been given into the hand of the king of Babylon. His mouth will speak to the king's mouth, and his eyes will see the king's eyes.
Jer 32:5 For Zedekiah will go to Babylon, and he will be there until I do something with him,' declares Yehowah. 'Since you fought the Chaldeans, you will not be successful.'"
Jer 32:6 Jeremiah said, "The Word of Yehowah came to me,
Jer 32:7 'Look, Hanamel son of Shallum your uncle is coming to you and will say, "Buy my field that is in Anathoth for yourself, for the right to buy it belongs to you."'
Jer 32:8 Then as Yehowah had declared, Hanamel, the son of my uncle, came to me in the courtyard of the guard, and he said to me, 'Buy my field that is in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of inheritance is yours, and the right to buy it belongs to you. Buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the Word of Yehowah.
Jer 32:9 So I bought the field in Anathoth from Hanamel, the son of my uncle, and I weighed out for him 17-weight silver-currency.
Jer 32:10 Then I wrote in a scroll and sealed it, and had witnesses witness it. Then I weighed the silver-currency in the scales.
Jer 32:11 Next, I took the deed of purchase that was sealed, following the command and the statutes, as well as the unsealed deed.
Jer 32:12 I gave the sealed scroll to Baruch son of Neriah (Neriyah) son of Machseiah (Machseyah) in front of Hanamel, the son of my uncle, and the witnesses who had written in the sealed scroll, and in front of all the Judeans who sat in the courtyard of the guard.
Jer 32:13 So I gave a command to Baruch before them,
Jer 32:14 'Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, says this: Take these scrolls with the receipt of this purchase that is sealed and this unsealed scroll. Place them in a new earthenware jar, so they will last for a long time.

Jer 32:15 For Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, declares this: Houses, fields, and vineyards will be purchased again in this land.'
Jer 32:16 After I gave the receipt of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah, I prayed to Yehowah,
Jer 32:17 'Oh, Lord Yehowah! Look! You alone have made the heavens and the earth by your great strength and with your raised arm. Nothing you say is too difficult for you to do.
Jer 32:18 You show covenant faithfulness to thousands and pour the guilt of men into the laps of their children after them. You are the great and powerful Almighty; Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces is your name.
Jer 32:19 You are great in wisdom and mighty in deeds, for your eyes are open to all the ways of people, to give to each man what his conduct and deeds deserve.
Jer 32:20 You did signs and wonders in the land of Egypt. To this present day here in Israel and among all mankind, you have made your name famous.
Jer 32:21 For you brought your people Israel out from the land of Egypt with signs and wonders, with a strong hand, with a raised arm, and with great terror.
Jer 32:22 Then you gave them this land, which you had sworn to their ancestors to give to them, a land flowing with milk and honey.
Jer 32:23 So they entered and took possession of it. But they did not obey your voice or live in obedience to your law. They did nothing of what you had commanded them to do, so you brought all this disaster on them.
Jer 32:24 Look! The siege mounds have reached up to the city to capture it. For because of sword, famine, and plague, the city has been given into the hand of the Chaldeans who are fighting against it. For what you have said would happen is happening, and see, you are watching.
Jer 32:25 Lord Yehowah, you yourself said to me, "Purchase a field for yourself with silver-currency and have witnesses witness it, even though this city is being given into the hand of the Chaldeans."'
Jer 32:26 This is the Word of Yehowah that came to Jeremiah,
Jer 32:27 "Look! I am Yehowah, Mighty One of all mankind. Is anything too difficult for me to do?
Jer 32:28 Therefore, Yehowah declares this, 'See, I am about to give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans and Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. He will capture it.
Jer 32:29 The Chaldeans who are fighting against this city will come, set fire to this city, and burn it, along with the houses on the roofs of which the people worshiped Baal and poured out drink offerings to false deities in order to provoke me.

Jer 32:30 For the people of Israel and Judah have certainly been people who have been doing evil before my eyes since their youth. The people of Israel have certainly offended me with the practices of their hands,' declares Yehowah.
Jer 32:31 'Yehowah declares that this city has been a provocation of my wrath and fury since the day that they built it. It has been that right up to this present day. So I will remove it from before my face
Jer 32:32 because of all the wickedness of the people of Israel and Judah, the things that they have done to provoke me, they, their kings, princes, priests, prophets, and every person in Judah and inhabitant of Jerusalem.
Jer 32:33 They turned their backs to me instead of their faces, though I had eagerly taught them. I tried to teach them, but not one of them listened in order to receive correction.
Jer 32:34 Then they placed their detestable things in the temple in order to pollute it, the temple where my name was called.
Jer 32:35 They built high places for Baal in the Valley of Ben Hinnom in order to put their sons and daughters in the fire for Molech. I did not command them. It never entered my mind that they should do this detestable thing, and so cause Judah to sin.'
Jer 32:36 So now therefore, I, Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, declare this concerning this city, the city about which you are saying, 'It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by sword, famine, and plague.'
Jer 32:37 See, I am about to gather them from every land where I had driven them in my wrath, fury, and great anger. I am about to bring them back to this place and enable them to live in security.
Jer 32:38 Then they will be my people, and I will be their Divine One.
Jer 32:39 I will give them one heart and one Way to honor me every day, so it will be good for them and their descendants after them.
Jer 32:40 Then I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. I will set honor for me in their hearts, so that they will never turn away from me.
Jer 32:41 Then I will rejoice in doing good to them. I will faithfully plant them in this land with all my heart and all my life.
Jer 32:42 For Yehowah declares this, 'Just as I have brought all this great disaster on this people, so I will bring on them all the good things that I have promised I would do for them.
Jer 32:43 Then fields will be bought in this land, about which you are saying, "This is a ruined land, which has neither man nor beast. It has been given into the hand of the Chaldeans."
Jer 32:44 They will buy fields with silver-currency and write deeds in sealed scrolls. They will assemble witnesses in the land of Benjamin, all around Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, in the cities, in the hill country, in the

**lowlands, and in the cities of the Negev. For I will bring back their fortunes,”””
declares Yehowah.**

Jeremiah Chapter 33

**Jer 33:1 Then the Word of Yehowah came to Jeremiah a second time, while he
was still shut within the courtyard of the guard,
Jer 33:2 “Yehowah the Maker, says this, Yehowah, who forms in order to
establish, Yehowah is his name,
Jer 33:3 ‘Call to me, and I will answer you. I will demonstrate great things to
you, mysteries that you do not understand.’
Jer 33:4 For Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, declares this concerning the houses
in this city and the houses of the kings of Judah that are torn down because of
the siege ramps and the sword,
Jer 33:5 ‘The Chaldeans are coming to fight and to fill the houses with corpses of
people whom I will kill in my wrath and fury, when I hide my face from this city
because of all their wickedness.
Jer 33:6 But see, I am about to bring healing and a cure, for I will heal them and
will bring to them abundance, peace, and faithfulness.
Jer 33:7 For I will bring back the fortunes of Judah and Israel; I will build them
up as in the beginning.
Jer 33:8 Then I will purify them from all the iniquity that they have committed
against me. I will pardon all the iniquities that they have done against me, and
all the ways that they rebelled against me.
Jer 33:9 For this city will become for me an object of joy, a song of praise and
honor for all the ethnicities of the earth who will hear of all the good things that
I am going to do for it. Then they will tremble, because of all the good things
and the peace that I will give to it.’
Jer 33:10 Yehowah says this, ‘In this place about which you are now saying, “It
is desolate. There is neither man nor beast in the cities of Judah, and the streets
of Jerusalem are uninhabited, with neither man nor beast.”
Jer 33:11 Again, there will be heard here sounds of rejoicing and celebration,
sounds of bridegrooms and brides, sounds of people who say, “Give thanks to
Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, for Yehowah is good, and his covenant
faithfulness is unending.” Bring an offering of thanksgiving to the temple of
Yehowah, for I will restore the fortunes of the land as in the beginning,’ says
Yehowah.
Jer 33:12 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces says this: ‘In this desolate
place, where now there is neither man nor beast, there will again be in all its
cities a grazing place for shepherds who lead their flocks to lie down.**

Jer 33:13 In the cities, in the hill country, the lowlands, and the Negev, in the land of Benjamin and all around Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, the flocks will again pass under the hands of the ones counting them,' declares Yehowah.
Jer 33:14 'Look! Days are coming,' declares Yehowah, 'when I will do what I have promised for the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
Jer 33:15 In those days and at that time, I will make a Righteous Branch to grow for David, and he will carry out justice and righteousness in the land.
Jer 33:16 In those days, Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in security, for this is what she will be called, "Yehowah our Righteousness."'
Jer 33:17 For Yehowah says this: 'A man from David's line will never be lacking to sit on the throne of the house of Israel,
Jer 33:18 nor will a man from the Levitical priests be lacking before me to raise burnt offerings, to burn food offerings, and to perform grain offerings all the time.'"
Jer 33:19 The Word of Yehowah came to Jeremiah,
Jer 33:20 "Yehowah declares this: 'If you can break my covenant with day and night, so that there will no longer be day or night at their proper times,
Jer 33:21 then you will be able to break my covenant with David my servant, so that he will no longer have a son to sit on his throne, and my covenant with the Levitical priests, my servants.
Jer 33:22 As the armed forces of Heaven cannot be counted, and as the sand of the seashores cannot be measured, it is like that, I will increase the descendants of David my servant and the Levites who serve me.'"
Jer 33:23 The Word of Yehowah came to Jeremiah,
Jer 33:24 "Have you not considered what this people has declared when they said, 'The two clans that Yehowah chose, now he has rejected them?' In this way, they despise my people, saying that they are no longer a nation in their sight.
Jer 33:25 I, Yehowah, declare this, 'If I have not established the covenant of day and night, and if I have not fixed the laws of the heavens and earth,
Jer 33:26 then I will reject the descendants of Jacob and David my servant, and not bring from them a Person to rule over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For I will restore their fortunes and show mercy to them.'"

Jeremiah Chapter 34

Jer 34:1 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from Yehowah. This word came when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all of his military force, together with all the kingdoms of the earth, the domains under his power, and all their people were waging war against Jerusalem and all of her cities,
Jer 34:2 “Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, says this: Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah and say to him, ‘Yehowah declares this: Look, I am about to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon. He will burn it.
Jer 34:3 You will not escape from his hand, for you will certainly be seized and given into his hand. Your eyes will look at the eyes of the king of Babylon; he will speak directly to you as you go to Babylon.’
Jer 34:4 Listen to the Word of Yehowah, Zedekiah king of Judah! Yehowah says this concerning you, ‘You will not die by the sword.
Jer 34:5 You will die in peace. As in the funeral burning of your ancestors, the kings who were before you, they will burn your body. They will say, “Woe, master!” They will lament for you. Now I have spoken,’” declares Yehowah.
Jer 34:6 So Jeremiah the prophet proclaimed to Zedekiah king of Judah all these words in Jerusalem.
Jer 34:7 The military force of the king of Babylon made war against Jerusalem and all the remaining cities of Judah: Lachish and Azekah (aka Moresheth Gath). These cities of Judah remained as fortified cities.
Jer 34:8 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from Yehowah after King Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people in Jerusalem, to proclaim freedom to them,
Jer 34:9 that each man must free his Hebrew servants, both male and female. No one is to make a slave of a Jew, who is his brother.
Jer 34:10 So all the leaders and people entered into the covenant that each person would free his male and female servants, so that they would not be enslaved any longer. They obeyed and set them free.
Jer 34:11 But after this they changed their minds. They brought back the servants whom they had freed. They forced them to become slaves again.
Jer 34:12 So the Word of Yehowah came to Jeremiah from Yehowah,
Jer 34:13 “Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, declares this, ‘I myself made a covenant with your ancestors on the day that I brought them out from the land of Egypt, out from the house of slavery. That was when I said,
Jer 34:14 “At the end of every seven years, each man must send away his brother, his fellow Hebrew who had sold himself to you and served you for six years. Send him away in freedom.” But your ancestors did not listen to me or pay attention.

Jer 34:15 Now you yourselves repented and began to do what is right in my eyes. You proclaimed freedom, each man to his neighbor, and you made a covenant before me in the temple that is called by my name.
Jer 34:16 But then you turned and polluted my name; you caused each man to bring back his male and female servants, the ones whom you had sent out to go where they wished. You forced them to become your servants again.'
Jer 34:17 Therefore, Yehowah says this, 'You yourselves have not listened to me. You should have proclaimed freedom, every one of you, to your brothers and fellow Israelis. So look! I am about to proclaim freedom to you,' declares Yehowah, 'freedom for the sword, the plague, and famine, for I am going to make you a horrible thing in the sight of every kingdom on earth.
Jer 34:18 Then I will deal with the people who have broken my covenant, who did not keep the words of the covenant that they established before me when they cut a bull in two and walked between its parts,
Jer 34:19 and then the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the officials and the priests, and all the people of the land walked between the parts of the bull.
Jer 34:20 I will give them into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who are seeking their lives. Their bodies will be food for the birds of the sky and the beasts on the earth.
Jer 34:21 So I will give Zedekiah king of Judah and his leaders into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who are seeking their life, and into the hand of the military force of the king of Babylon that has risen up to leave you.
Jer 34:22 Look, I am about to give a command,' declares Yehowah, 'and will bring them back to this city to wage war against it and take it, and to burn it. For I will turn the cities of Judah into ruined places in which there will be no inhabitants.'"

Jeremiah Chapter 35

Jer 35:1 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from Yehowah in the days of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah,
Jer 35:2 “Go to the clan of the Rechabites (Kenites) and speak with them. Then bring them to the temple of Yehowah, into one of the rooms there and give them wine to drink.”
Jer 35:3 So I took Jaazaniah son of Jeremiah son of Habazziniah and his brothers, all his sons, and all the clan of the Rechabites.
Jer 35:4 I took them to the temple of Yehowah, into the rooms of the sons of Hanan son of Igdaliah (Yigdalyahu), the man of the Almighty. These rooms were beside the room of the leaders which was above the room of Maaseiah son of Shallum, the gatekeeper.
Jer 35:5 Then I placed bowls and cups full of wine in front of the Rechabites and ordered them, “Drink some wine.”
Jer 35:6 But they answered, “We will not drink any wine, for our ancestor, Jonadab son of Rechab, commanded us, ‘Do not drink any wine, neither you nor your descendants, forever.
Jer 35:7 Also, do not build any houses, sow any seeds, or plant any vineyards; this is not for you. For you must live in tents all your days, so that you might live many days in the land where you are staying as foreigners.’
Jer 35:8 We have obeyed the voice of Jonadab son of Rechab, our ancestor, in all that he commanded us, to never drink wine all of our days, we, our wives, our sons, and our daughters (Num. 6).
Jer 35:9 We will never build houses to live in, and there will be no vineyard, field, or seed in our possession.
Jer 35:10 We have lived in tents, and we have obeyed and done all that Jonadab our ancestor commanded us.
Jer 35:11 But when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon attacked the land, we said, ‘Come, we must go to Jerusalem to escape from the Chaldean and Aramean armed forces.’ So we are living in Jerusalem.”
Jer 35:12 Then the Word of Yehowah came to Jeremiah,
Jer 35:13 “Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, orders this, ‘Go and say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, “Will you not receive correction and listen to my words?” asks Yehowah.
Jer 35:14 “The words of Jonadab son of Rechab that he gave to his sons as a command, not to drink any wine, have been observed to this day. They have obeyed their ancestor’s command. But as for me, I myself have been making persistent proclamations to you, but you do not listen to me.

Jer 35:15 I sent out to you all my servants, the prophets. I was persistent in sending them to say, ‘Let each person turn from his wicked way and do good deeds; let no one walk any longer after false deities and worship them. Instead, come back to the land that I gave to you and your ancestors.’ Yet you will not listen to me or pay attention to me.
Jer 35:16 For the descendants of Jonadab son of Rechab have observed the commands of their ancestor that he gave them, but this people refuses to listen to me.”””
Jer 35:17 So Yehowah, Mighty One of the heavenly armed forces and Mighty One of Israel, declares this, “Look, all the disasters that I have proclaimed against them, I am about to bring these disasters on Judah and on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, because I have made proclamations to them, but they refused to listen. I called to them, but they did not answer.”
Jer 35:18 Jeremiah said to the family of the Rechabites, “Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, says this: You have listened to the commands of Jonadab your ancestor and have kept them all, you have obeyed all that he commanded you to do,
Jer 35:19 so Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, declares this, ‘There will always be someone descended from Jonadab son of Rechab to serve me.’”

Jeremiah Chapter 36

Jer 36:1 It came about in the fourth year (c. 605 BC) of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, that this word came to Jeremiah from Yehowah,
Jer 36:2 “Take a scroll for yourself and write on it all the words that I have told you concerning Israel and Judah, and every ethnicity. Do this for everything I have spoken from the days of Josiah until this day.
Jer 36:3 Perhaps the people of Judah will listen to all the disasters that I intend to bring on them. Perhaps everyone will turn away from his wicked path, so I can forgive their iniquity and their sin.”
Jer 36:4 Then Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote in a Scroll, at Jeremiah’s dictation, all the words of Yehowah spoken to him.
Jer 36:5 Next, Jeremiah gave a command to Baruch, “I am in prison and cannot go to the temple of Yehowah.
Jer 36:6 So you must go and read from the Scroll that you wrote at my dictation. On the day of the fast, you must read the words of Yehowah in the hearing of the people in the temple of Yehowah, and also in the hearing of all of Judah who have come from their cities. Proclaim these words to them.
Jer 36:7 Perhaps their pleas for mercy will come before Yehowah. Perhaps each person will turn from his wicked way, since the wrath and fury that Yehowah has proclaimed against this people are severe.”
Jer 36:8 So Baruch son of Neriah did everything that Jeremiah the prophet had commanded him to do. He read aloud the words of Yehowah in the temple of Yehowah.
Jer 36:9 It came about in the fifth year (c. 604 BC) and ninth month of Jehoiakim son of Josiah, king of Judah, that all the people in Jerusalem, and the people who came to Jerusalem from the cities of Judah, proclaimed a fast in honor of Yehowah.
Jer 36:10 Baruch read aloud Jeremiah’s words in the temple of Yehowah, from the room of Gemariah son of Shaphan the scribe, in the upper courtyard, by the gate of the entrance to the temple of Yehowah. He did this in the hearing of all the people.
Jer 36:11 Now Micaiah son of Gemariah son of Shaphan heard all of the words of Yehowah in the Scroll.
Jer 36:12 He went down to the house of the king, to the secretary’s room. Look, all the officials were sitting there: Elishama the scribe, Delaiah son of Shemaiah, Elnathan son of Achbor, Gemariah son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah son of Hananiah, and all the officials.
Jer 36:13 Then Micaiah reported to them all the words that he had heard that Baruch read aloud in the people’s hearing.

Jer 36:14 So all the officials sent Jehudi son of Nethaniah son of Shelemiah son of Cushi, to Baruch. Jehudi ordered Baruch, “Take the Scroll in your hand, the Scroll from which you were reading in the people’s hearing and come.” So Baruch son of Neriah took the Scroll in his hand and went to the officials.
Jer 36:15 Then they ordered him, “Sit down and read this in our hearing.” So Baruch read the Scroll.
Jer 36:16 It happened that when they heard all these words, each man turned in fear to the one next to him and said to Baruch, “We must certainly report all of these words to the king.”
Jer 36:17 Then they asked Baruch, “Tell us, how did you come to write all these words at Jeremiah’s dictation?”
Jer 36:18 Baruch answered them, “He dictated all these words to me, and I wrote them in ink on this Scroll.”
Jer 36:19 Then the officials ordered Baruch, “Go, hide yourself, and Jeremiah, too. Do not let anyone know where you are.”
Jer 36:20 Then they went to the king’s court and reported these words to him. But first they deposited the Scroll in the room of Elishama the secretary.
Jer 36:21 Then the king sent Jehudi to get the Scroll. Jehudi took it from the room of Elishama the secretary. Then he read it aloud to the king and all the officials who were standing beside him.
Jer 36:22 Now the king was staying in the winter house in the ninth month, and a fireplace was burning in front of him.
Jer 36:23 It happened that as Jehudi read three or four columns, the king would cut it off with a knife and throw it into the fire in the fireplace, until all of the Scroll was destroyed.
Jer 36:24 But neither the king nor any of his servants who heard all these words were frightened, nor did they tear their clothes.
Jer 36:25 Elnathan, Delaiah, and Gemariah had even urged the king not to burn the Scroll, but he did not listen to them.
Jer 36:26 Then the king commanded Jerahmeel, son of the king, Seraiah son of Azriel, and Shelemiah son of Abdeel to arrest Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet, but Yehowah had hidden them.
Jer 36:27 Then the Word of Yehowah came to Jeremiah, after the king had burned the Scroll and the words that Baruch had written at Jeremiah’s dictation,
Jer 36:28 “Go back, take another scroll for yourself, and write in it all the words that were on the original Scroll, the one that Jehoiakim king of Judah burned.
Jer 36:29 Then you must say this to Jehoiakim king of Judah: ‘You burned that Scroll, asking, “Why have you written on it, ‘The king of Babylon will certainly come and destroy this land, for he will destroy both man and beast in it?’”’”

Jer 36:30 Therefore, Yehowah declares this concerning you, Jehoiakim king of Judah: “No descendant of yours will ever sit on the throne of David. As for you, your corpse will be thrown out into the heat of day and the frost of night.
Jer 36:31 For I will punish you, your descendants, and your servants for the iniquity of you all. I will bring on you, on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and on every person in Judah, all the disasters with which I have threatened you with, but to which you paid no attention.”
Jer 36:32 So Jeremiah took another scroll and gave it to Baruch son of Neriah the scribe. Baruch wrote on it at Jeremiah’s dictation all the words that had been in the Scroll burned by Jehoiakim king of Judah. Furthermore, many other similar words were added to this Scroll.

Jeremiah Chapter 37

Jer 37:1 Now Zedekiah son of Josiah reigned as king instead of Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim. Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had made Zedekiah king over the land of Judah.
Jer 37:2 But Zedekiah, his servants, and the people of the land did not listen to the words of Yehowah that he proclaimed by the hand of Jeremiah the prophet.
Jer 37:3 So King Zedekiah, Jehucal son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah son of Maaseiah the priest sent a message to Jeremiah the prophet. They entreated, "Pray on our behalf to Yehowah our Divine One."
Jer 37:4 Now Jeremiah was coming and going among the people, for he had not yet been put in prison.
Jer 37:5 Pharaoh Hophra's (Apries, Jer. 44:30) military force came out from Egypt, and the Chaldeans who were besieging Jerusalem heard the news about them and left Jerusalem.
Jer 37:6 Then the Word of Yehowah came to Jeremiah the prophet,
Jer 37:7 "Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, declares this: This is what you will say to the king of Judah, because he has sent you to seek advice from me, 'See, Pharaoh Hophra's military force, which came to help you, is about to go back to Egypt, its own land.
Jer 37:8 The Chaldeans will return. They will fight against this city, capture it, and burn it.'
Jer 37:9 Yehowah declares this: Do not deceive yourselves by saying, 'Surely the Chaldeans are leaving us,' for they will not leave.
Jer 37:10 Even if you had defeated the entire Chaldean military force that is fighting you, so that only wounded men were left in their tents, they would get up and burn this city."
Jer 37:11 So it was when the Chaldean military force had left Jerusalem as Pharaoh Hophra's military force was coming,
Jer 37:12 then Jeremiah went out from Jerusalem to go to the land of Benjamin. He wanted to take possession of a tract of land there among his people.
Jer 37:13 As he was in the Benjamin Gate, a chief guard was there. His name was Jeriah (Yiriyah) son of Shelemiah son of Hananiah. He grabbed hold of Jeremiah the prophet and exclaimed, "You are deserting to the Chaldeans!"
Jer 37:14 But Jeremiah responded, "That is not true! I am not deserting to the Chaldeans." But Jeriah did not listen to him. He took Jeremiah and brought him to the officials.
Jer 37:15 The officials were angry with Jeremiah. They beat him and put him in prison, which had been the house of Jonathan the scribe, for they had turned it into a prison.

Jer 37:16 So Jeremiah was put into an underground cell, where he stayed for many days.
Jer 37:17 Then King Zedekiah sent someone who brought him to the palace. In his house, the king asked him privately, “Is there any word from Yehowah?” Jeremiah answered, “There is a word: You will be given into the hand of the king of Babylon.”
Jer 37:18 Then Jeremiah asked King Zedekiah, “How have I sinned against you, your servants, or this people, so that you have placed me in prison?
Jer 37:19 Where are your prophets, the ones who prophesied for you, and said the king of Babylon will not come against you or against this land?
Jer 37:20 But now listen, my master the king! Let my pleas come before you. Do not return me to the house of Jonathan the scribe, or I will die there.”
Jer 37:21 So King Zedekiah gave an order. His servants confined Jeremiah in the courtyard of the guard. A loaf of bread was given him every day from the street of the bakers, until all the bread in the city was gone. So Jeremiah stayed in the courtyard of the guard.

Jeremiah Chapter 38

Jer 38:1 Shephatiah son of Mattan, Gedaliah son of Pashhur, Jehucal son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur son of Malkijah heard the words that Jeremiah was declaring to all the people,
Jer 38:2 “Yehowah declares this: Anyone staying in this city will be killed by sword, famine, and plague. But anyone who goes out to the Chaldeans will survive. He will escape with his own life and live.
Jer 38:3 Yehowah declares this: This city will be given into the hand of the military force of the king of Babylon, and he will capture it.”
Jer 38:4 So the officials entreated the king, “Let this man be executed, for in this way, he is weakening the hands of the fighting men who remain in this city and the hands of all the people. He is proclaiming these words, for this man is not working for safety for this people but disaster.”
Jer 38:5 So King Zedekiah said, “Look, he is in your hand, since there is no king able to resist you.”
Jer 38:6 Then they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Malkijah, son of the king. The cistern was in the courtyard of the guard. They lowered Jeremiah down on ropes. There was no water in the cistern, but it was muddy, and he sank down into the mud.
Jer 38:7 Now Ebed Melech, the Cushite, was one of the eunuchs in the king’s house. He heard that they had placed Jeremiah in the cistern. Now the king was sitting at the Benjamin Gate.
Jer 38:8 So Ebed Melech went from the king’s house and spoke with the king,
Jer 38:9 “My master the king, these men have done evil with the way they have treated Jeremiah the prophet. They threw him into a cistern for him to die in it from hunger, since there is no more food in the city.”
Jer 38:10 Then the king gave a command to Ebed Melech the Cushite. He said, “Take command of thirty men from here and take Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies.”
Jer 38:11 So Ebed Melech took command of those men and went to the king’s house, to a storeroom for clothing under the house. From there he took rags and worn-out clothing and then let them down by ropes to Jeremiah in the cistern.
Jer 38:12 Ebed Melech the Cushite said to Jeremiah, “Put the rags and worn-out clothing under your arms and on top of the ropes.” So Jeremiah did so.
Jer 38:13 Then they pulled Jeremiah by the ropes. In this way, they brought him up from the cistern. So Jeremiah stayed in the courtyard of the guard.
Jer 38:14 Then King Zedekiah sent word and brought Jeremiah the prophet to himself, to the third entrance in the temple of Yehowah. The king said to Jeremiah, “I want to ask you something. Do not keep the answer from me.”

Jer 38:15 Jeremiah replied to Zedekiah, “If I answer you, will you not certainly execute me? But if I give you advice, you will not listen to me.”
Jer 38:16 But King Zedekiah swore to Jeremiah in private, “As Yehowah lives, the One who made us, I will not execute you or give you into the hand of those men who are seeking your life.”
Jer 38:17 So Jeremiah prophesied to Zedekiah, “Yehowah, Mighty One of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, declares this: If you indeed go out to the officials of the king of Babylon then you will live, and this city will not be burned. You and your family will live.
Jer 38:18 But if you do not go out to the officials of the king of Babylon, then this city will be given into the hand of the Chaldeans. They will burn it, and you will not escape from their hand.”
Jer 38:19 King Zedekiah responded to Jeremiah, “But I am afraid of the people of Judah who have deserted to the Chaldeans, because I might be given over into their hand, for them to treat me badly.”
Jer 38:20 Jeremiah stated, “They will not give you over to them. Obey the message from Yehowah that I am telling you, so that things will go well for you, and so that you will live.
Jer 38:21 But if you refuse to go out, this is what Yehowah has shown me:
Jer 38:22 Look! All the women who are left in your house, king of Judah, will be brought out to the officials of the king of Babylon. These women will say to you, ‘You have been deceived by your friends; they have ruined you. Your feet are now sunk into the mud, and your friends will run away.’
Jer 38:23 For all of your wives and children will be brought out to the Chaldeans, and you yourself will not escape from their hand. You will be captured by the hand of the king of Babylon, and this city will be burned.”
Jer 38:24 Then Zedekiah commanded Jeremiah, “Do not inform anyone about these words, so that you do not die.
Jer 38:25 If the officials hear that I have talked with you, and if they come and order you, ‘Tell us what you said to the king and do not hide it from us, or we will kill you,’
Jer 38:26 then you must say to them, ‘I made a humble plea before the king that he would not return me to the house of Jonathan to die there.’”
Jer 38:27 Then all the officials came to Jeremiah and questioned him, so he answered them as the king had instructed him. So they stopped talking with him, because they had not heard the conversation between Jeremiah and the king.
Jer 38:28 So Jeremiah remained in the courtyard of the guard, until the day Jerusalem was captured. And he was there when Jerusalem was captured (summer, c. 587 BC).

Jeremiah Chapter 39

Jer 39:1 In the ninth year (c. 589 BC) and tenth month of Zedekiah king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came with all his military force against Jerusalem and besieged it.
Jer 39:2 In the eleventh year of Zedekiah (c. 587 BC), on the ninth of the fourth month, the city was broken into.
Jer 39:3 Then all the officials of the king of Babylon came and sat in the middle gate: Nergal Sharezer, Samgar Nebo, and Sarsechim, an important official. Nergal Sharezer was a high official, and all the rest were the officials of the king of Babylon.
Jer 39:4 It happened that when Zedekiah, king of Judah, and all his fighting men saw them, they fled. They went out at night from the city by the king's garden path, through the gate between the two walls. The king went out in the direction of the Arabah.
Jer 39:5 But the army of Chaldeans pursued them and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of the Jordan River valley near Jericho. Then they captured him and brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, at Riblah in the land of Hamath, where Nebuchadnezzar passed sentence on him.
Jer 39:6 The king of Babylon slaughtered Zedekiah's sons before his own eyes at Riblah. He also slaughtered all the noblemen of Judah.
Jer 39:7 Then he put out Zedekiah's eyes and bound him in bronze chains in order to take him to Babylon.
Jer 39:8 Then the Chaldeans burned the king's house and the people's houses. They also tore down the walls of Jerusalem.
Jer 39:9 Nebuzaradan, captain of the king's bodyguards, took into exile the rest of the people who were left in the city. This included the people who had deserted to the Chaldeans, and the rest of the people who were left in the city.
Jer 39:10 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the king's bodyguards allowed the poorest people who had nothing for themselves to remain in the land of Judah. He gave them vineyards and fields on that same day.
Jer 39:11 King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had given an order about Jeremiah to Nebuzaradan, the captain of the king's bodyguards,
Jer 39:12 "Take him and care for him. Do not harm him. Do for him anything he tells you."
Jer 39:13 So Nebuzaradan captain of the king's bodyguards, Nebushazban the high official, Nergal Sharezer the high official, and all the most important officials of the king of Babylon sent men out.

Jer 39:14 Their men took Jeremiah from the courtyard of the guard and entrusted him to Gedaliah son of Ahikam son of Shaphan, to take him home, so Jeremiah stayed among the people.
Jer 39:15 Now the Word of Yehowah had come to Jeremiah while he was under arrest in the courtyard of the guard,
Jer 39:16 “Speak to Ebed Melech the Cushite, ‘Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, declares this: See, I am about to carry out my words against this city for disaster and not for good. For they will all come true before you on that day.
Jer 39:17 But I will rescue you on that day,’ declares Yehowah, ‘and you will not be given into the hand of the men whom you fear.
Jer 39:18 For I will certainly rescue you. You will not fall by the sword. You will escape with your life, since you trust in me,’” declares Yehowah.

Jeremiah Chapter 40

Jer 40:1 This was the word that came to Jeremiah from Yehowah after Nebuzaradan, the captain of the king's bodyguard, had sent him away from Ramah. That was where Jeremiah had been taken to, and where he had been bound with chains. He had been among all the exiles of Jerusalem and Judah who were to be exiled to Babylon.
Jer 40:2 The chief guard took Jeremiah and said to him, "Yehowah your Divine One decreed this disaster against this place.
Jer 40:3 So Yehowah brought it about. He did just as he had decreed, since you people sinned against him and did not obey his voice. That is why this thing has happened to you people.
Jer 40:4 But now look! I have released you today from the chains that were on your hands. If it is good in your eyes to come with me to Babylon, come, and I will take care of you. But if it is not good in your eyes to come with me to Babylon, then do not do so. Look at all the land before you. Go where it is good and right in your eyes to go."
Jer 40:5 When Jeremiah did not reply, Nebuzaradan said, "Go to Gedaliah son of Ahikam son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has put in charge of the cities of Judah. Stay with him among the people or go wherever it is good in your eyes to go." The commander of the king's bodyguards gave him food and a gift and then sent him away.
Jer 40:6 So Jeremiah went to Gedaliah son of Ahikam, at Mizpah. He stayed with him among the people who were left behind in the land.
Jer 40:7 Now some commanders of Judean soldiers who were still in the countryside, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah son of Ahikam, governor over the land. They also heard that he had put him in charge of the men, women, and children who were the poorest people in the land, those who had not been exiled to Babylon.
Jer 40:8 So they went to Gedaliah at Mizpah. These men were Ishmael son of Nethaniah; Johanan and Jonathan, sons of Kareah; Seraiah son of Tanhumeth; the sons of Ephai the Netophathite; and Jaazaniah son of the Maacathite, they and their men.
Jer 40:9 Gedaliah son of Ahikam son of Shaphan, took an oath to them and to their men, "Do not be afraid to serve the Chaldean officials. Live in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it will go well with you.
Jer 40:10 Look, I am living in Mizpah to meet with the Chaldeans who came to us. So harvest wine, summer fruit, and oil, and store them in your containers. Live in the cities that you have occupied."

Jer 40:11 Then all the Judeans in Moab, among the people of Ammon, and in Edom, and in every land heard that the king of Babylon had allowed a remnant of Judah to stay, that he had appointed Gedaliah son of Ahikam son of Shaphan over them.
Jer 40:12 So all the Judeans returned from every place where they had been scattered. They came back to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah at Mizpah. They harvested wine and summer fruit in great abundance.
Jer 40:13 Johanan son of Kareah and all the military commanders in the countryside came to Gedaliah at Mizpah.
Jer 40:14 They asked him, “Do you realize that Baalis, king of the people of Ammon, sent Ishmael son of Nethaniah to murder you?” But Gedaliah son of Ahikim did not believe them.
Jer 40:15 So Johanan son of Kareah spoke privately to Gedaliah in Mizpah, “Allow me to go kill Ishmael son of Nethaniah. No one will suspect me. Why should he murder you? Why allow all of Judah that has been gathered to you to be scattered and the remnant of Judah to be destroyed?”
Jer 40:16 But Gedaliah son of Ahikam said to Johanan son of Kareah, “Do not do this thing, for you are telling lies about Ishmael.”

Jeremiah Chapter 41

Jer 41:1 But it happened, that in the seventh month Ishmael son of Nethaniah son of Elishama, from the royal family, and some officers of the king, came, ten men were with him, to Gedaliah son of Ahikam, at Mizpah. They ate food together there in Mizpah.
Jer 41:2 But Ishmael son of Nethaniah, and the ten men who were with him rose up and attacked Gedaliah son of Ahikam son of Shaphan, with the sword. Ishmael killed Gedaliah, whom the king of Babylon had put in charge of the land.
Jer 41:3 Then Ishmael killed all the Judeans who were with Gedaliah in Mizpah and the Chaldean fighting men found there.
Jer 41:4 Then it was the second day after the killing of Gedaliah, but no one knew.
Jer 41:5 Some men came from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, eighty men who had shaved their beard, torn their clothes, and cut themselves, with food offerings and frankincense in their hands to go to the temple of Yehowah.
Jer 41:6 So Ishmael son of Nethaniah went out from Mizpah to meet them as they went, walking and weeping. Then it happened, that as he encountered them, he said to them, “Come to Gedaliah son of Ahikam!”
Jer 41:7 It came about that when they came into the city, Ishmael son of Nethaniah slaughtered them and threw them into a pit, he and the men who were with him.
Jer 41:8 But there were ten men among them who entreated Ishmael, “Do not kill us, for there are provisions of ours in a field: wheat and barley, oil and honey.” So he did not kill them with their other companions.
Jer 41:9 The cistern where Ishmael threw all the dead bodies that he had struck down because of Gedaliah, was the same cistern that King Asa dug when he was being attacked by King Baasha of Israel. Ishmael son of Nethaniah filled it with the homicide victims.
Jer 41:10 Next, Ishmael captured all the other people who were in Mizpah, the king’s daughters and all the people who were left in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the chief guard had assigned to Gedaliah son of Ahikam. So Ishmael son of Nethaniah captured them and went to cross over to the people of Ammon.
Jer 41:11 But Johanan son of Kareah and all the military commanders with him heard of all the harm that Ishmael son of Nethaniah had done.
Jer 41:12 So they took all their men and went to fight against Ishmael son of Nethaniah. They found him at the great pool of Gibeon.

Jer 41:13 Then it happened that when all the people who were with Ishmael saw Johanan son of Kareah and all the military commanders who were with him, they were happy.
Jer 41:14 So all the people whom Ishmael had captured at Mizpah turned around and went to Johanan son of Kareah.
Jer 41:15 But Ishmael son of Nethaniah fled with eight men from Johanan. He went to the people of Ammon.
Jer 41:16 Johanan son of Kareah and all the military commanders with him took from Mizpah all the people who had been rescued from Ishmael son of Nethaniah. This was after Ishmael had killed Gedaliah son of Ahikam. Johanan and his companions took the strong men, the fighting men, the women and children, and the officials who had been rescued at Gibeon.
Jer 41:17 Then they went and stayed for awhile in Geruth Chimham, which is near Bethlehem. They were going to go to Egypt
Jer 41:18 because of the Chaldeans. They were afraid of them, since Ishmael son of Nethaniah had killed Gedaliah son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon had put in charge of the land.

Jeremiah Chapter 42

Jer 42:1 Then all the military commanders and Johanan son of Kereah, Jezaniah son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least to the greatest approached Jeremiah the prophet.
Jer 42:2 They entreated him, “Let our pleas come before you. Pray for us to Yehowah your Divine One for these people who remain, since we are so few in number, as you see.
Jer 42:3 Ask Yehowah your Divine One to tell us the Way we should go, and what we should do.”
Jer 42:4 So Jeremiah the prophet answered them, “I have heard you. Look, I will pray to Yehowah your Divine One as you have requested. Whatever Yehowah answers, I will tell you. I will keep nothing back from you.”
Jer 42:5 They replied to Jeremiah, “May Yehowah be a true and faithful witness against us, if we do not do everything that Yehowah your Divine One tells us to do.
Jer 42:6 Whether it is good or if it is bad, we will obey the voice of Yehowah our Divine One, to whom we are sending you, so that it may be well with us when we obey the voice of Yehowah our Divine One.”
Jer 42:7 It happened that after ten days, the Word of Yehowah came to Jeremiah.
Jer 42:8 So Jeremiah called to Johanan son of Kareah and all the military commanders with him, and to all the people from the least to the greatest.
Jer 42:9 Then he said to them, “Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, to whom you sent me, so I might lay your pleas before him. Yehowah declares this,
Jer 42:10 ‘If you go back and live in this land, then I will build you and not tear you down; I will plant you and not pull you up, for I will turn back the disaster that I have brought on you.
Jer 42:11 Do not fear the king of Babylon, whom you are fearing. Do not fear him,’ declares Yehowah, ‘since I am with you to save you and rescue you from his hand.
Jer 42:12 For I will give you mercy. I will have compassion on you, and I will bring you back to your land.
Jer 42:13 But suppose that you say, “We will not stay in this land,” if you do not listen to my voice, the voice of Yehowah your Divine One.
Jer 42:14 Suppose that you say, “No! We will go to the land of Egypt, where we will not see any war, where we will not hear the sound of the trumpet, and we will not go hungry for food. We will live there.”

Jer 42:15 Now listen to this Word of Yehowah, you remnant of Judah. Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, declares this, ‘If you actually set out to go to Egypt, to go and live there,
Jer 42:16 then the sword that you fear will overtake you there in the land of Egypt. The famine that you are worrying about will pursue you to Egypt, and you will die there.
Jer 42:17 So it will happen that all the men who set out to go to Egypt to live there will die by sword, famine, or plague. There will be no survivor of them, no one to escape the disaster that I will bring on them.’
Jer 42:18 For Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, declares this: Just as my wrath and my fury were poured out on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, in the same way, my fury will be poured out on you if you go to Egypt. You will become an object of cursing and a horror, an object for speaking curses, and something dishonorable, and you will not see this place again.’”
Jer 42:19 Then Jeremiah said, “Yehowah has spoken concerning you, the remnant of Judah. Do not go to Egypt! You certainly know that I have been a witness against you today.
Jer 42:20 For you fatally deceived yourselves when you sent me to Yehowah your Divine One and requested, ‘Pray to Yehowah our Divine One for us. Everything that Yehowah our Divine One says, tell us, and we will carry it out.’
Jer 42:21 For I have reported to you today, but you have not listened to the voice of Yehowah your Divine One or to anything about which he sent me to you.
Jer 42:22 So now, you should certainly know that you will die by sword, famine, and plague in the place where you desired to go to live.”

Jeremiah Chapter 43

Jer 43:1 It happened that Jeremiah finished proclaiming to all the people all the words of Yehowah their Divine One that Yehowah their Divine One had told him to say.
Jer 43:2 Azariah son of Hoshaiah, Johanan son of Kareah, and all the arrogant men said to Jeremiah, “You are telling lies. Yehowah our Divine One has not sent you to say, ‘Do not go to Egypt to live there.’
Jer 43:3 For Baruch son of Neriah is inciting you against us to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, for you to cause our death and to make us captives in Babylon.”
Jer 43:4 So Johanan son of Kareah, all the princes of the military force, and all the people refused to listen to the voice of Yehowah to live in the land of Judah.
Jer 43:5 Johanan son of Kareah and all the military commanders took away all the remnant of Judah who had returned from all the ethnicities where they had been scattered to live in the land of Judah.
Jer 43:6 They took the men and women, the children and the king’s daughters, and every person whom Nebuzaradan, the captain of the king’s bodyguards, had let remain with Gedaliah son of Ahikam son of Shaphan. They also took Jeremiah the prophet and Baruch son of Neriah.
Jer 43:7 They went to the land of Egypt, to Tahpanhes, because they did not listen to the voice of Yehowah.
Jer 43:8 So the Word of Yehowah came to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes,
Jer 43:9 “Take some large stones in your hand, and in the sight of the people of Judah, hide them in the mortar in the pavement at the entrance to Pharaoh’s house in Tahpanhes.”
Jer 43:10 Then prophesy to them, “Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, declares this, ‘See, I am about to send messengers to take Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon as my servant. I will place his throne over these stones that you, Jeremiah, have buried. Nebuchadnezzar will place his pavilion over them.
Jer 43:11 For he will come and attack the land of Egypt (c. 568 BC). Anyone who is assigned to death will be given to death. Anyone who is assigned to captivity will be taken captive. Anyone who is assigned to the sword will be given to the sword.
Jer 43:12 Then he will light a fire in the temples of Egypt’s deities. Nebuchadnezzar will burn them or capture them. He will clean out the land of Egypt just as shepherds clean vermin off their clothes. He will go out from that place in peace.

Jer 43:13 He will break the stone pillars at Heliopolis in the land of Egypt. He will burn the temples of Egypt’s deities.’”

Jeremiah Chapter 44

Jer 44:1 This was the word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Judeans who lived in the land of Egypt, the ones staying in Migdol, Tahpanhes, Memphis, and in the land of Pathros.
Jer 44:2 “Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, declares this: ‘You yourselves have seen all the disasters that I brought on Jerusalem and all the cities of Judah. See, they are ruins today. There is no one to live in them.
Jer 44:3 This is because of the wicked things they did to offend me by going to burn incense and to worship false deities. These were deities that neither they themselves, nor you, nor your ancestors knew.
Jer 44:4 So I repeatedly sent all of my servants the prophets to them. I sent them to say, ‘Stop doing these abominable things that I hate.’
Jer 44:5 But they did not listen. They refused to pay attention or turn from their wickedness in burning incense to false deities.
Jer 44:6 So my fury and my wrath were poured out and kindled a fire in the cities of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem. So they became ruins and devastations, as at this present day.’”
Jer 44:7 So now Yehowah, Mighty One of the heavenly armed forces and the Mighty One of Israel, declares this, “Why are you doing great wickedness against yourselves? Why are you causing yourselves to be cut off from among Judah, men and women, children and babies? No remnant of you will be left.
Jer 44:8 By your wickedness, you have offended me with the deeds of your hands, by burning incense to false deities in the land of Egypt, where you have gone to live. You have gone there, so that you will be destroyed, so that you will be a curse and a reproach among all the ethnicities of the earth.
Jer 44:9 Have you forgotten the wickedness committed by your ancestors and the wickedness committed by the kings of Judah and their wives? Have you forgotten the evil committed by yourselves and your wives in the land of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem?
Jer 44:10 To this day, they still are not humbled. They do not honor my law or decrees that I placed before them and their ancestors, nor do they walk in them.”
Jer 44:11 Therefore, Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, declares this, “See, I am about to set my face against you to bring disaster to you and to destroy all of Judah.
Jer 44:12 For I will take the remnant of Judah that has set out to go to the land of Egypt to live there. I will do this, so that they will all perish in the land of Egypt. They will fall by sword and famine. From the least to the greatest they

will perish by sword and famine. They will die and will become an object of swearing, cursing, reproaching, and a horrible thing.
Jer 44:13 For I will punish the people inhabiting the land of Egypt, just as I punished Jerusalem with sword, famine, and plague.
Jer 44:14 No fugitive or survivor of the remnant of Judah who are going to live there in the land of Egypt will return to the land of Judah, even though they want to go back and live there. None of them will return, except for a few who will escape from here."
Jer 44:15 Then all the men who knew that their wives were burning incense to false deities, and all the women who were in the great congregation, and all the people who were living in the land of Egypt in Pathros answered Jeremiah,
Jer 44:16 "About the word that you have told us in the name of Yehowah: We will not listen to you.
Jer 44:17 For we will certainly do all the things that we said we would do: Burn incense to the Queen of heaven and pour out drink offerings to her just as we, our ancestors, our kings, and our leaders did in the cities of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem. Then we will be filled with food and will prosper, without experiencing any disaster.
Jer 44:18 When we refrained from doing these things, not offering incense to the Queen of heaven and not pouring out drink offerings to her, we were all suffering poverty and were dying by sword and famine."
Jer 44:19 The women explained, "When we were making incense offerings before the Queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, did we do these things without our husbands knowing about it?"
Jer 44:20 Then Jeremiah said to all the people, to the men and women, and all the people who answered him, he proclaimed,
Jer 44:21 "Did not Yehowah remember the incense that you burned in the cities of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem, you and your ancestors, your kings and leaders, and the people of the land? For Yehowah calls this to mind; it comes to his thoughts.
Jer 44:22 Then he was no longer able to bear it because of your wicked practices, because of the abominations that you did. Then your land became a desolation, a horror, and a curse, so there was no longer an inhabitant, as at this present day.
Jer 44:23 Because you burned incense and sinned against Yehowah, and because you would not listen to the voice of Yehowah, his law, his statutes, or his covenant decrees, this disaster against you has happened, as at this present day."
Jer 44:24 Then Jeremiah said to all the people and all the women, "Hear the Word of Yehowah, all of Judah who are in the land of Egypt.

Jer 44:25 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, declares this, ‘You and your wives both have said with your mouths and carried out with your hands what you said, “We will certainly carry out the vows that we made to worship the Queen of heaven, to pour out drink offerings to her.” Now fulfill your vows; carry them out.’
Jer 44:26 So then hear the Word of Yehowah, all of Judah who are staying in the land of Egypt, ‘See, I have sworn by my great name,’ declares Yehowah. ‘My name will no longer be called upon by the mouths of any of the men of Judah in all the land of Egypt, you who now say, “As Lord Yehowah lives.”
Jer 44:27 See, I am watching over them for disaster and not for good. Every person of Judah in the land of Egypt will perish by sword and famine, until they are all finished.
Jer 44:28 Then the survivors of the sword will return from the land of Egypt to the land of Judah, only a small number of them. So all the remnant of Judah who went to the land of Egypt to live there will know whose word will come true: Mine or theirs.
Jer 44:29 This will be the sign for you,’ declares Yehowah, ‘that I am coming against you in this place, so that you will know that my words will certainly attack you with disaster.’
Jer 44:30 Yehowah declares this, ‘Look, I am about to give Pharaoh Hophra (Apries, Jer. 37:5), king of Egypt, into the hand of his enemies and into the hand of those who seek to kill him (fulfilled c. 570 BC). It will be the same as when I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, his enemy who sought his life.’”

Jeremiah Chapter 45

Jer 45:1 This is the word that Jeremiah the prophet told Baruch son of Neriah. This happened when he wrote in a Scroll these words at Jeremiah's dictation, this was in the fourth year (c. 605 BC) of Jehoiakim son of Josiah, king of Judah, and he said,
Jer 45:2 "Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, says this to you, Baruch:
Jer 45:3 You have said, 'Woe is me, for Yehowah has added agony to my pain. My groaning has wearied me; I find no rest.'
Jer 45:4 This is what you must say to him: 'Yehowah declares this: See, what I built, I am now tearing down. What I planted, I am now pulling up. This is true over all the earth.
Jer 45:5 But are you hoping for great things for yourself? Do not hope for that. For see, disaster is coming on all humanity,' declares Yehowah, 'but I am giving you your life as your plunder everywhere you will go.'"

Jeremiah Chapter 46

Jer 46:1 This is the Word of Yehowah that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the ethnicities.
Jer 46:2 For Egypt: “This is about the military force of Pharaoh Neco II, king of Egypt that was at Carchemish by the Euphrates River. This was the military force that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon defeated in the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah, king of Judah (c. 605 BC, Jer. 25:1-3):
Jer 46:3 Get the small shields and the large shields ready and go forward to fight.
Jer 46:4 Harness the stallions and mount them, you cavalrymen. Take your places, with your helmets on your heads. Polish the spears and put on your armor.
Jer 46:5 What am I seeing here? They are filled with terror and are running away, for their soldiers are defeated. They are running for safety and are not looking back. Terror is all around,” declares Yehowah.
Jer 46:6 “The swift cannot run away, and the soldiers cannot escape. They stumble in the north and fall beside the Euphrates River.
Jer 46:7 Who is this who rises like the Nile, whose waters toss up and down like the rivers?
Jer 46:8 Egypt rises like the Nile, and its waters toss up and down like the rivers. It says, ‘I will go up; I will cover the earth. I will destroy cities and their inhabitants.
Jer 46:9 Go up, cavalry. Be angry, you chariots. Let the soldiers go out, Cush and Put (Libyans), men skillful with a shield, and Ludim (Lydians), men skillful at bending their bows.’
Jer 46:10 That Day will be the Day of Vengeance for Lord Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, and he will avenge himself on his foes. The sword will devour and be satisfied. It will drink its fill of their blood. For there will be a sacrifice to Lord Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces in the northern land by the Euphrates River.
Jer 46:11 Go up to Gilead and obtain balm, virgin daughter of Egypt. You take many medicines, but it is useless. There is no cure for you.
Jer 46:12 The ethnicities have heard of your disgrace. The earth is filled with your laments, for soldier stumbles against soldier; both of them fall together.”
Jer 46:13 This is the word that Yehowah declared to Jeremiah the prophet when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came and attacked the land of Egypt:
Jer 46:14 “Report to Egypt and let it be heard in Migdol and Memphis. In Tahpanhes they have said, ‘Station yourself and take a stand, for the sword is devouring all around you.

Jer 46:15 Why has your deity Apis run away? Why is your bull-deity not standing? Yehowah has thrown him down.
Jer 46:16 He increases the numbers of those who stumble. Each soldier falls against the next one. They are shouting, “Get up! Let’s go home! Let’s go back to our own people, to our native land! Let’s leave this sword that is beating us down!”
Jer 46:17 They proclaimed there, “Pharaoh the king of Egypt is only a noise, one who has let his opportunity slip away.”
Jer 46:18 “As I live,” declares the King, Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces by name, “someone will come who is like Mount Tabor and Mount Carmel by the sea.
Jer 46:19 Pack for yourselves bags to carry into exile, you daughters who live in Egypt. For Memphis will become a waste, a ruin. No one will live there.
Jer 46:20 Egypt is a beautiful young cow, but a stinging insect is coming from the north. It is coming.
Jer 46:21 The hired soldiers in her midst are like a fattened bull, but they will also turn and run away. They will not stand together, for the day of their disaster is coming against them, the time of their punishment.
Jer 46:22 Egypt hisses like a snake and crawls away, for her enemies are marching against her. They are going toward her like woodcutters with axes.
Jer 46:23 They will cut down the forests,” declares Yehowah, “although it is impenetrable. For the enemies will be more numerous than locusts, unable to be counted.
Jer 46:24 The daughter of Egypt will be made ashamed. She will be given into the hand of people from the north.”
Jer 46:25 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, declares, “See, I am about to punish Amon of Thebes (modern Luxor), Pharaoh, Egypt and her deities, her kings the Pharaohs, and those who trust in them.
Jer 46:26 I am giving them into the hand of the ones seeking their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and his servants. Then after this, Egypt will be inhabited as in previous days,” declares Yehowah.
Jer 46:27 “But you, my servant Jacob, do not fear. Do not be dismayed, Israel, for see, I am about to bring you back from far away, and your offspring from the land of their captivity. Then Jacob will return, find peace, and be secure, and there will be no one to terrify him.
Jer 46:28 You, my servant Jacob, do not fear,” declares Yehowah, “for I am with you, so I will bring complete destruction against all the ethnicities where I scattered you. But I will not destroy you completely. Yet I will discipline you justly and will certainly not leave you unpunished.””"

Jeremiah Chapter 47

Jer 47:1 This is the Word of Yehowah that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the Philistines. This word came to him before Pharaoh attacked Gaza.
Jer 47:2 Yehowah declares this: “See, floods of water are rising in the north. They will be like an overflowing river! Then they will overflow the land and everything in it, its cities and its inhabitants! So everyone will shout for help, and all the inhabitants of the land will lament.
Jer 47:3 At the sound of the stamping of their strong horses’ hooves, at the roar of their chariots and the noise of their wheels, fathers will not help their children because of their own weakness.
Jer 47:4 For the day is coming that will devastate all of the Philistines, to cut off from Tyre and Sidon every survivor who wants to help them. For Yehowah is devastating the Philistines, those who remain from the island of Caphtor (Crete, Gen. 10:14; Deut. 2:23; 1 Chron. 1:12; Amos 9:7).
Jer 47:5 Baldness will come upon Gaza. As for Ashkelon, the people who are left in their valley will be made silent. How long will you cut yourself in mourning?
Jer 47:6 Woe, sword of Yehowah! How long will it be until you become silent? Go back to your scabbard! Stop and be silent.
Jer 47:7 How can you be quiet, for Yehowah has commanded you. He has summoned you to attack Ashkelon and against the coastlands along the Mediterranean Sea.”

Jeremiah Chapter 48

Jer 48:1 To Moab, Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, declares this, “Woe to Nebo, for it has been devastated. Kiriathaim has been captured and humiliated. Her fortress has been crushed and disgraced.
Jer 48:2 The honor of Moab is no more. Their enemies in Heshbon plotted disaster against her. They said, ‘Come and let us destroy her as an ethnicity. Dunghill, you will also perish, a sword will go after you.’
Jer 48:3 Listen! A sound of screaming is coming from Horonaim, where there is ruin and great destruction.
Jer 48:4 Moab has been destroyed. Her children have made their cries heard.
Jer 48:5 They go up the hill of Luhith weeping, for on the way down to Horonaim, screams are heard because of the destruction.
Jer 48:6 Flee! Save your lives and become like a juniper bush in the wilderness.
Jer 48:7 For because of your trust in your practices and your wealth, you also will be captured. Then Chemosh will go away into captivity, together with his priests and leaders.
Jer 48:8 For the destroyer will come to every city; no city will escape. So the valley will perish and the plain will be devastated, as Yehowah has declared.
Jer 48:9 Give wings to Moab, for she must certainly fly away. Her cities will become a wasteland, where there is no one to live in them.
Jer 48:10 May anyone who is lazy in doing the work of Yehowah be cursed! May anyone who keeps his sword back from shedding blood be cursed!
Jer 48:11 Moab has felt secure since he was young. He is like his wine that has never been poured from container to container. He has never gone into captivity. Therefore, he tastes as good as ever; his flavor remains unchanged.
Jer 48:12 So see, the days are coming,” declares Yehowah, “when I will send him those who will tip him over and pour out all his pots and shatter his jars.
Jer 48:13 Then Moab will be ashamed of Chemosh just as the house of Israel was ashamed of Bethel, their object of trust.
Jer 48:14 How can you say, ‘We are soldiers, powerful fighting men?’
Jer 48:15 Moab will be devastated and its cities attacked. For its finest young men have gone down to the place of slaughter. The King declares! Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces is his name.
Jer 48:16 Moab’s disaster is soon to happen; calamity is hurrying quickly.
Jer 48:17 All you who are around Moab, wail; and all you who know its fame, shout this, ‘Woe, the strong staff, the honored rod, has been broken!’
Jer 48:18 Come down from your honored place and sit on the dry ground, you daughter living in Dibon. For the one who will destroy Moab is attacking you, the one who will destroy your strongholds.

Jer 48:19 Stand on the road and watch, you people who live in Aroer. Ask the ones who are fleeing and escaping. Say, ‘What has happened?’
Jer 48:20 Moab has been shamed, for it has been shattered. Howl and lament; shout for help! Tell it to people by the Arnon River that Moab has been devastated.
Jer 48:21 Now punishment has come to the hill country, to Holon, Jachzah, and Mephaath,
Jer 48:22 to Dibon, Nebo, and Beth Diblathaim,
Jer 48:23 to Kiriathaim, Beth Gamul, and Beth Meon,
Jer 48:24 to Kerioth and Bozrah, and to all the cities in the land of Moab, the farthest and the closest cities.
Jer 48:25 The horn of Moab has been hacked off; its arm has been broken,” declares Yehowah.
Jer 48:26 “Make him drunk, for he acted proudly against me, Yehowah. Now Moab claps his hands in disgust at his own vomit, so he also has become an object for laughter.
Jer 48:27 For did Israel not become an object for laughter to you? Was he found among thieves, that you shook your head at him as often as you spoke about him?
Jer 48:28 Abandon the cities and camp on the cliffs, inhabitants of Moab. Become like a dove that is nesting over the mouth of a hole in the rocks.
Jer 48:29 We have heard of Moab’s pride, his arrogance, his haughtiness, his pride, his self-glory and the conceit in his heart.”
Jer 48:30 Yehowah declares, “I myself know his defiant speech, which amounts to nothing, like his deeds.
Jer 48:31 So I will howl a lament for Moab, and I will shout in sorrow for all of Moab! I will lament for the people of Kir Heresh.
Jer 48:32 I will weep for you more than I did for Jazer, vine of Sibmah! Your branches passed across the Dead Sea and reached as far as Jazer. The destroyers have attacked your summer fruit and your wine.
Jer 48:33 So celebration and rejoicing have been taken away from the fruit trees and the land of Moab. I have put an end to the wine from their winepresses. They will not tread with joyful shouts. Any shouts will not be shouts of joy.
Jer 48:34 From the shouts at Heshbon as far as Elealeh, their sound is heard at Jahaz, from Zoar to Horonaim and Eglath Shelishiyah, since even the waters of Nimrim have dried up.
Jer 48:35 For I will put an end to anyone in Moab who makes sacrifices on the high places and burns incense to his deities,” declares Yehowah.
Jer 48:36 “So my heart is lamenting for Moab like a flute. My heart is lamenting like flutes for the people of Kir Heres. The riches they gained are gone.

Jer 48:37 For every head is bald and every beard shaved. Incisions are on every hand, and sackcloth is around their waists.
Jer 48:38 There is mourning everywhere, on every flat roof of Moab and in Moab's plazas. For I have destroyed Moab like pots that no one wants," declares Yehowah.
Jer 48:39 "How it has been shattered! How they howl in their lamenting! Moab turns it back in shame! So Moab will become an object of derision and a terror to all those who are around him."
Jer 48:40 For Yehowah declares this, "See, the enemy will come flying like an eagle, spreading out his wings over Moab.
Jer 48:41 Kerioth has been captured, and its strongholds have been seized. For in that day, the hearts of Moab's soldiers will be like the hearts of women in birth labor.
Jer 48:42 So Moab will be destroyed as a people, since they became arrogant against me, Yehowah.
Jer 48:43 Terror and the pit, and a trap are coming on you, inhabitant of Moab," declares Yehowah.
Jer 48:44 "Anyone who flees because of terror will fall into the pit, and anyone who climbs out of the pit will be caught in the trap, for I will bring this on them in the year of my vengeance against them," declares Yehowah.
Jer 48:45 "The ones who flee will stand in the shadow of Heshbon without any strength, for fire will go out from Heshbon, flame from the middle of Sihon. It will devour the forehead of Moab and the top of the heads of the boastful people.
Jer 48:46 Woe to you, Moab! Chemosh's people are destroyed. For your sons are taken as captives and your daughters into captivity.
Jer 48:47 But I will restore the fortunes of Moab in later days," declares Yehowah. The judgment on Moab ends here.

Jeremiah Chapter 49

Jer 49:1 About the people of Ammon, Yehowah asks this, “Does Israel have no children? Is there no one to inherit anything in Israel? Why does their king occupy Gad, and his people live in its cities?
Jer 49:2 So look, the days are coming,” declares Yehowah, “when I will sound the signal for battle against Rabbah among the people of Ammon, so it will become a deserted heap, and its daughters will light fires. For Israel will possess those who possessed him,” declares Yehowah.
Jer 49:3 “Howl in lament, Heshbon, for Ai will be devastated! Shout out, daughters of Rabbah! Put on sackcloth. Lament and run about in futility, for their king is going into captivity, together with his priests and leaders.
Jer 49:4 Why are you proud of your strength? Your strength will flow away, faithless daughter, you who trust in your wealth. You ask, ‘Who will come against me?’
Jer 49:5 See, I am about to bring terror on you,” declares Lord Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces. “This terror will come from all those who surround you. Each one of you will be scattered before it. There will be no one to gather those running away.
Jer 49:6 But after this, I will restore the fortunes of the people of Ammon,” declares Yehowah.
Jer 49:7 About Edom, Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces asks this, “Is there no longer any wisdom to be found in Teman? Has good advice disappeared from those who have understanding? Has their wisdom become corrupted?
Jer 49:8 Flee! Turn back! Stay in holes in the ground, inhabitants of Dedan. For I am bringing the disaster of Esau on him at the time that I punish him.
Jer 49:9 If grape harvesters came to you, would they not leave a little bit behind? If thieves came in the night, would they not steal only as much as they wanted?
Jer 49:10 But I have stripped Esau bare. I have revealed his hiding places. So he will not be able to hide himself. His children, his brothers, and his neighbors are destroyed, and he is gone.
Jer 49:11 Leave your orphans behind. I will take care of their lives, and your widows can trust in me.”
Jer 49:12 For Yehowah declares this, “See, those who did not deserve it must certainly drink some of the cup. Do you yourself think you will go without punishment? You will not, for you will certainly drink.
Jer 49:13 For I have sworn by myself,” declares Yehowah, “that Bozrah will become a horror, a disgrace, a devastation, and an object for cursing. All of its cities will become devastations forever.

Jer 49:14 I have heard an intelligence report from Yehowah, and a messenger has been sent out to the ethnicities, ‘Gather together and attack her. Get ready for battle.’”
Jer 49:15 “For see, I have made you small compared to the ethnicities, despised by people.
Jer 49:16 As for your fearsomeness, your heart’s pride has deceived you, inhabitants of places on the cliff, you who have occupied the highest hills, so that you may make your nest high like an eagle. I will bring you down from there,” declares Yehowah.
Jer 49:17 “Edom will become a horror to everyone passing by it. Every such person will tremble and whistle because of all of its disasters.
Jer 49:18 Like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighbors,” declares Yehowah, “no one will live there; no person will stay there.
Jer 49:19 See, he will go up like a lion from the forests of the Jordan River to the green pasturelands. For I will quickly make Edom run from it, and I will put someone who will be chosen in charge of it. For who is like me, and who will summon me? What shepherd is able to resist me?”
Jer 49:20 “So listen to the plans that Yehowah has decided against Edom, the plans that he has formed against the inhabitants of Teman. They will certainly be dragged away, even the smallest flock. Their pasturelands will be turned into ruined places.
Jer 49:21 At the sound of their falling the earth shakes. The sound of distressed shouts is heard at the End Salt Sea (Gulf of Aqaba).
Jer 49:22 See, someone will attack like an eagle, and swoop down and spread his wings over Bozrah. Then on that day, the hearts of Edom’s soldiers will become like the heart of a woman in birth labor.”
Jer 49:23 About Damascus: “Hamath and Arpad will be ashamed, for they have heard an intelligence report of disaster. They melt away! They become as troubled as the sea, which cannot stay calm.
Jer 49:24 Damascus has become weak. It turns away to flee; terror seizes it. Distress and pain seize it, like the pain of a woman giving birth.
Jer 49:25 Its people ask, ‘How is the famous city, the city over which I have rejoiced, not yet evacuated?’
Jer 49:26 Therefore, its young men will fall in its plazas, and all the fighting men will perish on that day,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Jer 49:27 “For I will light a fire on the wall of Damascus, and it will devour the strongholds of Ben Hadad.”
Jer 49:28 About Kedar and the kingdoms of Hazor, Yehowah declares this to Nebuchadnezzar; now Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon was going to attack these places: “Arise and attack Kedar and destroy those people of the East.

Jer 49:29 His military force will take their tents and their flocks, their tent hangings, and all of their equipment. They will take their camels from the people of Kedar and call out to them, 'Terror is all around!'
Jer 49:30 Flee! Wander far away! Stay in holes in the ground, inhabitants of Hazor," declares Yehowah, "for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has devised a plan against you. Flee! Turn back!
Jer 49:31 Arise! Attack the ethnicity at ease, who lives in safety," declares Yehowah. "They have no gates or bars in them, and its people live by themselves.
Jer 49:32 For their camels will become plunder, and the abundance of their property will become war plunder. Then I will scatter to every wind those who cut the corners of their hair, and I will bring disaster on them from every side," declares Yehowah.
Jer 49:33 "Hazor will become a lair of jackals, a permanent wasteland. No one will live there; no human will stay there."
Jer 49:34 This is the Word of Yehowah that came to Jeremiah the prophet about Elam. This happened at the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah (c. 597 BC), and he said,
Jer 49:35 "Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces declares this: See, I am about to break the bow of Elam, the main part of their power.
Jer 49:36 For I will bring the four winds from the four corners of the heavens, and I will scatter the people of Elam to all of those winds. There is no ethnicity to which those scattered from Elam will not go.
Jer 49:37 So I will shatter Elam before their enemies and before those who seek their lives. For I will bring disaster against them, the fury of my wrath," declares Yehowah, "and I will send the sword after them, until I have annihilated them.
Jer 49:38 Then I will put my throne in Elam and will destroy its king and leaders from there," declares Yehowah.
Jer 49:39 "And it will happen in the Last Days, that I will bring back the fortunes of Elam," declares Yehowah.

Jeremiah Chapter 50

Jer 50:1 This is the word that Yehowah declared about Babylon, the land of the Chaldeans, by the hand of Jeremiah the prophet,
Jer 50:2 “Report to the ethnicities and cause them to listen. Lift up a signal and cause them to listen. Do not conceal it. Declare, ‘Babylon is taken. Bel is made ashamed. Merodach is dismayed. Its idols are put to shame; its images are dismayed.’
Jer 50:3 An ethnicity from the north will arise against it, in order to make her land a desolation. No one, neither man nor beast, will live in it. They will flee away.
Jer 50:4 In those days and at that time,” declares Yehowah, “the people of Israel and the people of Judah will come together to go with weeping and seek Yehowah their Divine One.
Jer 50:5 They will ask the way to Zion and will set off toward it, saying, ‘We will go and join ourselves to Yehowah in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten.’”
Jer 50:6 “My people have been a lost flock. Their shepherds have led them astray in the mountains; they have turned them around from hill to hill. They went, they forgot the place where they had lived.
Jer 50:7 Everyone who went out to them devoured them. Their adversaries said, ‘We are not guilty, because they sinned against Yehowah, their true home, Yehowah, the hope of their ancestors.’
Jer 50:8 Leave from the midst of Babylon; go out from the land of the Chaldeans; be like male goats that leave before the rest of the flock does.
Jer 50:9 For see, I am about to set in motion and raise up a group of great ethnicities from the north against Babylon. They will arrange themselves against her. Babylon will be captured from there. Their arrows (smart weapons) are like a skilled warrior who does not return empty-handed.
Jer 50:10 Chaldea will become plunder. All those who plunder it will be satisfied,” declares Yehowah.
Jer 50:11 “You rejoice, you celebrate the plundering of my inheritance; you jump around like a calf stamping in its pasture; you neigh like a powerful horse.
Jer 50:12 So your mother will be greatly ashamed; the one who bore you will be embarrassed. See, she will be the least of ethnicities, a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.
Jer 50:13 Because of the wrath of Yehowah, Babylon will not be inhabited, but will be a complete devastation. Everyone who passes by will shudder because of Babylon and will whistle because of all its wounds.

Jer 50:14 Arrange yourselves against Babylon all around her. Everyone who bends a bow must shoot at her. Do not keep back any of your arrows, for she has sinned against Yehowah.
Jer 50:15 Shout in victory against her all around her. She has surrendered her power; her towers have fallen. Her walls are torn down, for this is the vengeance of Yehowah. Take vengeance on her! Do to her just as she had done to the ethnicities!
Jer 50:16 Destroy both the farmer who sows seed and the one who uses a sickle at the time of harvest in Babylon. Let each person turn back to his own people from the oppressor's sword; let them flee to their own land.
Jer 50:17 Israel is a sheep scattered and driven away by lions. First, the king of Assyria devoured him; then after this, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon broke his bones.
Jer 50:18 Therefore, Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, declares this: See, I am about to punish the king of Babylon and his land, just as I punished the king of Assyria.
Jer 50:19 I will restore Israel to his homeland; he will graze on Carmel and Bashan. Then he will be satisfied in the hill country of Ephraim and Gilead.
Jer 50:20 In those days and at that time," declares Yehowah, "iniquity will be looked for in Israel, but none will be found. I will inquire about the sins of Judah, but none will be found, for I will forgive the remnant that I spare."
Jer 50:21 "Arise against the land of Merathaim, against it and the ones inhabiting Pekod. Put them to the sword and set them apart for destruction," declares Yehowah, "do everything that I am commanding you.
Jer 50:22 The sounds of battle and enormous destruction are in the land.
Jer 50:23 How the hammer of all the lands has been cut apart and destroyed. How Babylon has become a horror among the ethnicities.
Jer 50:24 I have set a trap for you. You were captured, Babylon, and you did not know it! You were found and seized, since you challenged me, Yehowah.
Jer 50:25 Yehowah has opened his armory and is bringing out the weapons for carrying out his anger. There is work for Lord Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces in the land of the Chaldeans.
Jer 50:26 Attack her from far away. Open her granaries and pile her up like heaps of grain. Set her apart for destruction. Leave no remnant of her.
Jer 50:27 Kill all her bulls. Send them down to the place of slaughter. Woe to them, for their day has come, the time for their punishment.
Jer 50:28 There is the sound of those fleeing, of those who are survivors, from the land of Babylon. These will report the vengeance of Yehowah our Divine One for Zion, and vengeance for his temple."
Jer 50:29 "Summon the archers against Babylon, all those who bend their bows. Camp against her, and let no one escape. Repay her for what she has done. Do

to her by the measure she has used. For she had defied Yehowah, the Set-apart One of Israel.
Jer 50:30 So her young men will fall in the city squares, and all her fighting men will be destroyed on that day," declares Yehowah.
Jer 50:31 "See, I am against you, proud one," declares Lord Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, "for your day has come, proud one, the time when I will punish you.
Jer 50:32 So the proud ones will stumble and fall. No one will raise them up. I will light a fire in their cities; it will devour everything around him."
Jer 50:33 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces declares this: "The people of Israel are oppressed, together with the people of Judah. All the ones who captured them still hold them; they refuse to let them go.
Jer 50:34 The one who rescues them is strong. Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces is his name. He will truly plead their case, in order to bring rest to the land, and to bring strife to the ones inhabiting Babylon.
Jer 50:35 A sword is against the Chaldeans," declares Yehowah, "and against the inhabitants of Babylon, her leaders, and her wise men.
Jer 50:36 A sword is coming against those who say words for divination, so that they reveal themselves as fools. A sword is coming against her soldiers, so they will be filled with terror.
Jer 50:37 A sword is coming against their cavalry, their chariots and all of the people who are in the midst of Babylon, so they will become like women. A sword is coming against her storerooms, and they will be plundered.
Jer 50:38 A drought is coming on her waters, so they will become dry. For she is a land of worthless idols, and they act like people made insane by their dreadful idols.
Jer 50:39 So desert beasts with the jackals will inhabit there, and the young of ostriches will live in her. For all time, she will no longer be inhabited. From generation to generation, she will not be lived in.
Jer 50:40 Just as the Almighty overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighbors," declares Yehowah, "no one will live there; no person will stay in her."
Jer 50:41 "See, a people is coming from the north, for a great ethnicity and many kings have been stirred up from a distant land.
Jer 50:42 They will pick up bows and spears. They are cruel and have no compassion. Their sound is like the sea roar, and they are cavalry in formation as fighting men, against you, daughter of Babylon.
Jer 50:43 The king of Babylon has heard their intelligence report, and his hands have fallen limp in distress. Anguish seizes him like a woman in labor.
Jer 50:44 Behold! He goes up like a lion from the heights of the Jordan River to the enduring grazing place. For I will quickly cause them to run from it, and I

will put someone who will be chosen in charge of it. For who is like me, and who will summon me? What shepherd is able to resist me?
Jer 50:45 So listen to the plans that Yehowah has decided against Babylon, the plans that he has planned against the land of the Chaldeans. They will certainly be dragged away, even the smallest flock. Their pasturelands will be turned into ruined places.
Jer 50:46 At the sound of conquered Babylon, the earth shakes, and their shout of distress is heard among the ethnicities!”

Jeremiah Chapter 51

Jer 51:1 Yehowah declares this: “See, I am about to stir up a wind of destruction against Babylon and against those who live in Leb Kamai.
Jer 51:2 I will send foreigners to Babylon. They will scatter her and devastate her land, for they will come against her from all around on the day of disaster.
Jer 51:3 Do not let the archers bend their bows; do not let them put on armor. Do not spare her young men; set her whole military force apart for destruction.
Jer 51:4 For the wounded people will fall in the land of the Chaldeans; those who are killed will fall in her streets.
Jer 51:5 For Israel and Judah are not forsaken by their Divine One, by Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, although their land is filled with offenses committed against the Set-apart One of Israel.
Jer 51:6 Flee from the midst of Babylon; let each man save himself (Acts 2:40). Do not perish in her iniquity. For it is the time of the vengeance of Yehowah. He will repay all of it to her.
Jer 51:7 Babylon was a golden cup in the hand of Yehowah that made all the land drunk; ethnicities drank her wine and became insane.
Jer 51:8 Babylon will fall suddenly and be destroyed. Wail for her! Give her balm for her pain; perhaps she can be healed.
Jer 51:9 ‘We wished to heal Babylon, but she is not healed. Let us all leave her and go away to our own land. For her guilt reaches up to the heavens; it is piled up to the clouds.
Jer 51:10 Yehowah has declared our innocence. Come, let us tell in Zion the deeds of Yehowah our Divine One!’
Jer 51:11 Sharpen the arrows and take up the shields. Yehowah is stirring up the spirit of the king of the Medes in a plan to destroy Babylon. This is for the vengeance of Yehowah, vengeance for the destruction of his temple.
Jer 51:12 Raise the banner over Babylon’s walls; post the guards. Place the sentinels; hide soldiers to catch anyone running from the city, for Yehowah will do what he has planned. He will do what he has announced against Babylon’s inhabitants.
Jer 51:13 You people who live by many streams of water, you people who are rich with treasures, your end has come. The thread of your life is now cut short.
Jer 51:14 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces has sworn by his own life, ‘I will fill you with your enemies, like a locust plague; they will raise a battle cry against you.’”
Jer 51:15 “He has made the earth by his power; he set in place the globe by his wisdom. By his understanding he stretched out the heavens.

Jer 51:16 When he thunders, there is the roar of waters in the heavens, for he brings up the mist from the ends of the earth. He makes lightning for rain and sends out wind from his storehouses.
Jer 51:17 Every man becomes like an animal without knowledge; every metalworker is put to shame by his idols. For his cast images are frauds; there is no life in them.
Jer 51:18 They are useless, the work of mockers; they will perish at the time of their punishment.
Jer 51:19 But Yehowah, the portion of Jacob, is not like these, for he is the molder of all things. Israel is the tribe of his inheritance; Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces is his name.”
Jer 51:20 “You are my war hammer, my weapon for battle. With you, I will smash ethnicities and destroy kingdoms.
Jer 51:21 With you, I will smash cavalry; with you, I will smash chariots and their drivers.
Jer 51:22 With you, I will smash each man and woman; with you, I will smash the old and the young. With you, I will smash the young men and the virgin girls.
Jer 51:23 With you, I will smash the shepherds and their flocks; with you, I will smash the plowmen and their teams. With you, I will smash the governors and officials.
Jer 51:24 For in your sight, I will pay Babylon and all the inhabitants of Chaldea for all of the evil that they did in Zion,” declares Yehowah.
Jer 51:25 “See, I am against you, you mountain, you who destroy other people,” declares Yehowah, “destroying all the earth. I will strike you with my hand and roll you down from the cliffs. Then I will make you a mountain burned completely through.
Jer 51:26 So they will not take from you any stone to construct a building’s corner or foundation; for you will become an everlasting devastation,” declares Yehowah.
Jer 51:27 “Lift up a banner over the earth. Blow the trumpet over the ethnicities. Call the ethnicities to attack her: Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz. Appoint a commander to attack her; bring up cavalry like swarming locusts.
Jer 51:28 Prepare the ethnicities to attack her: the kings of the Medes and his governors, all of his officials and all the lands under his rule.
Jer 51:29 For the land will shake and be in anguish, since the plans of Yehowah continue against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a wasteland where there is no inhabitant.
Jer 51:30 The soldiers in Babylon have stopped fighting; they stay in their strongholds. Their strength has failed; they have become women, her homes are on fire, the bars of her gates are broken.

Jer 51:31 A messenger runs to proclaim to another messenger, and a runner tells another runner to report to the king of Babylon that his city has been taken from end to end.
Jer 51:32 So the fords over the river are seized; the enemy is burning the reed marshes, and Babylon's fighting men are confused.
Jer 51:33 For Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, declares this: The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor. It is time to trample her down. In a little while, the time of harvest will come to her.
Jer 51:34 Jerusalem says, 'Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has devoured me. He has drained me dry and has made me into an empty pot. He has swallowed me like a crocodile. He filled his stomach with my good food. He has rinsed me out.'
Jer 51:35 The inhabitants of Zion will say, 'May the violence done to me and my flesh be on Babylon.' Jerusalem will say, 'May my blood be on the inhabitants of Chaldea.'
Jer 51:36 Therefore, Yehowah declares this: See, I am about to plead your case and bring about vengeance for you. For I will dry up Babylon's waters and make her springs run dry.
Jer 51:37 Babylon will become heaps of rubble, a den of jackals, a horror, an object of whistling, where there are no inhabitants.
Jer 51:38 The Babylonians will roar together like young lions. They will growl like lion cubs.
Jer 51:39 When they become hot with greed, I will make a feast for them; I will make them drunk, so they become happy, and then sleep an unending sleep and not wake up," declares Yehowah,
Jer 51:40 "I will send them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with male goats.
Jer 51:41 How Babylon has been captured! So the praise of all the earth is seized. How Babylon has become a ruined place among the ethnicities.
Jer 51:42 The sea has come up over Babylon! She is covered with its roaring waves.
Jer 51:43 Her cities have become a desolation, a dry land and a wilderness, a land that no one inhabits, and no human passes through.
Jer 51:44 So I will punish Bel in Babylon; I will bring out from his mouth what he swallowed, and the ethnicities will no longer flow to him with their offerings. The walls of Babylon will fall.
Jer 51:45 Go out from her midst, my people. Let each of you save his own life from the fury of the wrath of Yehowah (Rev. 18:4; 2 Cor. 6:17).
Jer 51:46 Do not let your hearts be timid or fear the intelligence report that is heard in the land, for the intelligence report will come one year. After it, in the

next year, there will be another intelligence report, and violence will be in the land. Ruler will be against ruler.
Jer 51:47 Therefore see, days are coming when I will punish the carved idols of Babylon. All of her land will be ashamed, and all of her slaughtered ones will fall in her midst.
Jer 51:48 Then Heaven and earth, and all that is in them will rejoice over Babylon. For destroyers will come for her from the north," declares Yehowah.
Jer 51:49 "As Babylon has made the killed of Israel fall, so the killed of all her land will fall in Babylon.
Jer 51:50 Survivors of the sword, go away! Do not stay still. Call Yehowah to mind from far away; let Jerusalem come to mind.
Jer 51:51 We are ashamed, for we have heard insults; reproach has covered our faces, for foreigners have entered the set-apart places of the temple of Yehowah.
Jer 51:52 Therefore see, days are coming," declares Yehowah, "when I will punish her carved idols, and the wounded people will groan in all of her land.
Jer 51:53 For even if Babylon went up to the heavens or fortified her highest fortresses, destroyers would come from me to her," declares Yehowah.
Jer 51:54 "A shout of distress came from Babylon, a great collapse from the land of the Chaldeans.
Jer 51:55 For Yehowah is destroying Babylon. He is causing her loud voice to perish. Their enemies roar like the waves of many waters; their noisy voice resounds.
Jer 51:56 For the destroyers have come against her, against Babylon, and her warriors have been captured. Their bows are broken, for Yehowah is the Mighty One of vengeance; he will surely carry out this repayment.
Jer 51:57 For I will make her princes, her sages, her officials, and her soldiers drunk, and they will sleep in an unending sleep and never wake up," declares the King: Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces is his name.
Jer 51:58 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces declares this: "The thick walls of Babylon will be completely demolished, and her high gates will be burned. Then the people coming to her aid will labor uselessly; everything that the ethnicities try to do for her will be burned up and exhaust them."
Jer 51:59 This is the word that Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah son of Neriah son of Machseiah when he went with Zedekiah king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year (c. 594 BC) of his reign. Now Seraiah was a chief officer.
Jer 51:60 For Jeremiah had written in a Scroll about all the disaster that was going to come on Babylon, all these words that were written about Babylon.
Jer 51:61 Jeremiah ordered Seraiah, "When you go to Babylon, then you will see, and you will read these words aloud.

Jer 51:62 Then you will say, ‘Yehowah, you yourself have declared that you would destroy this place, and that no man or animal will live in it, and it will be desolate forever.’
Jer 51:63 Then when you have finished reading this Scroll, tie a stone to it and throw it into the middle of the Euphrates.
Jer 51:64 Prophesy, ‘Babylon will sink like this. It will not arise, because of the disaster that I am sending against it, and they will fall’” (Rev. 18:21). Jeremiah’s words end here.

Jeremiah Chapter 52

Jer 52:1 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign; he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal; she was the daughter of Jeremiah from Libnah.
Jer 52:2 He did what was evil in the sight of Yehowah; he did everything that Jehoiakim had done.
Jer 52:3 Through the anger of Yehowah, all these events happened in Jerusalem and Judah, until he drove them from before himself. Then Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.
Jer 52:4 It happened that in the ninth year (c. 589 BC) of the reign of King Zedekiah, on the tenth of the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came with all his military force against Jerusalem. They camped opposite it, and they built a siege wall around it.
Jer 52:5 So the city was besieged, until the eleventh year (c. 587 BC) of King Zedekiah's reign.
Jer 52:6 On the ninth of the fourth month, the famine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.
Jer 52:7 Then the city was broken into, and all the fighting men fled and went out of the city at night by the way of the gate that was between the two walls, by the king's garden, although the Chaldeans were all around the city. So they went in the direction of the Arabah.
Jer 52:8 But the military force of Chaldeans pursued the king and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of the Jordan River valley near Jericho. All his military force was scattered away from him.
Jer 52:9 They captured the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he passed sentence on him.
Jer 52:10 The king of Babylon slaughtered Zedekiah's sons before his own eyes, and at Riblah he also slaughtered all the leaders of Judah.
Jer 52:11 Then he put out Zedekiah's eyes, bound him in bronze chains, and brought him to Babylon. The king of Babylon put him in prison until the day of his death.
Jer 52:12 Now on the tenth of the fifth month (2 Kings 25:8), which was the nineteenth year (c. 587 BC, Hebrew reckoning) of the reign of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan came to Jerusalem. He was the commander of the king's bodyguards and a servant of the king of Babylon.
Jer 52:13 He burned the temple of Yehowah, the king's palace, and all the houses of Jerusalem; also every important building in the city he burned.
Jer 52:14 As for the walls around Jerusalem, all the military force of the Babylonians who were with the commander of the bodyguard destroyed them.

Jer 52:15 As for the poorest people, the rest of the people who were left in the city, those who had deserted to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the craftsmen, Nebuzaradan, the commander of the bodyguard, took some of them away into exile.
Jer 52:16 But Nebuzaradan, the commander of the bodyguard, left some of the poorest of the land to work the vineyards and fields.
Jer 52:17 As for the bronze pillars that belonged to the temple of Yehowah, and the stands, and the bronze sea that were in the temple of Yehowah, the Chaldeans broke them into pieces and carried all the bronze back to Babylon.
Jer 52:18 The pots, shovels, lamp trimmers, bowls, and all the utensils of bronze with which the priests had served in the temple, the Chaldeans took them all away.
Jer 52:19 The basins and the incense burners, the bowls, pots, menorot, pans, and basins that were made of gold, and those made of silver, the captain of the king's guard took them away as well.
Jer 52:20 The two pillars, the sea, and the twelve bronze bulls that were under the stands, things that Solomon had made for the temple of Yehowah, contained more bronze than could be weighed.
Jer 52:21 The pillars were each nine meters high, and a line around each one measured six meters. Each was eight centimeters thick and hollow.
Jer 52:22 A capital of bronze was on top of it. The capital was two and one-half meters high, with latticework and pomegranates all around. It was all made of bronze. The other pillar and its pomegranates were the same as the first.
Jer 52:23 So there were ninety-six pomegranates on the capital's sides, and one hundred pomegranates above the surrounding latticework.
Jer 52:24 The commander of the bodyguard took prisoner Seraiah, the high priest, together with Zephaniah, the second priest, and the three gatekeepers.
Jer 52:25 From the city, he took prisoner an officer who was in charge of soldiers, and seven men of those who advised the king, who were still in the city. He also took prisoner the king's military officer responsible for drafting men into the military, along with sixty important men from the land who were in the city.
Jer 52:26 Then Nebuzaradan, the commander of the bodyguard, took them and brought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah.
Jer 52:27 The king of Babylon executed them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. In this way, Judah went out of its land into exile.
Jer 52:28 These were the people who Nebuchadnezzar exiled: in the seventh year (c. 598 BC), 3,023 Judeans.
Jer 52:29 In the eighteenth year (c. 587 BC, Babylonian reckoning) of Nebuchadnezzar he took 832 people from Jerusalem.

Jer 52:30 In the twenty-third year (c. 582 BC) of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan, the commander of the king's bodyguard, exiled 745 Judean people. All the exiled people totaled 4,600.
Jer 52:31 It happened later, in the thirty-seventh year (c. 562-561 BC) of the exile of Jehoiachin, king of Judah, on the twenty-fifth of the twelfth month, that Evil-Merodach, king of Babylon released Jehoiachin, king of Judah, from prison. This happened in the year that Evil-Merodach began to reign.
Jer 52:32 He spoke kindly to him and gave him a seat more honorable than that of the other kings who were with him in Babylon.
Jer 52:33 Evil-Merodach removed Jehoiachin's prison clothes, and Jehoiachin ate regularly at the king's table for the rest of his life,
Jer 52:34 and a regular food allowance was given to him every day for the rest of his life, until his death.

Book of Lamentations

Lamentations Chapter 1

Lam 1:1 The city that once was full of people is now sitting all alone. She has become like a widow, though she was a mighty nation. She was a princess among the ethnicities but is now forced into slavery.
Lam 1:2 She weeps and wails in the night, and her tears cover her cheeks. None of her lovers comfort her. All her friends have betrayed her. They have become her enemies.
Lam 1:3 After poverty and affliction, Judah has gone into exile. She lives among the ethnicities and finds no rest. All her pursuers overtook her in her desperation.
Lam 1:4 The roads of Zion mourn, because none come to the appointment calendar festivals. All her gates are desolate. Her priests groan. Her virgins are sorrowful, and she herself is in complete distress.
Lam 1:5 Her adversaries have become her master; her enemies prosper. Yehowah has afflicted her for her many sins. Her little children go into captivity to her adversary.
Lam 1:6 Beauty has left the daughter of Zion. Her princes have become like deer that cannot find pasture, and they go without strength before their pursuer.
Lam 1:7 In the days of her affliction and her homelessness, Jerusalem will call to mind all her precious treasures that she had in former days. When her people fell into the hand of the adversary, no one helped her. The adversaries saw her and laughed at her destruction.
Lam 1:8 Jerusalem sinned greatly, therefore, she has become scorned as something that is filthy. All who honored her now despise her, since they have seen her nakedness. She groans and tries to turn away.
Lam 1:9 She has become unclean beneath her skirts. She did not think about her future. Her fall was terrible. There was no one to comfort her. She cried out, "Look at my affliction, Yehowah, for the enemy has become too great!"
Lam 1:10 The adversary has put his hand on all our precious treasures. She has seen the ethnicities enter her sanctuary, even though you had commanded that they must not enter into your assembly.
Lam 1:11 All her people groan as they search for bread. They have given their precious treasures for food to restore their lives. Look, Yehowah, and consider me, for I have become worthless.

Lam 1:12 Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is anyone else's sorrow like the sorrow that is being inflicted on me, since Yehowah has tormented me on the Day of his fierce anger.
Lam 1:13 It is from on high that he has sent fire into my bones, and it has conquered them. He has spread a net for my feet and turned me back. He has made me constantly desolate and weak.
Lam 1:14 The yoke of my transgressions is bound together by his hand. They are knit together and placed upon my neck. He has made my strength fail. The Lord has given me over into their hands, and I am not able to stand.
Lam 1:15 The Lord has tossed aside all my valiant men who defended me. He has called an assembly against me to crush my vigorous men. The Lord has trampled the virgin daughter of Judah as in a winepress.
Lam 1:16 For these things I weep. My eyes, water flows down from my eyes, since the Comforter (Menachem) who should restore my life is far from me. My children are desolate, because the enemy has triumphed.
Lam 1:17 Zion has spread her hands wide; there is none to comfort her. Yehowah has commanded that those around Jacob should be his adversaries. Jerusalem is something unclean to them.
Lam 1:18 Yehowah is righteous, for I have rebelled against his commandment. Hear, all you people, and see my sorrow. My virgins and my vigorous men have gone into captivity.
Lam 1:19 I called for my friends, but they were treacherous toward me. My priests and my elders perished in the city, while they sought food to restore their lives.
Lam 1:20 Look, Yehowah, for I am in distress; my stomach churns, my heart is disturbed within me, for I have been defiantly rebellious. Outside, the sword bereaves a mother, inside the house there is only death.
Lam 1:21 They have heard my groaning, but there is no one to comfort me. All my enemies have heard of my trouble, and they are glad that you have done it. You have brought the Day you promised; now let them become like me.
Lam 1:22 Let all their wickedness come before you. Deal with them as you have dealt with me because of all my transgressions. My groans are many, and my heart is faint.

Lamentations Chapter 2

Lam 2:1 The Lord has covered the daughter of Zion under the cloud of his anger. He has thrown the splendor of Israel down from Heaven to earth. He has not remembered his footstool on the Day of his anger.
Lam 2:2 The Lord has swallowed up and has had no compassion on all the towns of Jacob. In the days of his anger, he has thrown down the fortified cities of the daughter of Judah; in dishonor he has brought down to the ground the kingdom and its rulers.
Lam 2:3 With fierce anger he has cut off every horn of Israel. He has withdrawn his right hand from before the enemy. He has burned up Jacob like a blazing fire that devours everything around it.
Lam 2:4 Like an enemy he has bent his bow toward us, with his right hand, as an opponent, he is ready to shoot. He has slaughtered all who had been so pleasing to him in the tent of the daughter of Zion; he has poured out his wrath like fire.
Lam 2:5 The Lord has become like an enemy. He has swallowed up Israel. He has swallowed up all her palaces. He has destroyed her strongholds. He has increased mourning and lamentation within the daughter of Judah.
Lam 2:6 He has attacked his tabernacle like a garden hut. He has destroyed the place of the festive assembly. Yehowah has caused both appointment calendar festivals and Sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion, for he has despised both king and priest in the indignation of his anger.
Lam 2:7 The Lord has rejected his altar and disowned his sanctuary. He has given over the walls of her palaces into the hand of the enemy. They have raised a shout in the temple of Yehowah, as on the day of an appointment calendar festival!
Lam 2:8 Yehowah decided to destroy the city wall of the daughter of Zion. He has stretched out the measuring line and has not withheld his hand from destroying the wall. He has made the ramparts and wall to lament; together they wasted away.
Lam 2:9 Her gates have sunk into the ground; he has destroyed and broken the bars of her gate. Her king and her princes are among the ethnicities, the law is no more, and her prophets find no vision from Yehowah.
Lam 2:10 The elders of the daughter of Zion sit on the ground in silence. They have thrown dust on their heads and put on sackcloth. The virgins of Jerusalem bowed their heads to the ground.
Lam 2:11 My eyes have failed from their tears; my stomach churns; my inner parts are poured out to the ground because of the destruction of the daughter of my people, children and infants faint in the streets of the city.

Lam 2:12 They ask their mothers, “Where is grain and wine?” As they faint like a wounded man in the streets of the city, their lives are poured out on the bosom of their mothers.
Lam 2:13 What can I say to you, daughter of Jerusalem? To what can I compare you, that I may comfort you, virgin daughter of Zion? Your wound is as great as the sea. Who can heal you?
Lam 2:14 Your prophets have seen false and worthless visions for you. They have not exposed your iniquity to restore your fortunes, but for you they have seen oracles that are false and misleading.
Lam 2:15 All those who pass along the road clap their hands at you. They whistle and shake their heads against the daughter of Jerusalem, and ask, “Is this the city that they called, ‘The Perfection of Beauty,’ ‘The Joy of All the Earth?’”
Lam 2:16 All your enemies open their mouths and mock you. They sneer, grind their teeth, and proclaim, “We have swallowed her up! This is the day we have waited for! We have lived to see it!”
Lam 2:17 Yehowah has done what he planned to do. He has fulfilled his word that he had commanded in days of old. He has overthrown you without pity, for he has permitted the enemy to rejoice over you; he has lifted up the horn of your enemies.
Lam 2:18 Their heart cried out to the Lord, O walls of the daughter of Zion! Make your tears flow down like a river day and night. Give yourself no relief, your eyes no relief.
Lam 2:19 Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the night watches! Pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord. Lift up your hands to him for the lives of your children who faint with hunger at the corner of every street.
Lam 2:20 See, Yehowah, and consider those you have dealt with in this way. Should women eat the fruit of their wombs, the children whom they have cared for? Should priest and prophet be slaughtered in the sanctuary of the Lord?
Lam 2:21 Both the young and the old lie on the dust of the streets. My young women and my young men have fallen by the sword; you have slaughtered them in the Day of your anger without taking pity on them.
Lam 2:22 You have summoned, as you would call the people to an appointment calendar festival, my terrors on every side, on the Day of the anger of Yehowah no one escaped or survived; those I cared for and raised, my enemy has destroyed.

Lamentations Chapter 3

Lam 3:1 I am a man who has seen misery under the rod of the fury of the Almighty.
Lam 3:2 He drove me away and caused me to walk in darkness rather than light.
Lam 3:3 Surely, he turned his hand against me again and again, the whole day long.
Lam 3:4 He made my flesh and my skin waste away; he broke my bones.
Lam 3:5 He built up siege works against me and surrounded me with bitterness and hardship.
Lam 3:6 He made me live in dark places, like those who died long ago.
Lam 3:7 He built a wall around me, and I cannot escape. He made my chains heavy,
Lam 3:8 and though I call out and cry for help, he shut out my prayer.
Lam 3:9 He blocked my path with a wall of hewn stone; he made my paths crooked.
Lam 3:10 He is like a bear waiting to ambush me, a lion in hiding;
Lam 3:11 he turned aside my paths and tore me to pieces, he has made me desolate.
Lam 3:12 He bent his bow and set me as a target for his arrow.
Lam 3:13 He pierced my heart with the arrows of his quiver.
Lam 3:14 I became a laughingstock to all my people, the object of their taunting all day long.
Lam 3:15 He filled me with bitterness and forced me to drink wormwood.
Lam 3:16 He crushed my teeth with gravel; he has pushed me down into the dust.
Lam 3:17 My soul is deprived of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is.
Lam 3:18 So I say, “My endurance has perished and so has my hope in Yehowah.”
Lam 3:19 Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and bitterness (opium).
Lam 3:20 I continually remember it, and I am bowed down within me.
Lam 3:21 But I call this to mind, and therefore I have hope:
Lam 3:22 The steadfast love of Yehowah never ceases, and his compassions never end,
Lam 3:23 they are new every dawn; your faithfulness is great.
Lam 3:24 I proclaimed, “Yehowah is my inheritance,” therefore, I will hope in him.
Lam 3:25 Yehowah is good to those who wait for him, to the one who seeks him.
Lam 3:26 It is good to wait silently for the salvation of Yehowah.
Lam 3:27 It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

Lam 3:28 Let him sit alone in silence, when it is laid upon him.
Lam 3:29 Let him put his mouth in the dust, there may yet be hope (Mat. 26:39; Mark 14:35).
Lam 3:30 Let him give his cheek to the one who strikes him, and let him be filled full with disgrace.
Lam 3:31 For the Lord will not reject us forever,
Lam 3:32 but though he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
Lam 3:33 For he does not afflict from his heart or torment the children of mankind.
Lam 3:34 To crush underfoot all the prisoners of the earth,
Lam 3:35 to deny a man justice in the presence of the Most High,
Lam 3:36 to deny justice to a person, the Lord would not approve such things!
Lam 3:37 Who has spoken and it came to pass, unless the Lord decreed it?
Lam 3:38 Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that both calamities and the good come?
Lam 3:39 How can any person alive complain? How can a person complain about the punishment for his sins?
Lam 3:40 Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to Yehowah.
Lam 3:41 Let us lift up our hearts and our hands to the Almighty in Heaven:
Lam 3:42 We have transgressed and rebelled, and you have not forgiven.
Lam 3:43 You have covered yourself with anger and pursued us, you have killed, and you have not spared.
Lam 3:44 You have covered yourself with a cloud, so that no prayer can pass through.
Lam 3:45 You have made us like filthy scum and refuse among the ethnicities.
Lam 3:46 All our enemies curse us,
Lam 3:47 panic and pitfall have come upon us, ruin and destruction.
Lam 3:48 My eyes flow with streams of tears, because my people are destroyed.
Lam 3:49 My eyes will shed tears without ceasing; without relief,
Lam 3:50 until he will look down, and Yehowah will see from Heaven.
Lam 3:51 My eyes cause me grief because of all the daughters of my city.
Lam 3:52 I have been hunted like a bird by those who were my enemies; they hunted me without a reason.
Lam 3:53 They cast me into a pit, and they threw a stone on me,
Lam 3:54 and waters poured over my head. I cried, “I have been cut off!”
Lam 3:55 I called on your name, Yehowah, from the depths of the pit.
Lam 3:56 You heard my voice when I called, “Do not close your ear to my cry for help!”
Lam 3:57 You came near on the day I called on you; you ordered, “Do not fear!”
Lam 3:58 O Lord, you defended my case, you saved my life!

Lam 3:59 Yehowah, you have seen the wrong they have done to me; judge my case.
Lam 3:60 You have seen their insults, all their plots against me.
Lam 3:61 You have heard their scorn, Yehowah, and all their plans regarding me.
Lam 3:62 The lips of those who rise up against me, and their accusations, come against me all the day.
Lam 3:63 Look at how they sit and then rise up; they mock me with their songs.
Lam 3:64 Pay back to them, Yehowah, according to what they have done.
Lam 3:65 You will let their hearts be blind! May your condemnation be upon them!
Lam 3:66 You pursue them in anger and destroy them from under Heaven, Yehowah!

Lamentations Chapter 4

Lam 4:1 The gold has become tarnished; how the purest gold has changed! The set-apart stones are scattered at the corner of every street.
Lam 4:2 The precious sons of Zion were worth their weight in pure gold, but now they are worth no more than clay jars, the work of the potter's hands!
Lam 4:3 Even the jackals offer the breast to nurse their cubs, but the daughter of my people has become cruel, like the ostriches in the desert.
Lam 4:4 The tongue of the nursing baby sticks to the roof of his mouth from thirst; the children ask for food, but there is none for them.
Lam 4:5 The ones who used to feast on expensive food now starve in the streets; those who were brought up wearing purple clothing, now lie upon piles of garbage.
Lam 4:6 The punishment of the daughter of my people is greater than that of Sodom, and it was overthrown in a moment, and no one lifted a hand to help her.
Lam 4:7 Her Nazirites were purer than snow, whiter than milk; their bodies were more ruddy than coral, their form was like sapphire.
Lam 4:8 Their appearance now is darker than soot; they are not recognized in the streets. Their skin has shriveled on their bones; it has become as dry as wood.
Lam 4:9 Those who have been killed by the sword were happier than those killed by hunger, who wasted away, pierced by the lack of any harvest from the field.
Lam 4:10 The hands of compassionate women have boiled their own children; they became their food during the time when the daughter of my people was being destroyed.
Lam 4:11 Yehowah showed all his wrath; he poured out his fierce anger. He kindled a fire in Zion that consumed her foundations.
Lam 4:12 The kings of the earth did not believe, nor did any of the inhabitants of the globe believe, that enemies or opponents could enter the gates of Jerusalem.
Lam 4:13 This happened because of the sins of her prophets and the iniquities of her priests, who have shed the blood of the righteous in her midst.
Lam 4:14 They wandered, blind, through the streets. They were so defiled by that blood, that no one was allowed to touch their clothes.
Lam 4:15 "Away! Unclean!" people cried at them. "Away! Away! Do not touch!" So they wandered about; people said among the ethnicities, "They can stay here no longer."
Lam 4:16 Yehowah himself scattered them; he does not watch over them anymore. They do not honor the priests, and they did not show any grace to the elders.

Lam 4:17 Our eyes failed, looking in vain for help; from our watchtowers, we watched for an ethnicity that could not rescue us.
Lam 4:18 They followed our steps, we could not walk in our streets. Our end was near, and our days were numbered, our end had come.
Lam 4:19 Our pursuers were swifter than the eagles in the sky. They chased us to the mountains and lay in wait for us in the wilderness.
Lam 4:20 The breath in our nostrils, the anointed one of Yehowah, he was the one who was captured in their pits; of whom it was said, “Under his shadow, we would live among the ethnicities.”
Lam 4:21 Rejoice and be glad, daughter of Edom, you who live in the land of Uz. But to you also the cup will be passed; you will be drunk and strip yourself naked.
Lam 4:22 Daughter of Zion, your punishment will come to an end, he will not extend your exile. But daughter of Edom, he will punish; he will uncover your sins.

Lamentations Chapter 5

Lam 5:1 Remember, Yehowah, what has happened to us, look and see our disgrace.
Lam 5:2 Our inheritance has been turned over to foreigners; our houses to resident aliens.
Lam 5:3 We have become orphans, the fatherless, and our mothers are like widows.
Lam 5:4 We must pay silver-currency for the water we drink, and we must pay silver-currency to get our own wood.
Lam 5:5 Those who are coming after us are close behind us; we are weary, and we can find no rest.
Lam 5:6 We have given ourselves to Egypt and to Assyria to get enough food.
Lam 5:7 Our fathers sinned, and they are no more, and we bear their iniquities.
Lam 5:8 Slaves rule over us, and there is no one to deliver us from their hand.
Lam 5:9 We get our bread only by risking our lives because of the sword in the wilderness.
Lam 5:10 Our skin has grown as hot as an oven because of the burning heat of hunger.
Lam 5:11 Women are raped in Zion and virgins in the cities of Judah.
Lam 5:12 Princes are hung up by their own hands and no honor is shown to the elders.
Lam 5:13 Young men are forced to grind grain with a millstone, and boys stagger under heavy loads of wood.
Lam 5:14 The elders have left the city gate, and the young men have left their music.
Lam 5:15 The joy of our heart has ceased, and our dancing has turned into mourning.
Lam 5:16 The crown has fallen from our head; woe to us, for we have sinned!
Lam 5:17 For this our heart has become sick, for these things our eyes grow dim,
Lam 5:18 for Mount Zion lies desolate, with jackals prowling over it.
Lam 5:19 But you, Yehowah, reign forever, and you will sit upon your throne from generation to generation.
Lam 5:20 Why do you forget us forever? Why do you forsake us for so many days?
Lam 5:21 Restore us to yourself, Yehowah, and we will be restored. Renew our days as they were long ago,
Lam 5:22 unless you have utterly rejected us, and you are angry with us beyond measure.

Book of Ezekiel

Ezekiel Chapter 1

Eze 1:1 In the thirtieth year (of the 50-year Jubilee Cycle), on the fifth of the fourth month, it came about that I was living among the captives by the Chebar Canal. The heavens opened, and I saw visions of the Almighty.
Eze 1:2 On the fifth of that month, it was the fifth year (c. 594 BC) of the exile of King Jehoiachin,
Eze 1:3 the Word of Yehowah came with power to Ezekiel son of Buzi the priest, in the land of the Chaldeans by the Chebar Canal, the hand of Yehowah was upon him there.
Eze 1:4 Then I looked, and there was a hurricane-force wind coming from the north; a great cloud with fire flashing within it and brightness surrounding it and inside of it, and the fire was the color of amber inside the cloud.
Eze 1:5 In the middle was the likeness of four living creatures. This was their appearance: They had the likeness of a man,
Eze 1:6 but they had four faces each, and each of the creatures had four wings.
Eze 1:7 Their legs were straight, but the soles of their feet were like the hooves of a calf that shone like polished bronze.
Eze 1:8 Yet they had human hands under their wings on all four sides. For all four, their faces and wings were like this:
Eze 1:9 Their wings were touching the wings of the next creature, and they did not turn as they went; instead, each one went straight forward.
Eze 1:10 The appearance of their faces was like the face of a man, next, the face of a lion to the right, next, the face of an ox to the left, and finally, the face of an eagle.
Eze 1:11 Their faces were like that, and their wings were spread out above, so that each creature had a pair of wings that touched another creature's wing, and also a pair of wings that covered their bodies.
Eze 1:12 Each went straight forward, so that wherever the Ruach directed them to go, they went without turning.
Eze 1:13 The living creatures looked like burning coals of fire, or like torches; bright fire also moved about among the creatures, and there were flashes of lightning.
Eze 1:14 The living creatures were moving swiftly back and forth, and they looked like lightning!

Eze 1:15 Then I looked at the living creatures; there was one wheel on the ground beside the living creatures, with its four faces.
Eze 1:16 This was the appearance and structure of the wheels: Each wheel was like beryl, and the four were all the same; they looked like a wheel intersecting another wheel.
Eze 1:17 When the wheels moved, they went without turning in any direction the creatures faced.
Eze 1:18 As for their rims, they were high and fearsome, for the rims of all four were full of eyes round about.
Eze 1:19 Whenever the living creatures moved, the wheels moved beside them. When the living creatures rose up from the earth, the wheels also rose up.
Eze 1:20 Wherever the Ruach would go, they went, and the wheels rose up beside them, for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.
Eze 1:21 Whenever the creatures moved, the wheels also moved; and when the creatures stood still, the wheels stood still; when the creatures rose up from the earth, the wheels rose up beside them, because the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.
Eze 1:22 Over the heads of the living creatures was what looked like an expansive dome; it looked like awe-inspiring crystal stretched out over their heads above.
Eze 1:23 Beneath the dome, each one of the creature's wings stretched out straight and touched another creature's wings. Each of the living creatures also had a pair to cover themselves; each had a pair to cover his own body.
Eze 1:24 Then I heard the sound of their wings. Like the noise of rushing water. Like the voice of the Most Powerful whenever they moved. Like the sound of a military force. Whenever they stood still, they lowered their wings.
Eze 1:25 A voice came from above the dome over their heads, whenever they stood still and lowered their wings.
Eze 1:26 Above the dome over their heads was the appearance of a throne that looked like sapphire, and on the throne was the appearance of One who looked like a Man.
Eze 1:27 I saw a figure that looked like glowing metal with fire in it from his hips up; from his hips downward it looked like fire and brightness all around.
Eze 1:28 It looked like a rainbow that appears in the clouds on a rainy day, and like bright light surrounding it. This appeared as the likeness of the glory of Yehowah. When I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice speaking.

Ezekiel Chapter 2

Eze 2:1 He commanded me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet; then I will speak to you.”
Eze 2:2 Then as he spoke to me, the Ruach entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me,
Eze 2:3 “Son of man, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to rebellious nations that have rebelled against me, both they and their ancestors have sinned against me up to this very day!
Eze 2:4 Their descendants have stubborn faces and hard hearts. I am sending you to them, and you will say to them, ‘This is what Lord Yehowah declares.’
Eze 2:5 Either they will listen, or they will not listen. They are a rebellious house, but they will at least know that a prophet has been among them.
Eze 2:6 You, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, although you are with briers and thorns, and although you live with scorpions. Do not fear their words or be dismayed by their faces, since they are a rebellious house.
Eze 2:7 But you will speak my words to them, whether they listen or not, because they are most rebellious.
Eze 2:8 But you, son of man, listen to what I am saying to you. Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house. Open your mouth and eat what I am about to give to you!”
Eze 2:9 Then I looked, and a hand was extended out to me; in it was a written Scroll.
Eze 2:10 He spread it out before me; it had been written on both its front and back, and written on it were lamentations, mourning, and woe.

Ezekiel Chapter 3

Eze 3:1 He ordered me, “Son of man, what you have found, eat. Eat this Scroll, then go speak to the house of Israel.”
Eze 3:2 So I opened my mouth, and he fed me that Scroll.
Eze 3:3 He ordered me, “Son of man, feed your belly and fill your stomach with this Scroll that I have given to you!” So I ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth.
Eze 3:4 Then he ordered me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak my words to them.
Eze 3:5 For you are not being sent to a people of a foreign speech or a difficult language, but to the house of Israel,
Eze 3:6 not to many ethnicities speaking multilingually, whose words you could not understand! If I sent you to them, they would listen to you.
Eze 3:7 But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me. So all the house of Israel is strongbrowed and hardhearted.
Eze 3:8 Behold! I have made your face as stubborn as their faces and your brow as hard as their brows.
Eze 3:9 I have made your brow like a diamond, harder than flint! Do not fear them or be discouraged by their faces, since they are a rebellious house.”
Eze 3:10 Then he said to me, “Son of man, all the words that I announce to you, take them into your heart and hear them with your ears!
Eze 3:11 Then go to the captives, to your people, and speak to them, ‘This is what Lord Yehowah declares,’ whether they will listen or not.”
Eze 3:12 Then the Ruach lifted me up, and I heard behind me the sound of a great uproar: “Blessed be the glory of Yehowah from his place!”
Eze 3:13 It was the sound of the wings of the living creatures as they touched one another, and the sound of the wheels that were with them, and the sound of a great vibration.
Eze 3:14 The Ruach lifted me up and took me away, and I went with bitterness in my spirit’s rage, for the hand of Yehowah was powerfully pressing on me!
Eze 3:15 So I went to the captives at Tel Abib who lived along the Chebar Canal, and I stayed there among them for seven days, overwhelmed in amazement.
Eze 3:16 Then it happened after seven days, that the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 3:17 “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel, so listen to the word from my mouth and give them my warning.

Eze 3:18 When I say to the wicked, ‘You will surely die,’ and you do not warn him or speak a warning to the wicked about his evil deeds, so he might live, the wicked one will die for his sin, but I will require his blood from your hand.
Eze 3:19 But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his wicked deeds, then he will die for his sin, but you will have rescued your own life.
Eze 3:20 If a righteous man turns from his righteousness and acts unjustly, and I set a stumbling block before him, he will die. Because you did not warn him, he will die in his sin, and I will not call to mind the righteous deeds that he performed, but I will require his blood from your hand.
Eze 3:21 But if you warn the righteous man to stop sinning, so that he no longer sins, he will surely live since he was warned; and you will have rescued your own life.”
Eze 3:22 So the hand of Yehowah was on me there, and he ordered me, “Arise! Go out into the plain, and I will speak with you there.”
Eze 3:23 I arose and went out into the plain, and there the glory of Yehowah was staying, like the glory that I had seen beside the Chebar Canal; so I fell on my face.
Eze 3:24 The Ruach came to me and stood me up on my feet; and he spoke with me, “Go and shut yourself up within your house,
Eze 3:25 for now, son of man, they will place ropes upon you and tie you, so you cannot go out among them.
Eze 3:26 I will make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth, so you will be mute, and you will not be able to rebuke them, since they are a rebellious house.
Eze 3:27 But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, so you will say to them, ‘This is what Lord Yehowah declares.’ The one who will hear will hear; the one who will not listen will not listen, for they are a rebellious house!”

Ezekiel Chapter 4

Eze 4:1 “But you, son of man, take a brick for yourself and place it before you. Then carve the city of Jerusalem on it.
Eze 4:2 Then lay siege against it and build forts against it. Raise up an assault ramp against it and set camps around it. Place battering rams all around it.
Eze 4:3 Then take for yourself an iron pan and use it as an iron wall between yourself and the city and set your face against it, for it will be under siege, and you are to put the siege against it. This will be a sign to the house of Israel.
Eze 4:4 Then lie on your left side and put the sin of the house of Israel on it; you will carry their sin for the number of days that you lie down against the house of Israel.
Eze 4:5 I myself am assigning to you one day to represent each year of their punishment: 390 days! In this way, you will carry the sin of the house of Israel.
Eze 4:6 When you have completed these days, then lie down a second time on your right side, for you will carry the sin of the house of Judah for forty days. I am assigning to you one day for each year.
Eze 4:7 Set your face toward Jerusalem that is under siege, and with your arm uncovered prophesy against it.
Eze 4:8 For behold! I am placing bonds on you, so you will not turn from one side to the other, until you have completed the days of your siege.
Eze 4:9 Take for yourself wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet, and spelt; put them in a single container and make bread for yourself according to the number of the days that you will lie upon your side. For 390 days you will eat it.
Eze 4:10 The food you will eat will be by weight, two hundred grams per day, and you will eat it at set times each day.
Eze 4:11 Then you will drink water, measured out to one liter, and you will drink it at set times.
Eze 4:12 You will eat it as barley cakes, but you will bake it on excrement of human dung within their sight!”
Eze 4:13 For Yehowah says, “This means that the bread that the people of Israel will eat will be unclean, there among the ethnicities where I will banish them.”
Eze 4:14 But I responded, “Alas, Lord Yehowah! I have never been unclean! I have never eaten either anything that died or anything killed by animals, from my youth until now, and foul meat has never entered my mouth!”
Eze 4:15 So he answered me, “Look! I have given you cow manure instead of human dung, so you can prepare your bread over that.”
Eze 4:16 He also said to me, “Son of man! Behold! I am breaking the staff of bread in Jerusalem, and they will eat bread while rationing it in anxiety and drink water while rationing it in trembling.

Eze 4:17 Because they will lack bread and water, every man will be dismayed at his brother and waste away because of their iniquity.”

Ezekiel Chapter 5

Eze 5:1 “Then you, son of man, take a sharp sword as a barber’s razor for yourself and pass the razor over your head and your beard, then take scales to weigh and divide your hair.
Eze 5:2 Burn a third of it with fire in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are completed, and take a third of the hair and strike it with the sword all around the city. Then scatter a third of it to the wind, and I will draw out a sword to chase after the people.
Eze 5:3 But take a small number of hairs from them and tie them into the folds of your robe.
Eze 5:4 Then take more of the hair and throw it into the midst of the fire; and burn it in the fire; from there a fire will go out to all the house of Israel.”
Eze 5:5 Lord Yehowah says this, “This is Jerusalem in the midst of the ethnicities, where I have placed her, and where I have surrounded her with other lands.
Eze 5:6 But she has in wickedness rejected my decrees more than the ethnicities have, and my statutes more than the countries that surround her. The people have rejected my judgments and have not walked in my statutes.”
Eze 5:7 Therefore, Lord Yehowah says this, “Because you are more troublesome than the ethnicities that surround you and have not walked in my statutes or acted according to my decrees, or even acted according to the decrees of the ethnicities that surround you,”
Eze 5:8 therefore, Lord Yehowah declares this, “Behold! I myself will act against you. I will execute judgments within your midst for the ethnicities to see.
Eze 5:9 I will do to you what I have not done, and the like of which I will not do again, because of all your disgusting actions.
Eze 5:10 Therefore, fathers will eat the children in your midst, and sons will eat their fathers, since I will execute judgment on you and scatter to every direction all of you who are left.
Eze 5:11 Therefore, as I live,” Lord Yehowah declares, “it is certainly because you have defiled my sanctuary with all your hateful things and with all your disgusting deeds, that I myself will reduce you in number; my eye will not have pity on you, and I will not spare you.
Eze 5:12 A third of you will die by plague, and they will be consumed by famine in your midst. A third will fall by the sword surrounding you. Then I will scatter a third in every direction, and draw out a sword to chase after them as well.
Eze 5:13 Then my wrath will be completed, and I will cause my fury toward them to rest. I will be satisfied, and they will know that I, Yehowah, have spoken in my wrath, when I have completed my fury against them.

Eze 5:14 I will make you a desolation and a reproach to the ethnicities that surround you in the sight of everyone who passes by.
Eze 5:15 So Jerusalem will become something for other people to condemn and to mock, a warning and a horror to the ethnicities that surround you. I will execute judgments against you in wrath and fury, and with a furious rebuke, I, Yehowah have declared this!
Eze 5:16 I will send out harsh arrows of famine against you, that will become the means with which I will destroy you. For I will increase the famine on you and break your staff of bread.
Eze 5:17 I will send a famine and disasters against you, so you will be childless. Plague and blood will pass through you, and I will bring a sword against you. I, Yehowah, have declared this."

Ezekiel Chapter 6

Eze 6:1 The Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 6:2 “Son of man, set your face against the mountains of Israel and prophesy to them.
Eze 6:3 Say, ‘Mountains of Israel, listen to the word of Lord Yehowah! Lord Yehowah declares this to the mountains and to the hills, to the streambeds, and to the valleys: Behold! I am bringing a sword against you, and I will destroy your high places.
Eze 6:4 Then your altars will become desolate, and your sun-pillars will be destroyed, and I will throw down your dead in front of their idols.
Eze 6:5 I will lay the dead bodies of the people of Israel before their idols and scatter your bones around your altars.
Eze 6:6 Everywhere you live, cities will be laid waste and the high places ruined, so that your altars will be laid waste and made desolate. Then they will be broken and disappear, your sun-pillars will be cut down, and your works will be wiped away.
Eze 6:7 The dead will fall down in your midst, and you will know that I am Yehowah.
Eze 6:8 But I will preserve a remnant among you, and there will be some who escape the sword among the ethnicities, when you are scattered throughout the countries.
Eze 6:9 Then those who escape will think of me among the ethnicities where they will be held captive, that I was grieved by their promiscuous heart that turned away from me, and by their eyes that whored after their idols. Then they will show loathing on their face for the wickedness which they have committed with all their abominations.
Eze 6:10 So they will know that I am Yehowah. It was for a reason that I said I would bring this evil to them.
Eze 6:11 Lord Yehowah declares this: Clap your hands and stomp your foot! Say, “Alas!” because of all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! For they will fall by sword, famine, and plague.
Eze 6:12 The one far away will die by plague, and the one who is near will fall by the sword. Those who remain and survive will die by famine. In this way, I will accomplish my fury against them.
Eze 6:13 Then you will know that I am Yehowah, when their dead lie among their idols, around their altars, on every high hill, on all the mountain peaks, and under every flourishing tree and thick oak, the places where they burned incense to all their idols.

Eze 6:14 I will strike with my hand and make the land desolate and a waste, from the wilderness to Riblah, throughout all the places where they live. Then they will know that I am Yehowah.”

Ezekiel Chapter 7

Eze 7:1 The Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 7:2 “You, son of man, Lord Yehowah declares this to the land of Israel, ‘An end! An end has come to the four borders of the land.
Eze 7:3 Now the end is upon you, for I am sending out my wrath on you, and I will judge you according to your ways; then I will bring all your abominations upon you.
Eze 7:4 For my eyes will not pity you, and I will not spare you. Instead, I will bring your ways upon you, and your abominations will be in your midst, so you will know that I am Yehowah.’
Eze 7:5 Lord Yehowah declares this: ‘Disaster! A unique disaster! Behold, it is coming.
Eze 7:6 An end is surely coming. The end has woken up against you. Behold, it is coming!
Eze 7:7 Your doom is coming to you who inhabit the land. The time has come; the Day of destruction is near, and the mountains will no longer be joyful.
Eze 7:8 Now before long, I will pour out my fury against you and fill up my wrath upon you, when I judge you according to your ways and bring all your abominations upon you.
Eze 7:9 For my eye will not look compassionately, and I will not spare you. As you have done, I will do to you; and your abominations will be in your midst, so you will know that I am Yehowah, the One punishing you.
Eze 7:10 Behold! The Day is coming. Doom has gone out. The rod has bloomed with the blossom of pride.
Eze 7:11 Violence has grown up into a rod of wickedness, none of them, and none of their multitude, none of their wealth, and none of their importance will last!
Eze 7:12 The time is coming; the Day has come close. Do not let the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn, since my anger is on the entire multitude!
Eze 7:13 For the seller will never return to that which is sold for as long as they live, since the vision is against the entire multitude. They will not return, for no man living in his sin will be strengthened!
Eze 7:14 They have blown the trumpet and made everything ready, but there is no one marching to battle; since my anger is on the entire multitude.
Eze 7:15 The sword is on the outside, and plague and famine are inside the building. Those who are in the field will die by the sword, while famine and plague will consume those in the city.
Eze 7:16 But some survivors will escape from among them, and they will go to the mountains. Like doves of the valleys, all of them will moan, each man for his iniquity.

Eze 7:17 Every hand will falter, and every knee will be weak as water,
Eze 7:18 and they will wear sackcloth, and terror will cover them; and shame will be on every face and baldness on all of their heads.
Eze 7:19 They will throw their silver into the streets, and their gold will be like refuse. Their silver and their gold will not be able to rescue them in the Day of the rage of Yehowah. Their lives will not be saved, and their hunger will not be satisfied, because their iniquity has become a stumbling block.
Eze 7:20 They took jeweled ornaments in their pride, and they formed idolatrous figures depicting their abominations, and their detestable things they made with them, therefore, I am making these things unclean to them.
Eze 7:21 Then I will give those things into the hand of foreigners as plunder and to the wicked of the earth as plunder, and they will defile them.
Eze 7:22 Then I will turn my face away from them, when they defile my cherished place; bandits will enter it and defile it.
Eze 7:23 Make a chain, because the land is filled with the judgment of blood, and the city is full of violence.
Eze 7:24 So I will bring the most wicked of the ethnicities, and they will possess their houses, and I will bring an end to the pride of the mighty, for their consecrated places will be defiled!
Eze 7:25 Fear will come! They will seek peace, but there will be none.
Eze 7:26 Disaster upon disaster will come, and there will be intelligence report after intelligence report. Then they will seek a vision from the prophet, but the law will perish from the priest and advice from the elders.
Eze 7:27 The king will mourn and the prince will dress in despair, while the hands of the people of the land will tremble in fear. According to their own ways, I will do this to them! I will judge them by their own standards, until they know that I am Yehowah.'"

Ezekiel Chapter 8

Eze 8:1 So it came about in the sixth year (c. 593 BC), on the fifth of the sixth month, as I sat in my house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of Lord Yehowah again fell upon me there.
Eze 8:2 So I looked, and behold, there was a figure like a man, with what looked like fire from his hips downward, and from his hips upward there was a shining appearance like glowing metal.
Eze 8:3 Then he reached out the form of a hand and took me by the hair of my head; the Ruach lifted me up between earth and Heaven, and in visions from the Almighty, he brought me to Jerusalem, to the entrance of the inner northern gate, where the idol that provokes great jealousy was standing.
Eze 8:4 Then the glory of the Mighty One of Israel, whose appearance was the same as I had seen in the plain, was there.
Eze 8:5 Then he said to me, “Son of man, lift up your eyes to the north.” So I lifted up my eyes to the north, and to the north of the gate leading to the altar, there in the entrance, was the idol of jealousy.
Eze 8:6 So he said to me, “Son of man, do you see what they are doing? These are great abominations that the house of Israel is doing here to make me go far from my own sanctuary. But you will turn and see even greater abominations.”
Eze 8:7 Then he brought me to the doorway of the courtyard, and I looked, and there was a hole in the wall.
Eze 8:8 He commanded me, “Son of man, dig into this wall.” So I dug into the wall, and there was a door.
Eze 8:9 Then he ordered me, “Go and see the wicked abominations that they are doing here.”
Eze 8:10 So I went in and looked, and behold! There was every form of creeping thing and detestable beast! Every idol of the house of Israel was carved into the wall all around.
Eze 8:11 Seventy elders of the house of Israel were there, and Jaazaniah son of Shaphan was standing in their midst. They were standing in front of the images, and each man had his censer in his hand, so that the smell of the cloud of incense went up.
Eze 8:12 He said to me, “Son of man, do you see what the elders of the house of Israel are doing in the dark? Each one does this in the hidden chamber of his idol, for they say, ‘Yehowah does not see us! Yehowah has forsaken the land.’”
Eze 8:13 Then he said to me, “Turn again and see the other great abominations that they are doing.”

Eze 8:14 Next, he brought me to the entrance of the gate of the temple of Yehowah that was on the north side, and behold! The women were sitting there mourning for Tammuz.
Eze 8:15 So he said to me, “Do you see this, son of man? Turn again and see even greater abominations than these.”
Eze 8:16 He brought me into the inner courtyard of the temple of Yehowah, and behold! At the entrance to the temple of Yehowah between the portico and the altar, there were about twenty-five men with their backs toward the temple of Yehowah and their faces toward the east, and they were worshiping the sun.
Eze 8:17 He said to me, “Do you see this, son of man? Is it a little thing for the house of Judah to do these abominations that they are doing here? For they have filled the land with violence, and they have turned again to provoke me to anger, putting the branch to their noses.
Eze 8:18 So I will also act among them; my eye will not have compassion, and I will not spare them. Though they cry in my ears with a loud voice, I will not hear them.”

Ezekiel Chapter 9

Eze 9:1 Then he cried in my hearing with a loud voice, “Let the guards come up to the city, each with his weapon of destruction in his hand!”
Eze 9:2 Then behold! Six men came from the pathway of the upper gate that faces north, each with his weapon of slaughter in his hand. There was a man in their midst dressed in linen with a scribe’s inkwell at his side. So they went in and stood beside the bronze altar.
Eze 9:3 Then the glory of the Mighty One of Israel went up from the cherubim where it had been to the threshold of the temple. He called to the man dressed in linen who had the scribe’s inkwell at his side.
Eze 9:4 Yehowah ordered him, “Pass through the midst of the city, the midst of Jerusalem, and make a mark (a Tav; Rev. 7:3-4; Job 31:35) on the foreheads of those who groan and sigh about all the abominations being performed in the midst of the city.”
Eze 9:5 Then he spoke to the others within my hearing, “Pass through the city after him and execute. Do not let your eyes have compassion and do not spare,
Eze 9:6 either old man, young man, virgin, little children or women. Execute all of them! But do not approach anyone who has the mark on his head. Begin at my sanctuary!” So they began with the elders who were in front of the temple.
Eze 9:7 He commanded them, “Defile the temple and fill its courtyards with the dead. Proceed!” So they went out and attacked the city.
Eze 9:8 As they were attacking it, I found myself alone, and I fell on my face and cried out, and asked, “Ah, Lord Yehowah, will you destroy all the remnant of Israel in the outpouring of your wrath on Jerusalem?”
Eze 9:9 He answered me, “The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great. The land is full of blood and the city full of perversions, since they exclaim, ‘Yehowah has forgotten the land,’ and, ‘Yehowah does not see!’
Eze 9:10 So then my eye will not look with compassion, and I will not spare them. I will instead bring their way on their heads.”
Eze 9:11 Behold! The man dressed in linen who had the scribe’s inkwell by his side came back. He reported, “I have done all that you have commanded.”

Ezekiel Chapter 10

Eze 10:1 As I looked toward the dome that was over the heads of the cherubim, something appeared above them like a sapphire with the appearance of the likeness of a throne.
Eze 10:2 Then Yehowah ordered the man dressed in linen, “Go between the wheels underneath the cherubim, and fill both your hands with fiery coals from between the cherubim and scatter them over the city.” Then the man went in as I watched.
Eze 10:3 The cherubim stood on the right side of the temple when the man went in, and a cloud filled the inner courtyard.
Eze 10:4 The glory of Yehowah rose up from the cherubim and stood over the threshold of the temple; it filled the temple with the cloud, and the courtyard was full of the brightness of the glory of Yehowah.
Eze 10:5 Then I heard the sound of the cherubim’s wings in the outer courtyard, like the voice of the Most Powerful Sovereign when he speaks.
Eze 10:6 It came about, when Yehowah commanded the man dressed in linen, “Take fire from between the wheels that are between the cherubim,” the man went in and stood beside a wheel.
Eze 10:7 An angel reached out his hand between the cherubim to the fire that was among the cherubim, and lifted it up and placed it into the hands of the one dressed in linen. The man took it and went back out.
Eze 10:8 I saw on the cherubim something like a man’s hand under their wings.
Eze 10:9 So I looked, and behold! Four wheels were beside the cherubim, one wheel beside each cherub, and the appearance of the wheels was like a beryl stone.
Eze 10:10 They appeared in the same likeness for all four of them, like a wheel intersecting another wheel.
Eze 10:11 When they moved, they went in any of the four directions without turning in any other direction. Instead, wherever the head was facing, they followed it. They did not turn in any other direction as they went.
Eze 10:12 Their whole body, including their backs, their hands, and their wings, was covered with eyes, and eyes covered the four wheels all around also.
Eze 10:13 As I listened, the wheels were called, “Whirling.”
Eze 10:14 They had four faces each; the first face was the face of a cherub, the second face was the face of a man, the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.
Eze 10:15 Then the cherubim, these were the living creatures that I had seen by the Chebar Canal, rose up.

Eze 10:16 Whenever the cherubim moved, the wheels would go beside them, and whenever the cherubim lifted up their wings to rise up from the earth, the wheels did not turn. They still stayed beside them.
Eze 10:17 When the cherubim stood still, the wheels stood still, and when they rose up, the wheels rose up with them, for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.
Eze 10:18 Then the glory of Yehowah went out from over the threshold of the temple and stood over the cherubim.
Eze 10:19 The cherubim lifted up their wings and rose from the earth in my sight when they went out, and the wheels did the same beside them. They stood at the eastern entrance to the temple of Yehowah, and the glory of the Mighty One of Israel came upon them from above.
Eze 10:20 These were the living creatures that I had seen below the Mighty One of Israel by the Chebar Canal, so I knew that they were cherubim!
Eze 10:21 They had four faces each and four wings each, and the likeness of human hands under their wings,
Eze 10:22 and the likeness of their faces was like the faces that I had seen in the vision at the Chebar Canal, and each of them went straight ahead.

Ezekiel Chapter 11

Eze 11:1 Then the Ruach lifted me up and brought me to the eastern gate of the temple of Yehowah, facing east, and behold, in the doorway of the gate there were twenty-five men. I saw Jaazaniah son of Azzur and Pelatiah son of Benaiah, leaders of the people, among them.
Eze 11:2 Yehowah said to me, “Son of man, these are the men who devise iniquity, and who decide wicked plans in this city.
Eze 11:3 They are saying, ‘The time to build houses is not now; this city is the pot, and we are the meat.’
Eze 11:4 Therefore, prophesy against them. Prophesy, son of man.”
Eze 11:5 Then the Ruach of Yehowah fell on me, and he said to me, “Speak: This is what Yehowah says: As you are speaking, house of Israel; for I know what goes through your mind.
Eze 11:6 You have multiplied the homicide victims in this city and filled its streets with them.
Eze 11:7 Therefore, Lord Yehowah declares this: Your homicide victims, whose bodies you have laid in the midst of Jerusalem, are the meat, and this city is the pot. But you are going to be brought out from the midst of this city.
Eze 11:8 You have feared the sword, so I am bringing the sword upon you,” declares Lord Yehowah.
Eze 11:9 “I will bring you out of the midst of the city, and put you into the hands of foreigners, for I will bring judgment against you.
Eze 11:10 You will fall by the sword. I will judge you within the borders of Israel, so you will know that I am Yehowah.
Eze 11:11 This city will not be your cooking pot, nor will you be the meat within her midst. I will judge you within the borders of Israel.
Eze 11:12 Then you will know that I am Yehowah, the One whose statutes you have not walked in, and whose decrees you have not carried out. Instead, you have carried out the decrees of the ethnicities that surround you.”
Eze 11:13 It came about that as I was prophesying, Pelatiah, son of Benaiah, died. So I fell on my face and cried out with a loud voice, and asked, “Alas, Lord Yehowah, will you completely destroy the remnant of Israel?”
Eze 11:14 The Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 11:15 “Son of man, your brothers! Your brothers! The men of your clan and all the house of Israel! All of them are those of whom it is said by those living in Jerusalem, ‘They are far away from Yehowah! This land was given to us as our possession.’
Eze 11:16 Therefore say, ‘Lord Yehowah declares this: Though I have removed them far off among the ethnicities, and though I have scattered them among the

lands, yet I have been a little sanctuary for them in the lands where they have gone.’
Eze 11:17 Therefore, say, ‘Lord Yehowah declares this: I will gather you from the ethnicities, and assemble you from the lands where you were scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.’
Eze 11:18 Then they will go there and remove every detestable thing and every abomination from that place.
Eze 11:19 I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit in them when they come near to me; I will take the stony heart from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh (Eze. 36:26),
Eze 11:20 so that they will walk in my statutes, they will carry out my decrees and do them. Then they will be my people, and I will be their Divine One.
Eze 11:21 But to those who walk with affection toward their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their conduct on their own heads,” Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 11:22 The cherubim lifted up their wings and the wheels that were beside them, and the glory of the Mighty One of Israel was high up over them.
Eze 11:23 Then the glory of Yehowah went up from within the midst of the city and stood on the mountain to the east of the city.
Eze 11:24 The Ruach lifted me up and brought me into Chaldea, to the exiles, in the vision from the Ruach of the Almighty, and the vision that I had seen went up from upon me.
Eze 11:25 Then I declared to the exiles all the things of Yehowah that I had seen.

Ezekiel Chapter 12

Eze 12:1 The Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 12:2 “Son of man, you live in the midst of a rebellious house, where they have eyes to see, but they do not see; and where they have ears to hear but do not listen, because they are a rebellious house.
Eze 12:3 Therefore, as for you, son of man, prepare your things for exile, and begin going out by day in their sight, for I will exile you in their sight from your place to another place. Perhaps they will begin to see, though they are a rebellious house.
Eze 12:4 You will bring out your things for an exile in the day in their sight; go out at dusk in their sight in the way that anyone goes into exile.
Eze 12:5 Dig a hole through the wall in their sight and go out through it.
Eze 12:6 In their sight, lift up your things onto your shoulder and bring them out in the darkness. Cover your face, for you must not see the land, since I have set you as a sign to the house of Israel.”
Eze 12:7 So I did this, just as I was commanded. I brought out my things of exile in the daytime, and at dusk I dug a hole through the wall by hand. I brought my things out in the dark and lifted them up on my shoulder in their sight.
Eze 12:8 Then at dawn, the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 12:9 “Son of man, is the house of Israel, that rebellious house, not asking, ‘What are you doing?’
Eze 12:10 Answer them, ‘Lord Yehowah says this: This prophetic action concerns the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel in whose midst they are.’
Eze 12:11 Declare, ‘I am a sign to you. As I have done, so it will be done to them; they will go into exile and into captivity.
Eze 12:12 The prince who is among them will lift up his things upon his shoulder in the dark and will go out through the wall. They will dig through the wall and bring out their things. He will cover his face, so he will not see the land with his eyes.
Eze 12:13 I will spread out my net over him, and he will be caught in my snare; then I will bring him to Babylon, the land of the Chaldeans, but he will not see it. He will die there.
Eze 12:14 I will also scatter in every direction all of those around him who were to assist him and his entire military force, and I will send out a sword after them.
Eze 12:15 Then they will know that I am Yehowah, when I scatter them among the ethnicities and disperse them throughout the lands.

Eze 12:16 But I will spare a few men from among them from the sword, famine, and plague, so they may record all of their abominations in the lands where I take them, so they will know that I am Yehowah.'"
Eze 12:17 The Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 12:18 "Son of man, eat your bread with trembling and drink your water with shaking and worry.
Eze 12:19 Then prophesy to the people of the land, 'Lord Yehowah declares this concerning the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the land of Israel: They will eat their bread with trembling and drink their water while shaking, since the land will be despoiled of its fullness because of the violence of all those who live there.
Eze 12:20 So the cities that were inhabited will be desolate, and the land will become a wasteland; so you will know that I am Yehowah.'"
Eze 12:21 Again, the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 12:22 "Son of man, what is this proverb that you have in the land of Israel that says, 'The days are prolonged, and every vision fails?'
Eze 12:23 Therefore, prophesy to them, 'Lord Yehowah says this: I will put an end to this proverb, so the people of Israel will no longer use it.' Then declare to them, 'The days are approaching, and every vision will speak.'
Eze 12:24 For there will no longer be any false visions or favorable divinations within the house of Israel.
Eze 12:25 For I am Yehowah! I speak, and I carry out the words that I speak. The matter will no longer be delayed. For I will speak this word in your days, rebellious house, and I will carry it out!" Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 12:26 Again, the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 12:27 "Son of man! Behold, the house of Israel has said, 'The vision that he sees is for many days from now, and he prophesies of far off times.'
Eze 12:28 Therefore, prophesy to them, 'Lord Yehowah says this: My words will not be delayed any longer, but the word that I have spoken will be done,'" Lord Yehowah declares.

Ezekiel Chapter 13

Eze 13:1 Again, the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 13:2 “Son of man, prophesy against the prophets who are prophesying in Israel and say to those who are prophesying out of their own imaginations, ‘Listen to the Word of Yehowah.
Eze 13:3 Lord Yehowah declares this: Woe to the foolish prophets who follow their own spirit, but who have seen nothing!
Eze 13:4 Israel, your prophets have been like jackals in the wastelands.
Eze 13:5 You have not gone to the breaks in the wall around the house of Israel in order to repair it, in order to resist in battle on the Day of Yehowah.
Eze 13:6 The people have false visions and make false predictions, those who say, “Such and such is the declaration of Yehowah.” Yehowah has not sent them, but they nevertheless have made people hope that their messages would come true.
Eze 13:7 Have you not had false visions and made false predictions, you who say, “Such and such is the declaration of Yehowah,” when I myself have not spoken?’
Eze 13:8 Therefore, Lord Yehowah says this, ‘Because you have had false visions and have told lies, therefore, Lord Yehowah declares against you:
Eze 13:9 My hand will be against the prophets who have lying visions and who make false predictions. They will not be in the congregation of my people, or enrolled in the record of the house of Israel; they must not go to the land of Israel. For you will know that I am Lord Yehowah!
Eze 13:10 Because of this, and because they led my people astray and declared, “Peace!” when there is no peace, they are building a wall that they will paint with whitewash.’
Eze 13:11 Say to those who are whitewashing the wall, ‘It will fall down; there will be a downpour of rain, and I will send hailstones to make it fall down, and a hurricane-force wind to break it down.
Eze 13:12 See, the wall will fall down. Have others not asked you, “Where is the whitewash that you put on it?”
Eze 13:13 Therefore, Lord Yehowah declares this: I will bring a hurricane-force wind in my rage, and there will be floods of rain in my wrath! Hailstones in my rage will completely destroy it.
Eze 13:14 For I will tear down the wall that you have covered with whitewash, and I will demolish it to the ground and lay bare its foundations. So it will fall, and you will be annihilated in the middle of it all. Then you will know that I am Yehowah.

Eze 13:15 For I will annihilate in my fury the wall and those who whitewashed it. I will say to you, “The wall exists no more, nor do the people who whitewashed it,
Eze 13:16 the prophets of Israel who prophesied about Jerusalem and who had visions of peace for her. But there is no peace,’” Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 13:17 “So you, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people who prophesy out of their own minds, and prophesy against them.
Eze 13:18 Say, ‘Lord Yehowah declares this: Woe to the women who sew magic charms onto every part of their hand and make veils for their heads of every size, used to hunt down people. Will you hunt down my people but save your own lives?
Eze 13:19 You have profaned me among my people for handfuls of barley and crumbs of bread, to execute people who should not die, and to preserve the lives of those who should not continue to live, because of your lies to my people who heard you.
Eze 13:20 Therefore, Lord Yehowah declares this: I am against the magic charms that you have used to ensnare the people’s lives as if they were birds. Indeed, I will tear them from your arms; and the people whom you have trapped like birds, I will let them go free.
Eze 13:21 I will tear away your veils and rescue my people from your hand, so they will no longer be trapped in your hands. You will know that I am Yehowah.
Eze 13:22 Because you discourage the heart of the righteous person with lies, even though I did not desire his discouragement, and because you encourage instead the actions of the wicked person, so that he will not turn from his way to save his life,
Eze 13:23 therefore, you will no longer have false visions or continue to make predictions, for I will rescue my people out of your hand. You will know that I am Yehowah.’”

Ezekiel Chapter 14

Eze 14:1 Some of the elders of Israel came to me and sat before me.
Eze 14:2 Then the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 14:3 “Son of man, these men have taken their idols into their hearts and have put the stumbling block of their iniquity before their own faces. Should I be inquired of at all by them?
Eze 14:4 Therefore, announce this to them, ‘Lord Yehowah declares this: Every man of the house of Israel who takes his idols into his heart, or who puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and who then comes to a prophet, I, Yehowah, will answer him according to the number of his idols.
Eze 14:5 I will do this, so that I may take back the house of Israel in their hearts that have been driven far from me through their idols.’
Eze 14:6 Therefore, say to the house of Israel, ‘Lord Yehowah declares this: Repent and turn away from your idols! Turn back your faces from all your abominations.
Eze 14:7 For every one from the house of Israel and every one of the sojourning foreigners staying in Israel who deserts me, who takes his idols into his heart and puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before his own face, and who then comes to a prophet to seek me, I, Yehowah, will answer him myself.
Eze 14:8 So I will set my face against that man and make him a sign and a proverb, for I will cut him off from the midst of my people, and you will know that I am Yehowah.
Eze 14:9 If a prophet is deceived and speaks a message, then I, Yehowah, will deceive that prophet; I will reach out with my hand against him and destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.
Eze 14:10 They will carry their own iniquity; the iniquity of the prophet will be the same as the iniquity of the one who inquires from him.
Eze 14:11 Because of this, the house of Israel will no longer wander away from following me nor defile themselves any longer through all their transgressions. They will be my people, and I will be their Divine One,’” Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 14:12 Then the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 14:13 “Son of man, when a land sins against me by committing a sin, so that I reach out with my hand against it and break the staff of its bread, and send out over it a famine and cut off both man and beast from the land;
Eze 14:14 then even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in the land’s midst, they could only rescue their own lives by their righteousness,” Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 14:15 “If I send evil beasts through the land and make it barren, so that it becomes a wasteland, where no man may pass through because of the beasts,

Eze 14:16 then even if these same three men were in it, as I live," declares Lord Yehowah, "they would not be able to rescue even their own sons or daughters; only their own lives would be rescued, but the land would become a wasteland.
Eze 14:17 Or if I bring a sword against that land and order, 'Sword, go through the land and cut off both man and beast from it,'
Eze 14:18 then even if these three men were in the midst of the land, as I live," declares Lord Yehowah, "they would not be able to rescue even their own sons or daughters; only their own lives would be rescued.
Eze 14:19 Or if I send a plague against this land and pour out my fury against it through bloodshed, in order to cut off both man and beast,
Eze 14:20 then even if Noah, Daniel, and Job were in that land, as I live," declares Lord Yehowah, "they would not be able to rescue even their own sons or daughters; only their own lives would be rescued by their righteousness."
Eze 14:21 For Lord Yehowah declares this: "I will certainly make things worse by sending my four punishments, famine, sword, wild animals, and plague, against Jerusalem to cut off both man and beast from her.
Eze 14:22 Yet, behold! A remnant will be left in her, survivors who will go out with sons and daughters. Behold! They will go out to you, and you will see their ways and actions and be comforted concerning the punishment that I have sent to Jerusalem, and about everything else that I have sent against the land.
Eze 14:23 The survivors will comfort you when you see their ways and their actions, so you will know all these things I have done against her, that I have not done them in vain!" Lord Yehowah declares.

Ezekiel Chapter 15

Eze 15:1 Then the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 15:2 “Son of man, how is a vine better than any tree with branches that is among the trees in a forest?
Eze 15:3 Do people take wood from a vine to make anything? Or do they make a peg from it to hang anything on it?
Eze 15:4 See! If it is thrown into a fire as fuel, and if the fire has burned both of its ends and also the middle, is it good for anything?
Eze 15:5 See! When it was complete, it could not make anything; surely then when the fire has burned, then it still will not make anything useful.
Eze 15:6 Therefore, Lord Yehowah declares this: Unlike the trees in the forests, I have given the vine as fuel for fires; I will act in the same way toward the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
Eze 15:7 For I will set my face against them. Though they come out from the fire, yet the fire will consume them; so you will know that I am Yehowah, when I set my face against them.
Eze 15:8 Then I will make the land into an abandoned wasteland, because they have committed sin,” Lord Yehowah declares.

Ezekiel Chapter 16

Eze 16:1 Then the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 16:2 “Son of man, inform Jerusalem about her abominations,
Eze 16:3 and declare, ‘Lord Yehowah says this to Jerusalem: Your beginning and your birth took place in the land of Canaan; your father was an Amorite, and your mother was a Hethite.
Eze 16:4 On the day of your birth, your mother did not cut your umbilical cord, nor did she purify you in water or rub you down with salt, or wrap cloth around you.
Eze 16:5 No eye had compassion for you to do any of these things for you, to be compassionate toward you. On the day that you were born, with loathing for your life, you were thrown out into the open field.
Eze 16:6 But I passed by you, and I saw you writhing in your own blood; so I said to you in your blood, “Live!” Yes, I said to you in your blood, “You will live!”
Eze 16:7 I made you grow like a plant in a field. You multiplied and became great, and you became the jewel of jewels. Your breasts became firm, and your hair grew thick, though you had been naked and bare.
Eze 16:8 I passed by you again, and I saw you. See! The time of love came for you, so I spread my robe over you and covered your nakedness. Then I swore to you and brought you into a covenant,’ Lord Yehowah declares, ‘and you became mine.
Eze 16:9 So I washed you with water and rinsed your blood off you, and I anointed you with oil.
Eze 16:10 I dressed you in embroidered clothes and placed leather sandals on your feet. I wrapped you with fine linen and covered you with silk.
Eze 16:11 Next, I adorned you with jewelry, and I put bracelets on your hands and a chain around your neck.
Eze 16:12 I put a nose ring in your nostrils and earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head.
Eze 16:13 So you were adorned with gold and silver, and you were dressed in fine linen, silk, and embroidered clothes; you ate fine flour, honey, and oil, and you were exquisitely beautiful, and you became a queen.
Eze 16:14 Your fame went out among the ethnicities because of your beauty, for it was perfect in the majesty that I had given to you,’ Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 16:15 ‘But you trusted in your own beauty, and you acted like a whore because of your fame; you poured out your acts of prostitution on everyone who passed by. They were for them.

Eze 16:16 Then you took your clothes and with them you made high places for yourself decorated in various colors, and there you acted like a prostitute. This should not have happened. Nor should such a thing exist.
Eze 16:17 You took the fine jewels of the gold and silver that I gave you, and you made for yourself male figures, and you did with them as a prostitute would do.
Eze 16:18 You took your embroidered garments and covered them, and you set my oils and perfumes before them.
Eze 16:19 My bread I gave you, made with fine flour, oil, and honey, you set before them for a fragrant aroma, for this is what happened,' Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 16:20 'Then you took your sons and daughters whom you bore for me, and you sacrificed them to the images to be devoured as food. Are your acts of prostitution a small matter?
Eze 16:21 You slaughtered my children and put them into the fire.
Eze 16:22 In all your abominations and your acts of prostitution you have not thought about the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare as you thrashed about in your blood.
Eze 16:23 Woe! Woe to you!' Lord Yehowah declares, 'Therefore, in addition to all this wickedness,
Eze 16:24 you built yourself a vaulted chamber in every public place.
Eze 16:25 You built your high place at the head of every road and desecrated your beauty, for you offered your body to everyone who passed by, and you performed many more acts of prostitution.
Eze 16:26 You have acted like a prostitute with the Egyptians, your lustful neighbors, and you committed many more acts of prostitution, provoking me to anger.
Eze 16:27 See! I will strike you with my hand and cut off your food. I will hand your life over to your enemies, the daughters of the Philistines, to bring you shame because of your lustful behavior.
Eze 16:28 You have acted like a prostitute with the Assyrians, because you could not be satisfied. You acted like a prostitute and still were not satisfied.
Eze 16:29 You performed many more acts of prostitution in the land of Canaan, all the way into Chaldea, and even this did not satisfy you.
Eze 16:30 Why is your heart so weak? Lord Yehowah declared that you would do all these things, deeds of a promiscuous and shameless woman.
Eze 16:31 You have built your high places at the head of every street and made your vaulted chamber in every public place. Yet you were not like a prostitute, because you refused to take payment.
Eze 16:32 You adulterous woman, you accept foreigners instead of your husband.

Eze 16:33 People give payment to every prostitute, but you give your wages to all your lovers and bribe them to come to you from all around for your acts of prostitution.
Eze 16:34 So there is a difference between you and those other women, since no one goes to you to ask you to have sex with them. Instead, you pay them. No one pays you. Therefore, you are different.
Eze 16:35 Therefore, you prostitute, listen to the Word of Yehowah.
Eze 16:36 Lord Yehowah declares this: Because you have poured your lust out and exposed your private parts through your acts of prostitution with all of your lovers and with all your disgusting idols, and because of the blood of your children that you gave to your idols,
Eze 16:37 therefore, behold! I will gather all your lovers that you have met, all those whom you loved and all those whom you hated, and I will gather them against you on every side. I will expose your private parts to them, so they can see all your nakedness.
Eze 16:38 For I will punish you for adultery and the shedding of blood, and I will bring on you the bloodshed of my anger and passion.
Eze 16:39 I will give you into their hands, so they will throw down your mound and break down your high places, and they will strip you of your clothes and take all of your jewelry. They will leave you naked and bare.
Eze 16:40 Then they will bring up a crowd against you and execute you by stoning, and they will cut you apart with their swords.
Eze 16:41 They will burn your houses and will perform many acts of punishment on you in the sight of many women, for I will put a stop to your prostitution, and you will no longer pay anyone for them.
Eze 16:42 Then I will calm my fury against you; my anger will leave you, for I will be satisfied and will no longer be angry.
Eze 16:43 Because you did not call to mind the days of your youth when you made me shake with anger over all these things. Behold! I myself will bring the punishment for your conduct on your own head,' Lord Yehowah declares, 'so you will no longer act wickedly in all your disgusting ways.
Eze 16:44 Behold! Everyone who speaks proverbs concerning you will say, "As the mother is, so also is her daughter."
Eze 16:45 You are the daughter of your mother, who detested her husband and her children, and you are the sister of your sisters who detested their husbands and their children. Your mother was a Hethite, and your father was an Amorite.
Eze 16:46 Your older sister was Samaria, and her daughters were the ones living in the north, while your younger sister was the one living south of you, that is, Sodom and her daughters (Num. 21:20).

Eze 16:47 Now do not walk in their ways or after their disgusting actions, as if those were merely small things. Indeed, in all your ways you have been worse than they have been.
Eze 16:48 As I live,' Lord Yehowah declares, 'Sodom, your sister, and her daughters, have not done as much evil as you and your daughters have done.
Eze 16:49 Behold! This was the sin of your sister Sodom: She was arrogant in her leisure, careless and unconcerned about anything. She did not strengthen the hands of the poor and needy people.
Eze 16:50 She was arrogant and committed disgusting actions before me, so I took them away just as you have seen.
Eze 16:51 Neither did Samaria commit even half of your sins; instead, you have done many more disgusting things than they did, and you have shown that your sisters were better than you, because of all the disgusting things that you do!
Eze 16:52 Especially you, show your own shame; in this way, you have shown that your sisters were better than you, because of the sins you committed in all those disgusting ways. Your sisters now seem better than you. Especially you, show your own shame, for in this way, you have shown that your sisters were better than you.
Eze 16:53 For I will restore their fortunes, the fortunes of Sodom and her daughters, and the fortunes of Samaria and her daughters; but your fortunes will be among them.
Eze 16:54 On account of these things, you will show your shame; you will be humiliated, because of everything that you have done, and in this way, you will be a comfort to them.
Eze 16:55 So your sister Sodom and her daughters will be restored to their former condition, and Samaria and her daughters will be restored to their former estate. Then you and your daughters will be restored to your former condition.
Eze 16:56 Sodom your sister was not even mentioned by your mouth in the days when you were proud,
Eze 16:57 before your wickedness was revealed. But now you are an object of scorn to the daughters of Edom and to all the daughters of the Philistines around her. People all about despise you.
Eze 16:58 You will show your shame and your disgusting actions!' declares Yehowah.
Eze 16:59 'Lord Yehowah declares this: I will deal with you as you deserve, you who have despised your oath by breaking the covenant.
Eze 16:60 But I myself will call to mind my covenant with you made in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you.

Eze 16:61 Then you will call to mind your ways and be ashamed, when you receive your older sisters and your younger sisters. I will give them to you as daughters but not because of your covenant.
Eze 16:62 I myself will establish my covenant with you, and you will know that I am Yehowah.
Eze 16:63 Because of these things, you will call everything to mind and be ashamed, so you will no longer open your mouth to speak because of your shame, when I have forgiven you for all that you have done,'" Lord Yehowah declares.

Ezekiel Chapter 17

Eze 17:1 The Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 17:2 “Son of man, present a riddle and speak a parable to the house of Israel.
Eze 17:3 Say, ‘Lord Yehowah says this: A large eagle with large wings and long pinions, full of feathers, and that was multicolored went to Lebanon and took hold of the top of a cedar tree.
Eze 17:4 It broke off the tips of the branches and took them to the land of Canaan; he planted it in a city of merchants.
Eze 17:5 He also took some seed of the land and planted it in ground ready for sowing. He planted it beside a large body of water like a willow.
Eze 17:6 Then it sprouted and became a spreading vine low to the ground. Its branches turned toward him, and its roots grew under it. So it became a vine and produced branches and sent out shoots.
Eze 17:7 But there was another great eagle with large wings and many feathers. Behold! This vine turned its roots toward the eagle, and it spread out its branches toward the eagle from the place it had been planted, so it would be watered.
Eze 17:8 It had been planted in good soil beside a large body of water, so it would produce branches and sprout fruit, to become a magnificent vine.’
Eze 17:9 Say to the people, ‘Lord Yehowah declares this: Will it prosper? Will he not pull up its roots and pluck out its fruit, so all of its growth of leaves will wither away? No strong arm or multitudes of people will sprout up from its roots.
Eze 17:10 So behold! After it has been planted, will it grow? Will it not wither when the eastern wind touches it? It will completely wither away in its plot.’”
Eze 17:11 Then the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 17:12 “Speak to the rebellious house, ‘Do you not know what these things mean? Behold! The king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and took her king and her princes and brought them to him in Babylon.
Eze 17:13 Then he took a royal descendant, made a covenant with him, and brought him under an oath. He took away the powerful people of the land,
Eze 17:14 so the kingdom might become lowly and not lift itself up. By keeping his covenant the land will survive.
Eze 17:15 But the king of Jerusalem rebelled against him by sending his ambassadors to Egypt to acquire horses and a military force. Will he succeed? Will the one doing these things escape? If he breaks the covenant, will he escape?

Eze 17:16 As I live,' Lord Yehowah declares, 'he will surely die in the land of the king who made him king, the king whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he broke. He will die in the middle of Babylon.
Eze 17:17 Pharaoh with his mighty military force and assembling of many men for war will not protect him in battle, when the Babylonian military force builds siege mounds and siege walls to destroy many lives.
Eze 17:18 For the king despised his oath by breaking the covenant. Behold, he reached out with his hand to make a promise, and yet he did all these things. He will not escape.
Eze 17:19 Therefore, Lord Yehowah declares this: As I live, was it not my oath that he despised and my covenant that he broke? So I will bring his punishment on his head!
Eze 17:20 I will spread my net out over him, and he will be caught in my hunting net. Then I will bring him to Babylon and execute judgment on him there for his treason that he committed when he betrayed me!
Eze 17:21 All of his refugees in his armed forces will fall by the sword, and the ones who remain will be scattered in every direction. Then you will know that I am Yehowah; I have declared this would happen.'"
Eze 17:22 Lord Yehowah declares this, "So I myself will take away the highest part of the cedar tree, and I will plant it away from its tender branches. I will break it off, and I myself will plant it on a high and towering mountain.
Eze 17:23 I will plant it on the mountains of Israel, so it will bear branches and produce fruit, and it will become a majestic cedar, so that every winged bird will live under it. They will nest in the shade of its branches.
Eze 17:24 Then all the trees of the field will know that I am Yehowah. I bring down the high trees, and I raise up the low trees. I wither the watered tree, and I cause the dried tree to bloom. I am Yehowah, I have declared that this will happen; and I have done it."

Ezekiel Chapter 18

Eze 18:1 The Word of Yehowah came to me again and asked,
Eze 18:2 “What do you mean, you who use this proverb concerning the land of Israel and say, ‘Fathers eat sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are made blunt?’
Eze 18:3 As I live,” Lord Yehowah declares, “there will certainly no longer be any occasion for you to use this proverb in Israel.
Eze 18:4 Behold! Every life belongs to me, the life of the father, as well as the life of the son, belongs to me! The soul who sins is the one who will die!
Eze 18:5 Suppose that a man is righteous and carries out justice and righteousness.
Eze 18:6 Suppose that he has not eaten on the mountains, that he has not lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, and that he has not defiled his neighbor’s wife, nor approached a woman during her monthly period.
Eze 18:7 Suppose that he has not oppressed anyone but instead has returned a pledge to its debtor. Suppose that he has not taken what was stolen but instead gives his food to the hungry, and that he covers the naked with clothes.
Eze 18:8 Then suppose that he does not charge any interest for loans nor gains too much profit. Suppose that he carries out justice and establishes faithfulness between people.
Eze 18:9 Suppose that he walks in my statutes and keeps my decrees to act faithfully. Then the promise for this righteous man is this: He will surely live!” Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 18:10 “But suppose that he has a violent son who sheds blood and does any of these things to a brother,
Eze 18:11 even though his father did not do any of these things. Suppose that he eats on the mountains, and he defiles his neighbor’s wife.
Eze 18:12 Suppose that he oppresses the poor and needy, and that he seizes, robs, and does not return a pledge. Suppose that he lifts up his eyes to the idols or commits disgusting actions.
Eze 18:13 Suppose that he lends charging interest or gains too much profit. Should he live? He will not live! He has done all these disgusting actions. He will surely be executed, and his blood will be on him.
Eze 18:14 But behold! Suppose that he bears a son who sees all the sins that his father has committed. Suppose that he himself fears Yehowah and does not do such things.
Eze 18:15 Suppose that he does not eat on the mountains. Suppose that he does not lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, nor does he defile his neighbor’s wife.

Eze 18:16 Suppose that he does not oppress anyone, seize a pledge, or take stolen things, but instead gives his food to the hungry and covers the naked with clothes.
Eze 18:17 Suppose that he draws his hand back from the poor and does not take interest or gain too much profit. Suppose that he carries out my decrees and walks according to my statutes. Then he will not be executed for his father's sin; he will surely live!
Eze 18:18 His father, since he oppressed others by extortion and robbed his brother, and did what is not good among his people, behold, he will be executed for his iniquity.
Eze 18:19 But you ask, 'Why does the son not bear the iniquity of his father?' Because the son carries out justice, righteousness, and keeps all my statutes; he does them. He will surely live!
Eze 18:20 The one who sins, he will be executed. A son will not bear his father's iniquity, and a father will not bear his son's iniquity. The righteousness of the one who acts rightly will be on himself, and the wickedness of the wicked person will be on himself.
Eze 18:21 But if the wicked turns away from all his sins that he has done, and keeps all my statutes and performs justice and righteousness, then he will certainly live and not die.
Eze 18:22 All the transgressions that he has committed will not be called to mind against him. He will live by the righteousness that he practices.
Eze 18:23 Do I greatly rejoice over the death of the wicked," Lord Yehowah asks, "and not in his turning away from his way, so that he may live?
Eze 18:24 But if the righteous person turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity and practices abominations like all the abominations that the wicked person does, then will he live? All the righteousness that he had done will not be called to mind when he betrays me in his treason. So he will die in the sins that he commits.
Eze 18:25 But you say, 'The Way of the Lord is not fair!' Listen, house of Israel! Are my Ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?
Eze 18:26 When the righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity and dies because of them, then he will be executed for the iniquity that he has done.
Eze 18:27 But when a wicked man turns away from his wickedness that he has done and performs justice and righteousness, then he will preserve his life.
Eze 18:28 For he has seen and turned away from all the transgressions that he had done. He will live life; he will not die.
Eze 18:29 But the house of Israel says, 'The Way of the Lord is not fair!' How is my Way not fair, house of Israel? How is your way not unfair?

Eze 18:30 Therefore, I will judge each man among you according to his ways, house of Israel!” Lord Yehowah declares. “Repent and turn away from all your transgressions, so that they will not be stumbling blocks of iniquity against you.
Eze 18:31 Throw away from off yourselves all of the transgressions that you have committed; make a new heart and a new spirit for yourselves. For why should you die, O house of Israel?
Eze 18:32 For I do not rejoice in the death of the one who is executed,” Lord Yehowah declares, “so repent and live!”

Ezekiel Chapter 19

Eze 19:1 “Now you, take up a lamentation for the leaders of Israel,
Eze 19:2 and wail, ‘Who was your mother? A lioness, she lived with a lion’s son; in the midst of young lions, she nurtured her cubs.
Eze 19:3 She is the one who raised up one of her cubs to become a young lion, a lion who learned to tear apart his victims, and then he devoured men.
Eze 19:4 Then the ethnicities heard about him. He was caught in their trap, and they brought him with hooks to the land of Egypt.
Eze 19:5 Then she saw that although she had waited for his return, her hopes were now gone, so she took another of her cubs and raised him to become a young lion.
Eze 19:6 This young lion roamed about in the midst of lions. He was a young lion and learned to tear his victims; he devoured men.
Eze 19:7 Then he raped their widows and ruined their cities. The land and its fullness were abandoned because of the sound of his roaring.
Eze 19:8 But the ethnicities came against him from the surrounding provinces; they spread their nets over him. He was caught in their trap.
Eze 19:9 They put him in a cage with hooks and brought him to the king of Babylon. They brought him into mountain fortresses, so that his voice would no longer be heard on the mountains of Israel.
Eze 19:10 Your mother was like a bloodred grapevine and blossoming pomegranate planted beside the water. She was fruitful and full of branches because of the abundance of water.
Eze 19:11 She had strong branches for rulers’ scepters, and her stature and heights were exalted among the branches of the thicket. She saw in her arrogance the abundance of her branches.
Eze 19:12 But the vine was uprooted in fury and thrown down to the earth, and an eastern wind dried out her fruit. Her strong branches were broken off and withered; fire consumed them.
Eze 19:13 So now she is planted in the wilderness, in a land of drought and thirst.
Eze 19:14 For fire went out from her large branches and consumed her fruit. There is no strong branch on her, no scepter to rule.’ This is a lamentation and will be sung as a lamentation.”

Ezekiel Chapter 20

Eze 20:1 It came about in the seventh year (c. 592 BC), on the tenth of the fifth month, that elders of Israel came to inquire of Yehowah and sat before me.
Eze 20:2 Then the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 20:3 “Son of man, declare to the elders of Israel, ‘Lord Yehowah says this: Have you come to inquire of me? As I live, I will not be inquired of by you!’ Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 20:4 Will you judge them? Will you judge, son of man? Let them know about their fathers’ abominations.
Eze 20:5 Say to them, ‘Lord Yehowah declares this: On the day that I chose Israel and raised my hand to swear an oath to the descendants of the house of Jacob, and made myself known to them in the land of Egypt, when I raised my hand to swear an oath to them, I proclaimed, “I am Yehowah your Divine One.”
Eze 20:6 On that day, I raised my hand to swear an oath to them, that I would bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had carefully selected for them. It was flowing with milk and honey; it was the most beautiful ornament among all the lands.
Eze 20:7 I declared to them, “Let each man throw away the detestable things from before his eyes and the idols of Egypt. Do not make yourselves unclean; I am Yehowah your Divine One.”
Eze 20:8 But they rebelled against me and were unwilling to listen to me. Each man did not throw away the detestable things from before his eyes nor forsake the idols of Egypt, so I determined to pour out my fury upon them to satisfy my wrath among them in the middle of the land of Egypt.
Eze 20:9 I acted for my name’s sake, so it would not be profaned in the eyes of the ethnicities among whom they were staying. I made myself known to them, in their eyes, by bringing them out of the land of Egypt.
Eze 20:10 So I sent them out of the land of Egypt and brought them into the wilderness.
Eze 20:11 Then I gave them my statutes and made my decrees known to them, by which a man will live, if he obeys them.
Eze 20:12 I also gave them my Sabbaths as a sign between myself and them, for them to know that I am Yehowah who consecrates them.
Eze 20:13 But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness. They did not walk in my statutes; instead, they rejected my decrees, by which a man will live, if he obeys them. They greatly profaned my Sabbaths, so I declared I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness in order to end them.
Eze 20:14 But I acted for my name’s sake, so it would not be profaned in the eyes of the ethnicities, in whose sight I had brought them out of Egypt.

Eze 20:15 So I myself also raised my hand to swear an oath to them in the wilderness not to bring them into the land that I had been going to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey, which was the most beautiful ornament among all the lands.
Eze 20:16 I swore this, because they had rejected my decrees and did not walk in my statutes, and they profaned my Sabbaths, since their hearts walked after their idols.
Eze 20:17 But my eye had compassion for them because of their destruction, so I did not annihilate them in the wilderness.
Eze 20:18 I commanded their sons and daughters in the wilderness, “Do not walk according to the statutes of your parents; do not keep their decrees or profane yourselves with their idols.
Eze 20:19 I am Yehowah your Divine One, walk in my statutes; keep my decrees and obey them.
Eze 20:20 Keep my Sabbaths consecrated, so that they will be a sign between me and you, so that you will know that I am Yehowah your Divine One.”
Eze 20:21 But their sons and daughters rebelled against me. They did not walk in my statutes or keep my decrees, by which a man might live if he obeys them. They profaned my Sabbaths, so I determined to pour out my fury upon them to satisfy my wrath against them in the wilderness.
Eze 20:22 But I turned my hand away and acted for my name’s sake, so it would not be profaned in the eyes of the ethnicities in whose sight I had brought out the Israelis.
Eze 20:23 I myself also raised my hand to them in the wilderness, in order to swear that I would scatter them among the ethnicities and disperse them among the lands.
Eze 20:24 I decided to do this, since they had not obeyed my decrees, and since they had rejected my statutes and profaned my Sabbaths. Their eyes were longing after their fathers’ idols.
Eze 20:25 Then I also gave them over to their own statutes that are not good, and decrees by which they could not live.
Eze 20:26 I made them unclean by their gifts when they made a sacrifice of every firstborn of the womb and put them into the fire. I did this in order to terrify them, so they might know that I am Yehowah!’
Eze 20:27 Therefore, son of man, announce this to the house of Israel; say to them, ‘Lord Yehowah declares this: Your fathers blasphemed me by betraying me. They did it in this way:
Eze 20:28 When I brought them into the land that I lifted my hand to give to them, and when they saw all the high hills and leafy trees, then they offered their sacrifices there and provoked me by their offerings there. There, they also burned fragrant incense and poured out drink offerings.

Eze 20:29 Then I asked them, “What is this high place where you bring offerings there?” So the name is called Bamah to this day.’
Eze 20:30 Therefore, say to the house of Israel, ‘Lord Yehowah asks this: Why do you make yourselves unclean with the ways of your fathers? So why do you act like prostitutes, searching for disgusting things?
Eze 20:31 For when you offer up your gifts, and you put your sons into the fire, to this day you make yourselves unclean with all your idols. So why should I let you question me, house of Israel? As I live,’ Lord Yehowah declares, ‘I will not let you question me.
Eze 20:32 The thought that is forming in your mind will not come true. You say, “Let us be like the ethnicities, like the clans in the other lands who worship wood and stone.”
Eze 20:33 As I live,’ Lord Yehowah declares, ‘I will certainly reign over you with a mighty hand, a raised arm, and fury poured out.
Eze 20:34 I will bring you out from the ethnicities and will gather you out of the countries among whom you have been scattered. I will do this with a mighty hand and with fury poured out.
Eze 20:35 Then I will bring you into the wilderness of the ethnicities, and there I will judge you face to face.
Eze 20:36 As I judged your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so also I will judge you,’ Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 20:37 ‘I will cause you to pass under my trekking pole, and I will make you obey the requirements of the covenant.
Eze 20:38 I will purge from among you the rebels and those who revolt against me. I will send them out from the land where they are staying as foreigners, but they will not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am Yehowah.
Eze 20:39 So to you, house of Israel, Lord Yehowah declares this: Each of you should go to his own idols. Worship them if you will refuse to listen to me, but you must no longer profane my set-apart name with your gifts and your idols.
Eze 20:40 For on my set-apart mountain, on the mountain peak of Israel,’ Lord Yehowah declares, ‘all of the house of Israel will worship me there in the land. I will be pleased to require your offerings there and also the firstfruits of your tribute with all your set-apart things.
Eze 20:41 I will accept you like fragrant incense, when I bring you out from the people and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered. I will show myself as consecrated among you for the ethnicities to see.
Eze 20:42 Then when I bring you to the land of Israel, to the land that I have lifted my hand up to give to your fathers, you will know that I am Yehowah.
Eze 20:43 Then you will call to mind there your evil ways, and all of your deeds by which you made yourselves unclean, and you will hate yourselves in your own eyes for all your evil actions that you have committed.

Eze 20:44 So you will know that I am Yehowah when I do this to you for my name's sake, not for your evil ways or your corrupt deeds, house of Israel,'" Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 20:45 Then the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 20:46 "Son of man, set your face toward the southern lands and speak against the south; prophesy against the forest of the Negev.
Eze 20:47 Say to the forest of the Negev, 'Hear the word of Yehowah! Lord Yehowah declares this: See, I will set a fire among you. It will devour every fresh tree and every dried tree among you. The fiery flame will not be quenched; every face from the south to the north will be burned.
Eze 20:48 Then all flesh will see that I am Yehowah when I light the fire, and it will not be quenched.'"
Eze 20:49 Then I responded, "Alas! Lord Yehowah, they are asking about me, 'Is he not a mere teller of parables?'"

Ezekiel Chapter 21

Eze 21:1 Then the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 21:2 “Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem, and speak against the sanctuaries; prophesy against the land of Israel.
Eze 21:3 Say to the land of Israel, ‘Yehowah declares this: Behold! I am against you! I will draw my sword from its scabbard and cut off both the righteous person and the wicked person from you!
Eze 21:4 In order for me to cut off both the righteous and the wicked from you, my sword will go out from its scabbard against all flesh from the south to the north.
Eze 21:5 Then all flesh will know that I, Yehowah, have drawn my sword from its scabbard. It will no longer hold back!’
Eze 21:6 As for you, son of man, groan as your loins break! In bitterness groan before their eyes!
Eze 21:7 Then it will happen that they will ask you, ‘For what reason are you groaning?’ Then you will answer, ‘Because of the intelligence report that is coming, for every heart will faint away, and every hand will falter! Every spirit will grow faint, and every knee will flow like water. Behold! It is coming, and it will be like this!’” Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 21:8 Then the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 21:9 “Son of man, prophesy, ‘The Lord declares this: Say: A sword! A sword! It will be sharpened and polished!
Eze 21:10 It will be sharpened in order to engage in great slaughter! It will be polished in order to be like lightning! Should we rejoice in my son’s scepter? The coming sword despises every such rod!
Eze 21:11 So the sword will be given to be polished and then to be grasped by the hand! The sword is sharpened, and it is polished, and it is to be given into the hand of the one who kills!’
Eze 21:12 Call for help and lament, son of man! For that sword has come against my people! It is against all the leaders of Israel. They are thrown against the sword with my people. Therefore, slap your thigh in grief!
Eze 21:13 For there is a trial, but what if the scepter does not last?” asks Lord Yehowah.
Eze 21:14 “Now you, son of man, prophesy and strike your two hands together, for the sword will attack even a third time! A sword for the homicide victims! It is a sword for the many to be slaughtered, piercing them everywhere!
Eze 21:15 In order to melt their hearts and to multiply their fallen, I have set the slaughter of the sword against their gates! Woe! It is made like lightning, set free to butcher!

Eze 21:16 You, sword! Strike to the right! Strike to the left! Go wherever your face is turned.
Eze 21:17 For I will also strike my two hands together, and then I will bring my fury to rest! I, Yehowah, declare it!”
Eze 21:18 The Word of Yehowah came to me again,
Eze 21:19 “Now you, son of man, assign two roads for the sword of the king of Babylon to come. The two roads will start in the same land, and a signpost will mark one of them as leading to a city.
Eze 21:20 Mark one road for the Babylonian military force to come to Rabbah, the city of the Ammonites. Mark the other to lead the military force to Judah and the city of Jerusalem, which is fortified.
Eze 21:21 For the king of Babylon will stop at the crossroads, at the junction, in order to practice divination. He will shake some arrows and ask direction from some idols, and he will examine a liver.
Eze 21:22 In his right hand will be an omen about Jerusalem, to set battering rams against it, to open his mouth to order the slaughter, to sound a war cry, to set battering rams against the gates, to build a ramp, and to erect siege towers.
Eze 21:23 It will seem to be a useless omen in the eyes of the ones in Jerusalem, those who had sworn an oath to the Babylonians! But the king will accuse them of violating their treaty in order to besiege them!
Eze 21:24 Therefore, Lord Yehowah says this: Because you bring your iniquity to my remembrance, your transgressions will be revealed! Your sins will be seen in all of your actions! For this reason you will remind everyone that you will be captured by your enemy’s hand!
Eze 21:25 As for you, homicidal and wicked ruler of Israel, whose day of punishment has come, and whose time of committing iniquity has ended,
Eze 21:26 Lord Yehowah declares this to you: Remove the turban and take off the crown! Things will no longer be the same! Exalt the lowly and humble the exalted!
Eze 21:27 I will make everything a ruin! A ruin! A ruin! The crown will exist no longer, not until the One comes who has a right to it. Then I will give it to him (Rev. 14:14).
Eze 21:28 So you, son of man, prophesy, ‘Lord Yehowah declares this to the people of Ammon concerning their coming disgrace: A sword, a sword is drawn! It is sharpened for the slaughter in order to devour, so it will be like lightning!
Eze 21:29 While prophets see empty visions for you, while they perform rituals to come up with lies for you, this sword will lie on the necks of the wicked who are about to be killed, whose day of punishment has come, and whose time of iniquity is about to end.
Eze 21:30 Return the sword to its scabbard. In the place of your creation, in the land of your origin, I will judge you!

Eze 21:31 I will pour out my indignation on you! I will fan the fire of my rage against you and put you into the hand of cruel men, craftsmen of destruction!
Eze 21:32 You will become fuel for the fire! Your blood will be in the midst of the land. You will not be remembered, for I, Yehowah, have declared this!'"

Ezekiel Chapter 22

Eze 22:1 Then the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 22:2 “Now you, son of man, will you judge? Will you judge the city of blood? Make her know all her abominations.
Eze 22:3 You must say, ‘Lord Yehowah declares this: This is a city that pours out blood in her midst, so that her time may come; a city that makes idols to make herself unclean.
Eze 22:4 You are guilty by the blood that you have poured out, and are made unclean by the idols that you have made. For you have drawn your days close and approached your final years. Therefore, I will make you a reproach to the ethnicities and a derision in the sight of every land.
Eze 22:5 Both those who are near and those who are far away from you will mock you, you unclean city, with the reputation known everywhere as being full of confusion.
Eze 22:6 Behold! The rulers of Israel, each one by his own power, have come to you to pour out blood.
Eze 22:7 They have dishonored fathers and mothers within you, and they have performed oppression on the sojourning foreigners in your midst. They have mistreated the orphans and the widows within you.
Eze 22:8 You have despised my set-apart things and have profaned my Sabbaths.
Eze 22:9 Slanderous men have come among you in order to pour out blood, and they eat on the mountains. They perform wickedness in your midst.
Eze 22:10 The nakedness of a father is revealed within you. They have abused the unclean woman within you during her impurity.
Eze 22:11 Men who commit abominations with their neighbors’ wives, and men who make their own daughters-in-law shamefully unclean; men who abuse their own sisters, daughters of their own fathers, all these are among you.
Eze 22:12 These men take bribes among you in order to shed blood. You have taken interest and gained too much profit, you have damaged your neighbors through oppression, and you have forgotten me,’ Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 22:13 ‘See! With my hand I have struck the dishonest gain that you have made, and the bloodshed that is in your midst.
Eze 22:14 Will your heart stand, will your hands be strong on the days when I myself will deal with you? I, Yehowah, am declaring this, and I will do it.
Eze 22:15 So I will scatter you among the ethnicities and disperse you through the lands. In this way, I will purge your uncleanness from you.
Eze 22:16 So you will become unclean in the eyes of the ethnicities. Then you will know that I am Yehowah.’”

Eze 22:17 Next, the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 22:18 “Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to me. All of them are the leftovers of bronze, tin, iron, and lead in your midst. They will be like the dross of silver in your furnace.
Eze 22:19 Therefore, Lord Yehowah declares this, ‘Because all of you have become like dross, therefore, behold! I am about to gather you into the center of Jerusalem.
Eze 22:20 As a collection of silver, bronze, iron, lead, and tin in the midst of the furnace must have fire blown against it to melt it, so I will gather you in my wrath and fury. I will put you there and blow the fire on it to melt you; so will I gather you in my anger and in my wrath, and I will put you there and pour you out.
Eze 22:21 So I will gather you and blow against you with the fire of my wrath, so that you will be poured out in her midst.
Eze 22:22 As melting silver in the middle of a furnace, you will be melted down in its midst, and you will know that I, Yehowah, have poured out my fury against you!’”
Eze 22:23 The Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 22:24 “Son of man, say to her, ‘You are a land that has not been cleansed. There is no rain on the day of wrath!
Eze 22:25 There is a conspiracy of her prophets within her, like a roaring lion tearing apart a victim. They consume life and take precious wealth; they make many widows within her!
Eze 22:26 Her priests do violence to my law, and they profane my set-apart things. They do not distinguish between set-apart things and profane things, and do not teach the difference between the unclean and the clean. They hide their eyes from my Sabbaths, so that I am profaned in their midst.
Eze 22:27 Her princes within her are like cheetahs tearing apart their victims. They pour out blood and destroy life to make a profit dishonestly.
Eze 22:28 Her prophets have painted them over with whitewash; they see false visions and predict falsehoods to them. They say, “Lord Yehowah declares this,” when Yehowah has not spoken.
Eze 22:29 The people of the land have oppressed through extortion and plundered through robbery, and they mistreat the poor and needy, and oppress the sojourning foreigner without justice.
Eze 22:30 So I searched for a man from them who would build up a wall, and who would stand before me in its breach for the land, so I would not destroy it, but I found no one.
Eze 22:31 So I will pour out my indignation upon them. I will finish them with the fire of my indignation and set their way on their own heads,’” Lord Yehowah declares.

Ezekiel Chapter 23

Eze 23:1 The Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 23:2 “Son of man, there were two women, daughters of the same mother.
Eze 23:3 They acted as prostitutes in Egypt in the time of their youth. They acted as prostitutes there. Their breasts were squeezed, and their virgin nipples were fondled there.
Eze 23:4 Their names were Oholah, the older sister, and Oholibah, her younger sister. Then they became mine and bore sons and daughters. Their names mean this: Oholah means Samaria, and Oholibah means Jerusalem.
Eze 23:5 But Oholah acted as a prostitute even when she was mine; she lusted for her lovers, for the Assyrians who were dominant,
Eze 23:6 the governor who wore violet, and for his officials, who were strong and handsome, all of them men riding on horses.
Eze 23:7 So she gave herself as a prostitute to them, to all the best of Assyria’s men, and she made herself unclean with everyone she lusted for, and with all their idols.
Eze 23:8 For she had not left her prostitute behavior behind in Egypt, when they had sex with her, when she had been a young girl, when they first began to fondle her virgin breasts, when they first began to pour out their promiscuous behavior on her.
Eze 23:9 Therefore, I gave her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians for whom she lusted.
Eze 23:10 They stripped her naked. They took her sons and daughters, and they killed her with the sword, and she became shameful to other women, so they passed judgment on her.
Eze 23:11 Her sister Oholibah saw this, but she lusted even more passionately and acted like a prostitute even more than her sister.
Eze 23:12 She lusted for the Assyrians, the governors and the dominating officials who dressed impressively, who were men riding horses. All of them were strong, handsome men.
Eze 23:13 I saw that she had made herself unclean. It was the same for both sisters.
Eze 23:14 Then she increased her prostitution even more. She saw men carved on walls, figures of Chaldeans painted in red,
Eze 23:15 wearing belts around their waists, with flowing turbans on their heads. All of them appeared to be officers of chariot troops, men of whom Babylonia (modern Iraq) was their birthplace.

Eze 23:16 As soon as her eyes saw them, she lusted for them, so she sent out messengers to them in Chaldea.
Eze 23:17 Then the Babylonians came to her and to her bed of lust, and they made her unclean with their promiscuousness. By what she had done she was made unclean, so she turned herself away from them in disgust.
Eze 23:18 She displayed her acts of prostitution, and she showed her unclothed body, so my soul turned away from her, just as my soul turned away from her sister.
Eze 23:19 Then she committed many more acts of prostitution, as she brought to mind and imitated the days of her youth, when she behaved as a prostitute in the land of Egypt.
Eze 23:20 So she lusted for her lovers, whose private parts were like those of donkeys, and whose reproductive emissions were like those of horses.
Eze 23:21 This is how you committed shameful acts of your youth, when the Egyptians fondled your nipples and squeezed your young breasts.
Eze 23:22 Therefore, Oholibah, Lord Yehowah declares this, 'Behold! I will turn your lovers against you. Those from whom you turned away, I will bring them against you from every side:
Eze 23:23 The Babylonians and all the Chaldeans, Pekod, Shoa, and Koa, and all the Assyrians with them, strong, handsome men, governors and commanders, all of them are officers and men of reputation, all of them riding on horses.
Eze 23:24 They will come against you with weapons, and with chariots and wagons, and with a great crowd of people. They will set large shields, small shields, and helmets against you all around. I will give them the opportunity to punish you, and they will punish you with their actions.
Eze 23:25 For I will set my anger on you, and they will deal with you in fury. They will cut off your nose and your ears, and your remnant will fall by the sword. They will take your sons and your daughters, so that your descendants will be devoured by fire.
Eze 23:26 They will strip you of your clothes and take away all of your jewelry.
Eze 23:27 So I will remove your shameful behavior from you and your acts of prostitution from the land of Egypt. You will not lift up your eyes toward them with longing, and you will think of Egypt no longer.'
Eze 23:28 For Lord Yehowah declares this, 'Behold! I will give you into the hand of the ones you hate, back into the hand of the ones from whom you had turned away.
Eze 23:29 They will deal with you hatefully; they will take all your possessions and abandon you unclothed and bare. The naked shame of your prostitution will be revealed, your shameful behavior and your promiscuousness.
Eze 23:30 These things will be done to you in your acting like a prostitute, lusting after ethnicities by which you became unclean with their idols.

Eze 23:31 You have walked in the way of your sister, so I will put her cup of punishment into your hand.’
Eze 23:32 Lord Yehowah declares this, ‘You will drink your sister’s cup that is deep and large. You will become a laughingstock and a subject for derision, this cup contains a great amount.
Eze 23:33 You will be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, the cup of horror and devastation; the cup of your sister Samaria.
Eze 23:34 You will drink it and drain it empty; then you will shatter it and tear your breasts with the sherds. For I have declared it,’ Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 23:35 Therefore, Lord Yehowah declares this, ‘Because you have forgotten me and thrown me away behind your back, so also you will bear the consequences of your shameful behavior and acts of sexual immorality.’”
Eze 23:36 Yehowah said to me, “Son of man, will you judge Oholah and Oholibah? So present to them their disgusting actions,
Eze 23:37 since they have committed adultery, and since there is blood on their hands. They have committed adultery with their idols, and they have even put their sons into the fire, as food for their idols.
Eze 23:38 Then they continue to do this to me: They make my sanctuary unclean, and on the same day, they defile my Sabbaths.
Eze 23:39 For when they had slaughtered their children for their idols, then they came to my sanctuary on the same day to defile it! So behold! This is what they have done in the middle of my temple.
Eze 23:40 You sent out for men who came from far away, to whom messengers had been sent, now behold. They indeed came, those for whom you bathed, painted your eyes, and adorned yourself with jewelry.
Eze 23:41 There you sat on a beautiful bed and at a table arranged before it, where you placed my incense and my oil.
Eze 23:42 So the sound of a carefree crowd was with you, and drunkards were brought from the wilderness with other worthless men. They put bracelets on your hands and ornate crowns on your heads.
Eze 23:43 Then I said about the one worn out by acts of adultery, ‘Now they will be sexually immoral with her, and she will be sexually immoral with them.’
Eze 23:44 Then they went and had sex with her as they would any prostitute; in the same way, they had sex with Oholah and Oholibah, women guilty of prostitution.
Eze 23:45 But righteous men will condemn them to punishment for adultery and to punishment for one who pours out blood, since they have committed adultery and have blood on their hands.
Eze 23:46 So Lord Yehowah declares this: I will raise up a company against them and give them up to be terrorized and plundered.

Eze 23:47 Then that company will execute them by stoning and cut them down with their swords. They will kill their sons and daughters and burn down their houses.
Eze 23:48 For I will remove shameful behavior from the land and discipline all of the women, so they will no longer act like prostitutes.
Eze 23:49 So they will set your shameful behavior against you. You will bear the guilt of your sins with your idols, and in this way, you will know that I am Lord Yehowah."

Ezekiel Chapter 24

Eze 24:1 The Word of Yehowah came to me in the ninth year (c. 590 BC), on the tenth of the tenth month:
Eze 24:2 “Son of man, write for yourself the name of this day, this exact day, for this exact day the king of Babylon has besieged Jerusalem.
Eze 24:3 So speak a proverb against this rebellious house, a parable. Say to them, ‘Lord Yehowah says this: Place the cooking pot. Place it and pour water into it.
Eze 24:4 Gather pieces of food within it, every good piece, the thigh and shoulder, and fill it with the best bones.
Eze 24:5 Take the best of the flock and heap up the bones under it. Boil it thoroughly and also cook the bones in the midst of it.
Eze 24:6 Therefore, Lord Yehowah declares this: Woe to the city of blood, a cooking pot that has rust in it, and that rust will not come out of it. Take piece after piece from it but do not cast lots for it.
Eze 24:7 For her blood is in the midst of her. She has set it on the smooth rock; she has not poured it out on the ground to cover it with dust,
Eze 24:8 so it brings fury up to exact vengeance. I placed her blood on the smooth rock, so it could not be covered.
Eze 24:9 Therefore, Lord Yehowah declares this: Woe to the city of blood. I will also enlarge the pile of wood.
Eze 24:10 Stack up the wood and kindle the fire. Cook the meat well, mix in the spices, and let the bones be charred.
Eze 24:11 Then set the pot on its coals empty, in order to heat and scorch its bronze, so its uncleanness within it will be melted, its corrosion consumed.’
Eze 24:12 She has become weary because of toil, but her corrosion has not gone out of her by the fire.
Eze 24:13 Your shameful behavior is in your uncleanness, because I cleaned you, but still you would not become clean. You will still not be free from your uncleanness, until my fury rests from you.
Eze 24:14 I, Yehowah, have declared it will happen, and I will do it. I will not relent, nor will I rest from it. As your ways were, and as your activities, they will judge you!” Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 24:15 Then the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 24:16 “Son of man! Behold, I am taking the desire of your eyes from you with a plague, but you must not mourn nor weep, and your tears must not flow.
Eze 24:17 You must groan silently. Do not conduct a funeral for the dead. Tie your turban on you and place your sandals on your feet, but do not veil your facial hair or eat the bread of men who mourn for having lost their wives.”

Eze 24:18 So I spoke to the people at dawn, and my wife died at dusk. At dawn, I did what I had been commanded to do.
Eze 24:19 The people asked me, “Will you not tell us what these things mean, the things that you are doing?”
Eze 24:20 So I answered them, “The Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 24:21 ‘Say to the house of Israel, Lord Yehowah declares this: Behold! The pride of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and your lusts are defiling my sanctuary! So your sons and your daughters whom you have left behind yourselves will fall by the sword.
Eze 24:22 Then you will do exactly as I have done: You will not veil your facial hair, nor eat the bread of mourning men!
Eze 24:23 Instead, your turbans will be on your heads, and your sandals on your feet; you will not mourn nor weep, for you will melt away in your iniquities, and each man will groan for his brother.
Eze 24:24 So Ezekiel will be a sign for you, as everything that he has done, you will do when this comes. Then you will know that I am Lord Yehowah!’”
Eze 24:25 “But you, son of man, on the day that I capture their temple, which is their joy, their pride, and what they see and desire, and when I take away their sons and daughters,
Eze 24:26 on that day, a refugee will come to you to give you the news!
Eze 24:27 On that day, your mouth will be opened up to that refugee, and you will speak, you will no longer be silent. You will be a sign for them, so that they will know that I am Yehowah.”

Ezekiel Chapter 25

Eze 25:1 Then the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 25:2 “Son of man, set your face against the people of Ammon and prophesy against them.
Eze 25:3 Say to the people of Ammon, ‘Hear the word of Lord Yehowah. This is what Lord Yehowah declares: Because you said, “Aha!” over my sanctuary when it was profaned, and against the land of Israel when it was desolate, and against the house of Judah when they went into exile,
Eze 25:4 therefore, behold, I am giving you to a people in the East as their possession. They will set up camp against you and set up their tents among you. They will eat your fruit, and they will drink your milk.
Eze 25:5 I will make Rabbah a pasture for camels and the people of Ammon a field for flocks. Then you will know that I am Yehowah.
Eze 25:6 For Lord Yehowah declares this: You have clapped your hands and stamped your feet, and rejoiced with all the contempt within you against the land of Israel.
Eze 25:7 Therefore, behold! I will strike you with my hand and give you as plunder to the ethnicities. I will cut you off from the people and make you perish from among the countries! I will destroy you, and you will know that I am Yehowah.’
Eze 25:8 Lord Yehowah declares this, ‘Because Moab and Seir say, “Behold! The house of Judah is like every ethnicity.”
Eze 25:9 Therefore, behold! I will open the slopes of Moab, starting at his cities on the border, the splendor of Beth Jeshimoth, Baal Meon, and Kiraiathaim,
Eze 25:10 to the people of the East who have been against the people of Ammon. I will give them up as a possession, so that the people of Ammon will not be remembered among the ethnicities.
Eze 25:11 So I will perform judgments against Moab, and they will know that I am Yehowah.’
Eze 25:12 Lord Yehowah says this, ‘Edom has taken vengeance against the house of Judah and has committed wrong in doing so.
Eze 25:13 Therefore, Lord Yehowah declares this: I will strike Edom with my hand and destroy every person and animal there. I will make them a ruined, abandoned place, from Teman to Dedan. They will fall by the sword.
Eze 25:14 I will lay my vengeance upon Edom by the hand of my people Israel, and they will do to Edom according to my anger and my fury, and they will know my vengeance,’ Lord Yehowah declares.

Eze 25:15 Lord Yehowah says this, ‘The Philistines have taken vengeance with malice, and from within themselves, they tried to destroy Judah again and again.
Eze 25:16 So this is what Lord Yehowah declares: Behold! I will reach out with my hand against the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethites (Cretans) and destroy the remnant who are along the seacoast.
Eze 25:17 For I will take great vengeance against them with furious acts of punishment, so they will know that I am Yehowah, when I take my vengeance on them.’”

Ezekiel Chapter 26

Eze 26:1 So it was in the eleventh year (c. 588 BC), on the first of the month, that the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 26:2 “Son of man, because Tyre has said against Jerusalem, ‘Aha! The gates of the people are broken! She has turned to me; I will be filled up because she is ruined.’
Eze 26:3 Therefore, Lord Yehowah declares this, ‘Behold! I am against you, Tyre, and I will raise up many ethnicities against you, like the sea raises its waves.
Eze 26:4 They will destroy the walls of Tyre and tear down her towers. I will sweep her dust away and make her like a bare rock.
Eze 26:5 She will become a place for nets to dry out in the midst of the sea, since I have declared it,’ Lord Yehowah declares, ‘and she will become plunder for the ethnicities.
Eze 26:6 Her daughters who are in the fields will be slaughtered by the swords, and they will know that I am Yehowah.’”
Eze 26:7 “For this is what Lord Yehowah declares: Behold, from the north I am bringing Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, king of kings, against Tyre, with horses and chariots, and with cavalry and a great many people.
Eze 26:8 He will kill with the sword your daughters in the field. He will set up a siege work, build a ramp against your walls, and raise up shields against you.
Eze 26:9 He will place his battering rams to hit against your walls, and his tools will tear down your towers.
Eze 26:10 His horses will be so many that their dust will cover you. Your walls will shake with the sound of cavalry, wagons, and chariots. When he enters your gates, he will enter as men come into a city whose walls have been broken down.
Eze 26:11 The hooves of his horses will trample all of your streets. He will kill your people with the sword, and your mighty stone pillars will fall to the ground.
Eze 26:12 They will plunder your riches and loot your merchandise. They will tear down your walls and destroy your luxurious homes. Your stones, your timber, and the rubble they will throw into the waters.
Eze 26:13 I will stop the noise of your songs. The sound of your harps will be heard no more.
Eze 26:14 I will make you a bare rock, you will become a place where nets are spread out to dry. You will never be built again, for I, Yehowah, have spoken.” This is the declaration of Lord Yehowah.
Eze 26:15 “Lord Yehowah says this to Tyre, ‘Will not the islands quake with the sound of your downfall and with the groans of the wounded, when the terrible slaughter is in your midst?

Eze 26:16 Then all the princes of the sea will step down from their thrones and remove their robes and cast off their embroidered garments. They will clothe themselves with trembling, they will sit on the ground and tremble every moment, and they will be appalled because of you.
Eze 26:17 They will lift up a lament for you and say to you, “How you, who were inhabited by sailors, have been destroyed. The famous city that was so strong, it is now gone from the sea. The ones living in her once spread a terror about themselves upon everyone who lived near them.
Eze 26:18 Now the coasts tremble on the day of your downfall. The islands in the sea are terrified, because you have died.”
Eze 26:19 For Lord Yehowah declares this: When I make you a desolate city, like the other cities that are not inhabited, when I raise up the deeps against you, and when the great waters cover you,
Eze 26:20 then I will bring you down to the people of ancient times, like the others who have gone down into the pit; for I will make you live in the lowest realms of the earth as in ruins of ancient times. Because of this, you will not come back and stand in the land of the living.
Eze 26:21 I will place disaster on you, and you will exist no more. Then you will be sought, but you will never be found ever again,’” Lord Yehowah declares.

Ezekiel Chapter 27

Eze 27:1 Again the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 27:2 “Now you, son of man, begin a lamentation concerning Tyre,
Eze 27:3 and say to Tyre, who lives within the gates of the sea, merchants of people to many islands, Lord Yehowah says this to you: Tyre, you have said, ‘I am perfect in beauty.’
Eze 27:4 Your borders are in the heart of the seas; your builders have perfected your beauty.
Eze 27:5 They have made all your planks with cypress from Mount Hermon; they took cedar from Lebanon to make a mast for you.
Eze 27:6 They made your oars from the oaks of Bashan; they made your decks out of cypress wood from Cyprus, and they overlaid them with ivory.
Eze 27:7 Your sails were made from colorful linen from Egypt that served as your banner; the colors of blue and purple from the coasts of Elishah are used for the awning on your boat.
Eze 27:8 Those who were living in Sidon and Arvad were your rowers; the sages of Tyre were within you; they were your pilots.
Eze 27:9 Highly experienced craftsmen from Byblos filled your seams; all the ships of the sea, and their sailors among you were carrying your merchandise for trade.
Eze 27:10 Persia, Lydia, and Libya were in your armed forces, your warriors. They hung shield and helmet within you; they showed your splendor.
Eze 27:11 The men of Arvad and Helech in your armed forces were on your walls surrounding you, and the people of Gammad were in your towers. They hung up their shields on your walls all around you! They completed your beauty.
Eze 27:12 Tarshish was your client because of the multitude of every kind of wealth: silver, iron, tin, and lead. They bought and sold your wares!
Eze 27:13 Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they traded slaves and in items made of bronze. They handled your merchandise.
Eze 27:14 Beth Togarmah provided horses, stallions, and mules as your merchandise.
Eze 27:15 The men of Rhodes were your traders on many coasts. Merchandise was in your hand; they sent back horn, ivory, and ebony as tribute!
Eze 27:16 Aram was a dealer in your many products; they provided emeralds, purple, colored cloth, fine fabric, pearls, coral, and rubies as your merchandise.
Eze 27:17 Judah and the land of Israel were trading with you. They provided wheat from Minnith, cakes, honey, oil, and balm as your merchandise.
Eze 27:18 Damascus was a trader of all your products, of all your enormous wealth, and of the wine of Helbon and the wool of Zahar.

Eze 27:19 Dan and Javan from Uzzal provided you with merchandise of wrought iron, cinnamon, and calamus. This became merchandise for you.
Eze 27:20 Dedan was your dealer in fine saddle blankets.
Eze 27:21 Arabia and all the chiefs of Kedar were traders with you; they provided you with lambs, rams, and goats.
Eze 27:22 The traders of Sheba and Raamah came to sell you the best of every spice and all kinds of precious gems; they traded gold for your merchandise.
Eze 27:23 Haran, Canneh, and Eden were traders with you, along with Sheba, Asshur, and Kilmad.
Eze 27:24 These were your dealers in ornate robes of violet cloths with woven colors, and in blankets of multicolored, embroidered, and well-woven cloth, rope, and cedar in your marketplaces.
Eze 27:25 The ships of Tarshish were the transporters of your merchandise! So you were filled up, heavily laden with cargo in the heart of the seas!
Eze 27:26 Your rowers have brought you into vast seas; the eastern wind has broken you in the middle of them.
Eze 27:27 Your wealth, merchandise, and trade goods; your mariners, sailors, and ship builders; your traders of merchandise and all the warriors who are in you, and all your crew, they will fall into the depths of the sea on the day of your destruction.
Eze 27:28 Cities at the sea will tremble at the sound of your pilot's cry.
Eze 27:29 All those who handle oars will come down from their ships; mariners and every sailor of the sea will stand on the land.
Eze 27:30 Then they will make you listen to their voice and will wail bitterly; they will cast dust up on their heads. They will roll about in ashes.
Eze 27:31 They will shave their heads bald for you and bind themselves with sackcloth, and they will weep bitterly over you, and they will cry out.
Eze 27:32 They will lift up their wails of lamentation for you and sing dirges over you. Who is like Tyre, who has now been brought to silence in the middle of the sea?
Eze 27:33 When your merchandise went ashore from the sea, it satisfied many people; you enriched the kings of the earth with your great wealth and merchandise!
Eze 27:34 But when you were shattered by the seas, by deep waters, your merchandise and all your crew sank!
Eze 27:35 All the inhabitants of the coasts were appalled at you, and their kings shuddered in horror! Their faces trembled!
Eze 27:36 The merchants of the people whistle at you; you have become a horror, and you will never again exist."

Ezekiel Chapter 28

Eze 28:1 Then the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 28:2 “Son of man, prophesy to the ruler of Tyre, ‘Lord Yehowah says this: Your heart is arrogant! You have boasted, “I am a deity! I will sit in the seat of the deities in the heart of the seas!” Even though you are a man and not a deity, you make your heart like the heart of a deity;
Eze 28:3 you think that you are wiser than Daniel, and that no secret amazes you!
Eze 28:4 You have made yourself wealthy with wisdom and skill, and obtained gold and silver in your treasuries!
Eze 28:5 By great wisdom and by your trading, you have multiplied your wealth, so your heart is arrogant because of your wealth.
Eze 28:6 Therefore, Lord Yehowah declares this: Because you have made your heart like the heart of a deity,
Eze 28:7 I will therefore bring foreigners against you, terrifying men from the ethnicities. They will bring their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and they will profane your splendor.
Eze 28:8 They will send you down to the pit, and you will die the death of those who die in the heart of the seas.
Eze 28:9 Will you truly say, “I am a deity,” to the face of one who kills you? You are a man and not a deity, and you will be in the hand of the one who pierces you.
Eze 28:10 You will die the death of the uncircumcised by the hand of foreigners, for I have declared it,’” Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 28:11 The Word of Yehowah came again to me,
Eze 28:12 “Son of man, lift up a lament for the king of Tyre and say to him, ‘Lord Yehowah declares this: You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.
Eze 28:13 You were in Eden, the garden of the Almighty. Every precious stone covered you: ruby, topaz, emerald, chrysolite, onyx, jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made from gold. It was on the day you were created that they were prepared.
Eze 28:14 I placed you on the set-apart mountain of the Almighty as the angel I anointed to guard mankind. You were in the midst of the fiery stones where you walked about.
Eze 28:15 You had integrity in your ways from the day you were created, until injustice was found within you.

Eze 28:16 In the large volume of your trading you were filled with violence, so you sinned. I have thrown you as defiled from the mountain of the Almighty and destroyed you, angel guard, from among the fiery stones.
Eze 28:17 Your heart was arrogant with your beauty; you ruined your wisdom because of your splendor. I have sent you down to the earth. I have placed you before kings, so they may see you.
Eze 28:18 Because of your many sins and your dishonest trade, you have defiled your consecrated places. So I have made fire come out from you; it will consume you. I will turn you into ashes on the earth in the sight of all who look at you.
Eze 28:19 All the ones who knew you among the people will shudder at you; they will be horrified, and you will never exist again.'"
Eze 28:20 Then the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 28:21 "Son of man, set your face against Sidon and prophesy against her,
Eze 28:22 'Lord Yehowah declares this: Behold! I am against you, Sidon! For I will be glorified in your midst, so your people will know that I am Yehowah, when I execute justice within you. I will be shown to be consecrated in you.
Eze 28:23 I will send out a plague in you and blood in your streets, and the slain will fall in your midst. When the sword comes against you from all around, then you will know that I am Yehowah.
Eze 28:24 Then there will no longer be pricking briars and painful thorns for the house of Israel from all those around her who despise her people, so they will know that I am Lord Yehowah!'
Eze 28:25 Lord Yehowah declares this, 'When I gather the house of Israel from the people among whom they were scattered, and when I am set apart among them, so the ethnicities may see, then they will make their homes in the land I will give to my servant Jacob.
Eze 28:26 Then they will live securely within her and build houses, plant vineyards, and live securely, when I execute justice on all the ones who now despise them from all around; so they will know that I am Yehowah their Divine One!'"

Ezekiel Chapter 29

Eze 29:1 In the tenth year (c. 589 BC), on the twelfth of the tenth month, the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 29:2 “Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh, the king of Egypt; prophesy against him and against all of Egypt.
Eze 29:3 Speak and say, ‘Lord Yehowah declares this: Behold! I am against you, Pharaoh, king of Egypt. You, the great crocodile that lurks in the midst of the River, that boasts, “My river is my own. I have made it for myself.”
Eze 29:4 For I will place hooks in your jaw, and the fish of your Nile will cling to your scales; I will lift you up from the middle of your river along with all the fish of the River that cling to your scales.
Eze 29:5 I will throw you down into the wilderness, you and all the fish from your river. You will fall on the open field; you will not be gathered nor lifted up. I will give you as food to the wild animals of the earth and to the birds of the sky.
Eze 29:6 Then all the inhabitants of Egypt will know that I am Yehowah, because they have been a trekking pole to the house of Israel.
Eze 29:7 When they took hold of you in their hand, you broke into splinters and pierced their shoulder; when they leaned on you, you shattered their legs and made their hips to shake.
Eze 29:8 Therefore, Lord Yehowah declares this: Behold! I will bring a sword against you; I will cut off both man and beast from you.
Eze 29:9 So the land of Egypt will become desolate and a ruin; then they will know that I am Yehowah, because the sea monster had boasted, “The River is mine, for I have made it.”
Eze 29:10 Therefore, behold! I am against you and against your river, so I will give the land of Egypt over to desolation and waste, and you will become a wasteland from Migdol to Syene (modern Aswan) and the borders of Cush.
Eze 29:11 No man’s foot will pass through it, and no wild animal’s foot will pass through it. It will not be inhabited for forty years.
Eze 29:12 For I will make the land of Egypt a desolation in the midst of uninhabited lands, and its cities in the midst of wasted cities will become a desolation for forty years; then I will scatter Egypt among the ethnicities, and I will disperse them throughout the lands.
Eze 29:13 For Lord Yehowah declares this: At the end of forty years, I will gather Egypt from people among whom they were scattered.
Eze 29:14 I will restore the fortunes of Egypt and bring them back to the region of Pathros, to the land of their origin. Then they will be a lowly kingdom there.

Eze 29:15 It will be the lowliest of the kingdoms, and it will not be lifted up any more among the ethnicities. I will diminish them, so they will no longer rule over ethnicities.
Eze 29:16 The Egyptians will no longer be a reason for confidence for the house of Israel. Instead, they will be a reminder of the iniquity that Israel committed when they turned to Egypt for help. Then they will know that I am Lord Yehowah.'"
Eze 29:17 Then it came about in the twenty-seventh year (c. 572 BC) on the first of the first month, that the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 29:18 "Son of man, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon stationed his military force to do hard work against Tyre. Every head was shaved and every shoulder was bared, but there were never any wages from Tyre for him and his military force, for the hard work that he did against Tyre.
Eze 29:19 Therefore, Lord Yehowah declares this, 'Behold! I am giving the land of Egypt to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, and he will take away its wealth, plunder its possessions, and carry off all he finds there; that will be his armed force's wages.
Eze 29:20 I have given him the land of Egypt as the wages for the work they did for me,' Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 29:21 'On that day, I will make a horn sprout up for the house of Israel, and I will make you speak in their midst, so that they will know that I am Yehowah.'"

Ezekiel Chapter 30

Eze 30:1 The Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 30:2 “Son of man, prophesy, ‘Lord Yehowah says this: Wail, “Woe is the coming Day!”
Eze 30:3 The Day is near. The Day is near for Yehowah. It will be a Day of clouds, a time of doom for ethnicities.
Eze 30:4 Then a sword will come against Egypt, and there will be anguish in Cush when the killed people fall in Egypt, when they take her wealth, and when her foundations are ruined.
Eze 30:5 Cush, Libya, and Lydia, and all the foreigners, and Chub, together with the people belonging to the covenant, they will all fall by the sword.
Eze 30:6 Yehowah says this: So the ones who support Egypt will fall, and the pride of her strength will go down. From Migdol to Syene their soldiers will fall by the sword,’ Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 30:7 ‘They will be appalled in the midst of the abandoned lands, and their cities will be among all the ruined cities.
Eze 30:8 Then they will know that I am Yehowah, when I set fire in Egypt, and when all of her helpers are destroyed.
Eze 30:9 In that Day, messengers will go out from before me in ships to terrorize a secure Cush, and there will be anguish among them on the Day of Egypt’s doom. For behold! It is coming.
Eze 30:10 Lord Yehowah declares this: I will make an end of the multitudes of Egypt by the hand of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.
Eze 30:11 He and his military force with him, the terror of ethnicities, will be brought to destroy the land; they will draw out their swords against Egypt and fill the land with dead people.
Eze 30:12 I will make the rivers into dry ground, and I will sell the land into the hand of wicked men. I will make the land and its fullness desolate by the hand of foreigners, I, Yehowah, have spoken.
Eze 30:13 Lord Yehowah declares this: I will destroy idols, and I will bring an end to the worthless idols of Memphis. There will no longer be a prince in the land of Egypt, and I will put terror on the land of Egypt.
Eze 30:14 Then I will make Pathros desolate and set fire in Zoan, and I will execute acts of judgment on Thebes (modern Luxor).
Eze 30:15 For I will pour out my fury on Pelusium (modern Tell el-Farama), the stronghold of Egypt, and cut off the multitude of Thebes.
Eze 30:16 Then I will set fire in Egypt. Pelusium will be in severe agony, and Thebes will be broken up. Memphis will have enemies every day.

Eze 30:17 The young men in Heliopolis and Bubastis will fall by the sword, and their cities will go into captivity.
Eze 30:18 In Tahpanhes, the day will hold back its light when I break the yoke of Egypt there, and the pride of her strength will be finished. There will be a cloud covering her, and her daughters will walk into captivity.
Eze 30:19 I will execute acts of judgment in Egypt, so they will know that I am Yehowah.'"
Eze 30:20 Then it came about in the eleventh year (c. 588 BC), on the seventh of the first month, that the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 30:21 "Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Behold! It is not bound up and able to receive medicine; no one can put a bandage on it, so it will not be strong enough to grasp a sword.
Eze 30:22 Therefore, Lord Yehowah declares this, 'Behold, I am against Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. For I will break his arms, both the strong one and the broken one, and I will make the sword fall from his hand.
Eze 30:23 Then I will scatter Egypt among the ethnicities and disperse them among the lands.
Eze 30:24 I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon and place my sword in his hand, so that I might destroy Pharaoh's arms. He will groan before the king of Babylon with the groans of a dying man.
Eze 30:25 For I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, while Pharaoh's arms will fall. Then they will know that I am Yehowah, when I put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon; for he will attack the land of Egypt with it.
Eze 30:26 So I will scatter Egypt among the ethnicities and disperse them throughout the lands. Then they will know that I am Yehowah.'"

Ezekiel Chapter 31

Eze 31:1 Then it came about in the eleventh year (c. 588 BC), on the first of the third month, that the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 31:2 “Son of man, say to Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, and to his servants around him, ‘In your greatness, whom are you like?
Eze 31:3 Behold! Assyria was a cedar in Lebanon with beautiful branches, a forested canopy, and great height. Its tree top was among the clouds.
Eze 31:4 Many waters made it tall; the deep waters made it huge. Rivers flowed all around its area, for their channels stretched out to all the trees in the field.
Eze 31:5 Its great height was more than any of the other trees in the field, and its branches multiplied; its branches grew long because of many waters as they grew.
Eze 31:6 Every bird of the heavens nested in its branches, while every living thing of the field gave birth to its young under its foliage. All of the many ethnicities lived under its shade.
Eze 31:7 For it was beautiful in its greatness and the length of its branches, for its roots were in many waters.
Eze 31:8 Cedars in the garden of the Almighty could not equal it. None among the cypress trees matched its branches, and the plane tree could not equal its boughs. There was no other tree in the garden of the Almighty that was like it in its beauty.
Eze 31:9 I made it beautiful with its many branches, and all the trees of Eden that were in the garden of the Almighty envied it.
Eze 31:10 Therefore, Lord Yehowah declares this: Because you were so tall, and because it grew tall and set its top among the clouds, and its arrogant heart was exalted,
Eze 31:11 I have given it into the hand of a chief of the ethnicities, to deal with it according to what its wickedness deserves. I have thrown it out.
Eze 31:12 Foreigners who were the terror of all the ethnicities cut it off and left it to die. Its branches fell on the mountains and all the valleys, and its boughs lie broken in all the ravines of the land. Then all the ethnicities on earth came out from under its shade, and they went away from it.
Eze 31:13 All the birds of the sky rested on its trunk and all the beasts of the field sat on its branches.
Eze 31:14 This happened, so that none of the other watered trees would ever grow that tall, so that they would not raise their tree tops above the foliage, for no other tree that drank up water would ever again grow that tall. For they were all given over to death down to the lowest part of the earth, in the midst of the people of mankind who go down to the pit.

Eze 31:15 Lord Yehowah says this: On the day when the cedar went down to the place of the dead, I brought mourning to the earth. I covered the deep waters over it, and I held back the ocean waters. I kept back the great waters, and I brought mourning to Lebanon for him. So all the trees of the field mourned because of it.
Eze 31:16 I brought shuddering to the ethnicities at the sound of his downfall, when I threw him down to the place of the dead with those who went down into the pit. So I comforted all the trees of Eden in the lowest parts of the earth. These had been the choicest and best trees of Lebanon; the trees that drank the waters.
Eze 31:17 For they also went down with it to the place of the dead, to the ones who had been killed by the sword. These were its strong arm, those ethnicities who had lived in its shade.
Eze 31:18 Which of the trees in Eden was your equal in glory and greatness? For you will be brought down with the trees of Eden to the lowest parts of the earth among the uncircumcised; you will live with those who were killed by the sword.' This is Pharaoh and all of his servants," Lord Yehowah declares.

Ezekiel Chapter 32

Eze 32:1 Then it happened on the first of the twelfth month of the twelfth year (c. 587 BC), that the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 32:2 “Son of man, lift up a lament concerning Pharaoh the king of Egypt; say to him, ‘You are like a young lion among the ethnicities, but you are like a crocodile in the seas; you churn up the water, you stir up the waters with your feet and muddy their waters.
Eze 32:3 Lord Yehowah declares this: So I will spread my net over you in the assembly of many people, and they will lift you up in my net.
Eze 32:4 I will abandon you in the land. I will throw you into a field and cause all the birds of the sky to settle on you; the hunger of all living animals on earth will be satisfied by you.
Eze 32:5 For I will put your flesh on the mountains, and I will fill the valleys with your worm-filled corpse.
Eze 32:6 Then I will pour your blood over the mountains, and the stream beds will be filled with your blood.
Eze 32:7 Then, when I put out your lamp, I will cover the heavens and darken its stars; I will cover the sun with clouds, and the moon will not shine.
Eze 32:8 I will darken all the glowing lights in the heavens over you, and I will put darkness over your land,’ Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 32:9 ‘So I will terrify the heart of many people in lands that you do not know, when I bring about your collapse among the ethnicities, among lands that you have not known.
Eze 32:10 I will shock many people concerning you; their kings will shudder in horror concerning you when I swing my sword before them. Every moment each one will tremble because of you, on the day of your downfall.
Eze 32:11 For Lord Yehowah declares this: The sword of the king of Babylon will come against you.
Eze 32:12 I will cause your servants to fall by warriors’ swords, each warrior a terror of ethnicities. These warriors will devastate the glory of Egypt and destroy all of its multitudes.
Eze 32:13 For I will destroy all the livestock from beside the plentiful waters; the foot of man will no longer stir the waters up, neither will the hooves of cattle stir them.
Eze 32:14 Then I will calm their waters and make their rivers run like oil,’ Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 32:15 ‘When I make the land of Egypt, a land that was full, a ruined place, an abandoned place; when I attack all of her inhabitants, then they will know that I am Yehowah.

Eze 32:16 There will be a lament, for the daughters of the ethnicities will lament over her; they will lament over Egypt. They will lament over all her servants,'" Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 32:17 Then it happened in the twelfth year (c. 587 BC), on the fifteenth of the month, that the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 32:18 "Son of man, weep for the servants of Egypt and throw them down, her and the daughters of majestic ethnicities, to the lowest earth with those who have gone down to the pit.
Eze 32:19 Ask them, 'Are you really more beautiful than anyone else? Go down and lie with the uncircumcised.'
Eze 32:20 They will fall among those who were killed by the sword. Egypt is given to the sword; her enemies will seize her and her servants.
Eze 32:21 The strongest of the warriors in the place of the dead will declare about Egypt and her allies, 'They have come down here! They will lie with the uncircumcised who were killed by the sword.'
Eze 32:22 Assyria is there with all her assembly. Her graves surround her; all of them were killed by the sword.
Eze 32:23 Those whose graves are set in the recesses of the pit are there, with all her assembly. Her graves surround all of those who were killed, who fell by the sword, those who brought terror on the land of the living.
Eze 32:24 Elam is there with all her servants. Her graves surround her; all of them were killed. Those who fell by the sword, who have gone down uncircumcised to the lowest parts of the earth, who brought their terrors on the land of the living, and who now carry their own shame with them, together with the ones going down to the pit.
Eze 32:25 They set a bedroll for Elam and all her servants in the midst of the slain; her graves surround her. All of them are uncircumcised, killed by the sword, because they had brought their terrors on the land of the living. So they carry their own shame with them, together with the ones going down to the pit among all those who have been killed, those who are going down to the pit. Elam is among all those who were killed.
Eze 32:26 Meshech, Tubal, and all their servants are there! Their graves surround them. All of them are uncircumcised, killed by the sword, because they had brought their terrors on the land of the living.
Eze 32:27 They do not lie with the fallen warriors of the uncircumcised who have gone down to the place of the dead with all their weapons of war, and with their swords placed under their heads and their shields placed over their bones. For they were the terror of warriors in the land of the living.
Eze 32:28 So you, Egypt, will be destroyed in the midst of the uncircumcised! You will lie alongside of those who were killed by the sword.

Eze 32:29 Edom is there with her kings and all her leaders. They were powerful, but now they lie with those killed by the sword, with the uncircumcised, those who have gone down to the pit.
Eze 32:30 The princes of the north are there, all of them, and all the Sidonians who went down with the dead! They were powerful and made others to be afraid, but now they lie there in shame, uncircumcised with those who were killed by the sword. They carry their own shame, together with the others who are going down to the pit.
Eze 32:31 Pharaoh will look and be comforted about all his armed forces who were killed by the sword," Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 32:32 "I made him cause terror in the land of the living, but he will lie down in the midst of the uncircumcised, among those killed by the sword, Pharaoh and all his servants," Lord Yehowah declares.

Ezekiel Chapter 33

Eze 33:1 Then the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 33:2 “Son of man, declare this to your people, ‘When I bring a sword against any land, then the people of that land take one man from among themselves and make him a watchman for them.
Eze 33:3 He looks for the sword as it comes on the land, and he blows his trumpet to warn the people!
Eze 33:4 If the people hear the sound of the trumpet but do not pay attention, and if the sword comes and kills them, then each one’s blood is on his own head.
Eze 33:5 If someone hears the sound of the trumpet and pays no attention, his blood is on him; but if he pays attention, he will save his own life.
Eze 33:6 However, if the watchman sees the sword as it is coming, but if he does not blow the trumpet, with the result that the people are not warned, and if the sword comes and takes anyone’s life, then that person dies in his own sin, but I will require his blood from the watchman.’
Eze 33:7 Now you yourself, son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; you will hear the words from my mouth and warn them on my behalf.
Eze 33:8 If I say to a wicked person, ‘Wicked one, you will surely die!’ But if you do not announce this so as to warn the wicked about his way, then he who is wicked will die in his sin, but I will require his blood from your hand!
Eze 33:9 But you, if you warn the wicked about his way, so that he might turn back from it, and if he does not turn back from his way, then he will die in his sin, but you yourself will have saved your own life.
Eze 33:10 So you, son of man, speak to the house of Israel, ‘You are saying this, “Our transgressions and our sins are on us, and we are decaying in them! How can we live?”’
Eze 33:11 Speak to them, ‘As I live,’ Lord Yehowah declares, ‘I do not delight in the death of the wicked, for if the wicked repents from his way, then he will live! Repent! Repent from your wicked ways! For why should you die, house of Israel?’
Eze 33:12 So now you, son of man, say to your people, ‘The righteousness of a righteous person will not save him if he sins! The wickedness of a wicked person will not cause him to perish if he repents from his sin! For the righteous person will not be able to live because of his righteousness if he sins.
Eze 33:13 If I say to the righteous, “He will surely live!” and if he trusts in his righteousness and then commits injustice, I will not call to mind any of his righteousness. He will die for the wickedness he committed.
Eze 33:14 So if I say to the wicked, “You will surely die,” but if he then repents from his sins and does what is just and right,

Eze 33:15 if he restores the loan guarantee that he wickedly demanded, or if he makes restitution for what he has stolen, and if he walks in the statutes that give life and no longer commits sin, then he will surely live. He will not die.
Eze 33:16 None of the sins that he has committed will be called to mind for him. He has acted justly and rightly, and so he will surely live!
Eze 33:17 But your people say, “The Way of the Lord is not fair!” But it is your ways that are not fair!
Eze 33:18 When the righteous person turns away from his righteousness and commits sin, then he will die in it!
Eze 33:19 When the wicked turns away from his wickedness and does what is just and righteous, he will live because of those things!
Eze 33:20 But you people say, “The Way of the Lord is not fair!” I will judge each of you according to his way, house of Israel!’”
Eze 33:21 It happened in the twelfth year (c. 587 BC), on the fifth of the tenth month of our captivity, that a fugitive came to me from Jerusalem and announced, “The city has been captured!”
Eze 33:22 The hand of Yehowah had been on me at dusk before the fugitive came, and my mouth was opened by the time that he came to me at dawn. So my mouth was open; I was no longer mute!
Eze 33:23 Then the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 33:24 “Son of man, the ones inhabiting those ruins in the land of Israel are talking, ‘Abraham was only one person, and he inherited the land, but we are many! The land has been given to us as a possession.’
Eze 33:25 Therefore, say to them, ‘Lord Yehowah says this: You eat blood, and you lift up your eyes towards your idols, then you pour out people’s blood. Should you really possess the land?
Eze 33:26 You have depended on your swords and have done disgusting things; each man defiles his neighbor’s wife. Should you really possess the land?’
Eze 33:27 You will say this to them, ‘Lord Yehowah declares this: As I live, surely the ones in the ruins will fall by the sword, and I will give those in the fields to the living creatures as food, and those in fortresses and in caves will die of plagues.
Eze 33:28 Then I will turn the land into a desolation and a horror, and the pride of its might will end, for the mountains of Israel will be deserted, and there will be no one to pass through them.’
Eze 33:29 So they will know that I am Yehowah, when I make the land a desolation and a horror because of all the abominations that they have done.
Eze 33:30 So now you, son of man, your people are saying things about you beside the walls and the gates of the houses, and each one says to another, each man to his brother, ‘Let us go and listen to the prophet’s word that comes out from Yehowah!’

Eze 33:31 So my people will come to you, as they often do, and will sit in front of you and listen to your words, but they will not obey them. Right words are in their mouths, but their hearts are going after unjust profit.
Eze 33:32 For you are like a lovely song to them, a beautiful sound that is well played on a stringed instrument, so they will listen to your words, but none of them will obey them.
Eze 33:33 So when all of this happens, behold! It will happen! Then they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

Ezekiel Chapter 34

Eze 34:1 Then the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 34:2 “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy, ‘Lord Yehowah declares this to the shepherds: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who are shepherding themselves. Should not shepherds guard the flock?
Eze 34:3 You eat the fatty portions, and you dress in wool. You slaughter the fatlings of the flock. You do not shepherd at all.
Eze 34:4 You have not strengthened those who have diseases, nor do you heal the ones who are ill. You do not bind up the ones who are broken, and you do not restore the outcasts or seek the lost. Instead, you rule over them through strength and violence.
Eze 34:5 Then they were scattered without a shepherd, and they became food for all the living beasts in the fields, after they were scattered.
Eze 34:6 My flock strays on all of the mountains and on every high hill, and it is dispersed over the entire surface of the earth. Yet no one is searching for them.
Eze 34:7 Therefore, shepherds, hear the declaration of Yehowah:
Eze 34:8 As I live,’ Lord Yehowah declares, ‘because my flock has become plunder and food for all the beasts in the fields, because there was no shepherd, and none of my shepherds sought my flock, but the shepherds guarded themselves and did not shepherd my flock.
Eze 34:9 Therefore, shepherds, hear the declaration of Yehowah:
Eze 34:10 Lord Yehowah declares this: Behold! I am against the shepherds, and I will require my flock from their hand. Then I will dismiss them from shepherding the flock; neither will the shepherds any longer shepherd themselves, since I will take away my flock from their mouths, so that my flock will no longer be food for them.
Eze 34:11 For Lord Yehowah says this: Behold! I myself will seek out my flock, and I will look after them,
Eze 34:12 like a shepherd seeking his flock on the day he is within the midst of his scattered flock. Thus I will seek my flock, and I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on the day of clouds and darkness.
Eze 34:13 Then I will bring them out from among the people; I will gather them from the lands and bring them to their land. I will put them in pastures on the mountainsides of Israel, by the streams, and in every settlement in the land.
Eze 34:14 I will put them in good pastures; the high mountains of Israel will be their grazing places. They will lie down there in good places for grazing, in abundant pastures, and they will graze on the mountains of Israel.
Eze 34:15 I myself will shepherd my flock, and I myself will make them lie down,’ Lord Yehowah declares,

Eze 34:16 ‘I will seek the lost and restore the outcast. I will bind up the broken sheep and heal the sick sheep, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd with justice.
Eze 34:17 So now you, my flock, this is what Lord Yehowah says: Behold, I will be a judge between sheep and sheep and between rams and male goats.
Eze 34:18 Is it not enough to feed on the good pasture, that you must trample down with your feet what is left of the pasture; and to drink from clear waters, that you must muddy the rivers with your feet?
Eze 34:19 Must my sheep eat what you have trampled with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?
Eze 34:20 Therefore, Lord Yehowah declares this to them: Behold! I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the thin ones,
Eze 34:21 for you have pushed them with your sides and shoulders, and you have gored all of the weak ones with your horns, until you have scattered them away from the land.
Eze 34:22 I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plunder, and I will judge between one sheep and another!
Eze 34:23 I will set over them one shepherd, my servant David. He will shepherd them, he will feed them, and he will be their shepherd.
Eze 34:24 For I, Yehowah, will be their Divine One, and my servant David will be a prince among them, I, Yehowah, have declared this.
Eze 34:25 Then I will make a covenant of peace with them and remove the evil wild animals from the land, so that they will live securely in the wilderness and safely sleep in the forests.
Eze 34:26 I will also bring blessings on them and on the places around my hill, for I will send out showers in due season. These will be showers of blessing.
Eze 34:27 Then the trees of the field will produce their fruit, and the earth will yield its produce. My sheep will be secure in their land; then they will know that I am Yehowah, when I break the bars of their yoke, and when I rescue them from the hand of those who enslaved them.
Eze 34:28 They will no longer be plunder for the ethnicities, and the wild animals on the earth will no longer devour them. For they will live securely, and no one will frighten them.
Eze 34:29 For I will create a renowned planting place for them, so they will no longer be starved with hunger in the land, and the ethnicities will not bring insults against them.
Eze 34:30 Then they will know that I, Yehowah their Divine One, am with them. They are my people, the house of Israel,’ Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 34:31 ‘For you are my sheep, the flock of my pasture, and my people! I will be your Divine One,’” Lord Yehowah declares.

Ezekiel Chapter 35

Eze 35:1 Then the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 35:2 “Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir and prophesy against it.
Eze 35:3 Say to it, ‘Lord Yehowah declares this: Behold! I am against you, Mount Seir, and I will strike you with my hand and make you a desolation and a horror.
Eze 35:4 I will make your cities ruins, and you yourself will become desolate; then you will know that I am Yehowah.
Eze 35:5 Because you have always been hostile to the people of Israel, and because you poured them out into the hands of the sword at the time of their distress, at the time their punishment was at its greatest.
Eze 35:6 Therefore, as I live,’ Lord Yehowah declares, ‘I will prepare you for bloodshed, and bloodshed will pursue you! Since you did not hate bloodshed, bloodshed will pursue you.
Eze 35:7 I will make Mount Seir a complete desolation, when I cut off from it anyone who passes through and returns again.
Eze 35:8 Then I will fill its mountains with its dead. Your high hills and valleys and all of your streams, those killed by the sword will fall in them.
Eze 35:9 I will make you a perpetual desolation. Your cities will not be inhabited, but you will know that I am Yehowah.
Eze 35:10 You have said, “These two nations and these two lands will become mine, and we will possess them,” even when Yehowah was present with them.
Eze 35:11 Therefore, as I live,’ Lord Yehowah declares, ‘so I will do according to your anger and according to your jealousy that you had in your hatred of Israel, and I will show myself to them when I judge you.
Eze 35:12 So you will know that I am Yehowah. I have heard all the insults you spoke against the mountains of Israel, “They have been destroyed; they have been given over to us to devour.”
Eze 35:13 You exalted yourselves against me with what you said, and you multiplied the words you said against me; and I heard it all.’
Eze 35:14 Lord Yehowah declares this: ‘I will make you a desolation, while the entire earth rejoices.
Eze 35:15 As you rejoiced over the inheritance of the people of Israel because of its desolation, I will do the same to you. You will become a desolation, Mount Seir, and all of Edom, all of it! Then they will know that I am Yehowah.’”

Ezekiel Chapter 36

Eze 36:1 “Now you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, ‘Mountains of Israel, listen to the Word of Yehowah.
Eze 36:2 Lord Yehowah says this: The enemy has said about you, “Aha!” and, “The ancient high places have become our possession.”’
Eze 36:3 Therefore, prophesy, ‘Lord Yehowah declares this: Because of your desolation and because of the attacks that came on you from all sides, you have become a possession of the ethnicities; you have been the subject of slanderous lips and tongues, and of people’s stories.
Eze 36:4 Therefore, mountains of Israel, listen to the word of Lord Yehowah: Lord Yehowah declares this to the mountains and the high hills, to the streambeds and valleys, to the uninhabited desolations and the forsaken cities that have become plunder and a subject of mocking for the ethnicities that surround them.
Eze 36:5 Therefore, Lord Yehowah declares this: I have certainly spoken in the fire of my fury against the ethnicities, against Edom and all who took my land for themselves as a possession, against all those who had both joy in their heart and disdain in their spirit, as they seized my land that they might claim its pasturelands for themselves.’
Eze 36:6 Therefore, prophesy to the land of Israel and say to the mountains and to the high hills, to the streambeds and to the valleys, ‘Lord Yehowah declares this: Behold! In my fury and in my anger I am declaring this, because you have borne the insults of ethnicities.
Eze 36:7 Therefore, Lord Yehowah declares this: I myself will lift up my hand to swear that the ethnicities that surround you will certainly carry their own shame.
Eze 36:8 But you, mountains of Israel, you will grow branches and bear fruit for my people Israel, since they will soon come back to you.
Eze 36:9 For behold, I am for you, and I treat you with grace; you will be plowed and sown with seed.
Eze 36:10 So I will multiply on you mountains, men in all the house of Israel, all of it. The cities will be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt.
Eze 36:11 I will multiply man and beast on you mountains, so that they will multiply and be fruitful. Then I will cause you to be inhabited as you previously were, and I will make you prosper more than you did in the past, for you will know that I am Yehowah.
Eze 36:12 I will bring men, my people Israel, to walk on you. They will possess you, and you will be their inheritance, and you will no longer cause their children to die.
Eze 36:13 Lord Yehowah declares this: Because they are saying to you, “You devour people, and your nation’s children have died,”

Eze 36:14 therefore, you will not consume people any longer, and you will no longer make your nation mourn their deaths,' Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 36:15 'Nor will I allow you to hear the insults of the ethnicities any longer; you will no longer have to bear the shame of the people or cause your nation to fall,'" Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 36:16 Then the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 36:17 "Son of man, when the house of Israel inhabited their land, they defiled it with their ways and their deeds. Their ways were like the unclean menstruation of a woman before me.
Eze 36:18 So I poured out my fury against them for the blood that they poured out on the land, and for their pollution of it by their idols.
Eze 36:19 I scattered them among the ethnicities; they were dispersed throughout the lands. I judged them according to their ways and their deeds.
Eze 36:20 Then they went to the ethnicities, and wherever they went, they profaned my set-apart name when people said of them, 'Are these really the people of Yehowah? For they have been thrown out of his land.'
Eze 36:21 But I had compassion for my set-apart name that the house of Israel had defiled among the ethnicities, when they went there.
Eze 36:22 Therefore, say to the house of Israel, 'Lord Yehowah declares this: I am not doing this for your sake, house of Israel, but for my set-apart name, which you have profaned among the ethnicities everywhere you have gone.
Eze 36:23 For I will consecrate my great name, which you have profaned among the ethnicities, in the midst of the ethnicities, you profaned it. Then the ethnicities will know that I am Yehowah,' Lord Yehowah declares, 'when you see that I am consecrated.
Eze 36:24 I will take you from the ethnicities and gather you from every land, and I will bring you to your land.
Eze 36:25 Then I will sprinkle pure water on you, so you will be purified from all of your impurities, and I will purify you from all of your idols.
Eze 36:26 I will give you a new heart (mind) and a new Ruach in your innermost parts, and I will take away the heart of stone from your flesh. For I will give you a heart of flesh (Eze. 11:19).
Eze 36:27 I will set my Ruach in you and enable you to walk in my statutes and keep my decrees, so you will do them (Acts 21:20).
Eze 36:28 Then you will inhabit the land that I gave to your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your Divine One.
Eze 36:29 For I will save you from all of your uncleanness. I will summon the grain and multiply it. I will no longer put famine upon you.
Eze 36:30 I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field, so that you will no longer bear the shame of famine among the ethnicities.

Eze 36:31 Then you will think of your wicked ways and your deeds that were not good, and you will show loathing on your faces because of your own sins and your disgusting deeds.
Eze 36:32 I am not doing this for your sake,' Lord Yehowah declares, 'let this be known to you. So be ashamed and disgraced because of your ways, house of Israel.
Eze 36:33 Lord Yehowah declares this: On the day that I purify you from all your iniquity, I will cause you to inhabit the cities and to rebuild the ruined places.
Eze 36:34 For you will plow the ruined land, until it is no longer a ruin before the eyes of all who pass by.
Eze 36:35 Then they will say, "This land was desolate, but it has become like the Garden of Eden; the desolate cities and the uninhabited ruins that were torn down are now fortified and inhabited."
Eze 36:36 Then the ethnicities around you will know that I am Yehowah, that I built up the ruins and replanted the abandoned places. I am Yehowah. I have declared it, and I will do it.
Eze 36:37 Lord Yehowah declares this: Again I will be asked by the house of Israel to do this for them, to increase them like a flock of people.
Eze 36:38 Like the flock is set apart for sacrifices, like the flock in Jerusalem at her appointment calendar festivals, so will the ruined cities be filled with flocks of people, and they will know that I am Yehowah.'"

Ezekiel Chapter 37

Eze 37:1 The hand of Yehowah was upon me, and he brought me out by the Ruach of Yehowah and set me down in the midst of a valley; it was full of bones.
Eze 37:2 Then he made me pass through them round and round. Behold! A great many of them were in the valley. Behold! They were extremely dry.
Eze 37:3 He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live again?” So I answered, “O Lord Yehowah, you alone know.”
Eze 37:4 Then he ordered me, “Prophesy over these bones, ‘Dry bones, listen to the Word of Yehowah.
Eze 37:5 Lord Yehowah declares this to these bones: Behold! I am about to put breath into you, and you will live.
Eze 37:6 I will place sinews over you and bring flesh onto you. I will cover you with skin and put breath within you, so you will live. Then you will know that I am Yehowah.’”
Eze 37:7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; as I prophesied, behold, a sound came, that of shaking. Then the bones drew together, bone against bone.
Eze 37:8 I looked and behold, sinews were now on them, and flesh grew up and skin covered them. But there was still no breath in them.
Eze 37:9 Then Yehowah ordered me, “Prophesy to the Ruach, prophesy, son of man and say to the Ruach, ‘Lord Yehowah declares this: Ruach, come from the four winds, and breathe on these who have been killed, so they may live.’”
Eze 37:10 So I prophesied as I was commanded; the breath came into them, and they lived! Then they stood on their feet, an exceedingly great military force.
Eze 37:11 Then Yehowah said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the entire house of Israel. Behold! They are saying, ‘Our bones have dried up, and our hope is gone. We have been cut off.’
Eze 37:12 Therefore, prophesy, ‘Lord Yehowah declares this: Behold! I will open your graves and lift you out from them, my people. I will bring you back to the land of Israel (1 Cor. 15:42; 1 Thes. 4:16).
Eze 37:13 Then you will know that I am Yehowah, when I open your graves and bring you out from them, my people.
Eze 37:14 I will place my Ruach within you, so you will live, and I will cause you to rest in your land, when you know that I am Yehowah. I declare and will do it,’” says Yehowah.
Eze 37:15 Then the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 37:16 “So now you, son of man, take one stick for yourself and write on it, ‘For Judah and for the people of Israel, his companions.’ Then take another stick and write on it, ‘For Joseph, the branch of Ephraim, and for all the people of Israel, their companions.’

Eze 37:17 Bring both of them together into one stick, so that they become one in your hand.
Eze 37:18 When your people ask you, ‘Will you not tell us what these things of yours mean?’
Eze 37:19 Then answer them, ‘Lord Yehowah declares this: Behold! I am taking the branch of Joseph that is in the hand of Ephraim and the tribes of Israel his companions and joining it to the branch of Judah, so that they will make one branch, and they will become one in my hand.’
Eze 37:20 Hold in your hand the branches that you wrote on before their eyes.
Eze 37:21 Say to them, ‘Lord Yehowah declares this: Behold! I am about to take the people of Israel from among the ethnicities where they went. I will gather them from the surrounding lands, and I will bring them to their land.
Eze 37:22 I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel, and there will be one king as king over all of them, and they will no longer be two nations. They will no longer be divided into two kingdoms.
Eze 37:23 Then they will no longer defile themselves with their idols, their disgusting things, or any of their other sins. For I will save them from all of their faithless actions with which they have sinned, and I will purify them, so they will be my people, and I will be their Divine One.
Eze 37:24 David my servant will be king over them. So there will be one shepherd over them all, and they will walk according to my decrees, and they will keep my statutes and obey them.
Eze 37:25 They will live in the land that I have given to my servant Jacob, where your fathers had stayed. They will live in it forever, they, their children, and their grandchildren, for David my servant will be their prince forever.
Eze 37:26 I will establish a covenant of peace with them. It will be an everlasting covenant with them. I will establish them and multiply them and set my consecrated place in their midst forever.
Eze 37:27 My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their Divine One, and they will be my people.
Eze 37:28 Then the ethnicities will know that I am Yehowah who sets Israel apart, when my Set-apart Place is among them forever.’”

Ezekiel Chapter 38

Eze 38:1 The Word of Yehowah came to me,
Eze 38:2 “Son of man, set your face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal; and prophesy against him.
Eze 38:3 Say, ‘Lord Yehowah declares this: Behold! I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.
Eze 38:4 So I will turn you around and set hooks in your jaw; I will send you out with all your military force, horses and cavalry, all of them dressed in full armor, a great company with large shields and small shields, all of them holding swords!
Eze 38:5 Persia (Iran), Cush, and Put are with them, all of them with shields and helmets!
Eze 38:6 Gomer and all her troops, and Beth Togarmah, from the far parts of the north, and all its troops! Many people are with you!
Eze 38:7 Get ready! Yes, prepare yourself and your troops assembled with you, and be their commander.
Eze 38:8 You will be called after many days, and after some years, you will go to a land that has recovered from the sword and that has been gathered from many people, gathered back to the mountains of Israel that had been a continuous ruin. But the land’s people will be brought out of the ethnicities, and they will live in safety, all of them!
Eze 38:9 So you will go up as a storm goes; you will be like a cloud covering the land, you and all your troops, all the many soldiers with you.
Eze 38:10 Lord Yehowah declares this: It will happen on that Day, that plans will form in your hearts, and you will devise wicked schemes.’
Eze 38:11 Then you will say, ‘I will go up to the open land; I will go to the quiet people living in safety, all of them living where there are no walls or bars, and where there are no city gates.
Eze 38:12 I will capture booty and steal plunder, in order to bring my hand against the ruins that are newly inhabited, and against the people gathered from the ethnicities, people who are gaining livestock and property, and who are living at the center of the earth.’
Eze 38:13 Sheba and Dedan, and the traders of Tarshish with all their young warriors, they will all ask you, ‘Have you come to capture booty? Have you assembled your military force to steal plunder, to carry off silver and gold, to take livestock and property, to capture much plunder?’
Eze 38:14 Therefore, prophesy, son of man, and say to Gog, ‘Lord Yehowah declares this: On that day, when my people Israel are living securely, will you not learn about them?

Eze 38:15 You will come from your place far away in the north with a great army, all of them cavalry, a great company, a large military force.
Eze 38:16 You will attack my people Israel like a cloud that covers the land. It will happen that in the last days, I will bring you against my land, so the ethnicities might know me when Gog sees my consecration.
Eze 38:17 Lord Yehowah asks this: Are you not the one of whom I spoke in former days by the hand of my servants, the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in their own time for years, that I would bring you against them?
Eze 38:18 So it will come to be in that Day, when Gog attacks the land of Israel,' Lord Yehowah declares, 'my wrath will mount up in my anger.
Eze 38:19 I have declared this in the heat of my anger and with the fire of my rage: There will certainly be a great earthquake on that day in the land of Israel.
Eze 38:20 They will shake before me, the fish of the sea and the birds of the sky, the beasts of the fields, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth, and every person who is on the surface of the land. The mountains will be thrown down, and the cliffs will fall, until every wall falls to the earth.
Eze 38:21 I will summon a sword against him on all my mountains,' Lord Yehowah declares, 'each man's sword will be against his brother.
Eze 38:22 Then I will judge them with plague, blood, flooding rains, and fiery hailstones. I will bring rains of brimstone upon him, upon his troops, and the many people with him.
Eze 38:23 For I will show my greatness and my consecration, and I will make myself known in the eyes of the many ethnicities, and they will know that I am Yehowah.'"

Ezekiel Chapter 39

Eze 39:1 “Now you, son of man, prophesy against Gog, ‘Lord Yehowah declares this: Behold! I am against you, Gog, chief of Meshech and Tubal.
Eze 39:2 I will turn you and lead you on; I will bring you up from the far north and bring you to the mountains of Israel.
Eze 39:3 Then I will knock your bow out of your left hand and make the arrows fall from your right hand.
Eze 39:4 You will fall dead on the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops, and the soldiers who are with you. I will give you to the birds of prey and the wild beasts of the fields for food.
Eze 39:5 You will fall dead on the surface of the field, for I have spoken,’ Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 39:6 ‘Then I will send out fire on Magog and on those living in safety on the coasts, and they will know that I am Yehowah.
Eze 39:7 For I will make my set-apart name known in the midst of my people Israel, and I will no longer allow my set-apart name to be profaned; the ethnicities will know that I am Yehowah, the Set-apart One in Israel.
Eze 39:8 Behold! The Day that I have declared is coming, and it will take place,’ Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 39:9 ‘The ones living in the cities of Israel will go out and burn the weapons, small shields, large shields, bows, arrows, the clubs and spears; they will burn them with fire for seven years.
Eze 39:10 They will not gather wood from the fields or cut down the forests, since they will burn the weapons; they will take from those who took from them; they will plunder those who plundered them,’ Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 39:11 ‘Then it will happen on that Day, that I will make a place there for Gog, a grave in Israel, a valley for those who journey to the east of the sea. It will block those who wish to cross over. There they will bury Gog with all his multitudes. They will call it the Valley of Hamon Gog.
Eze 39:12 For seven months the house of Israel will bury them in order to purify the land.
Eze 39:13 For all the people of the land will bury them; it will be a memorable day for them when I am glorified,’ Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 39:14 ‘All the people who pass through the land will bury those who lay on the surface of the land, in order to purify it. At the end of the seventh month, they will make their search.
Eze 39:15 As these men pass through the land, when they see any human bone, they will put a marker by it, until gravediggers come and bury it in the Valley of Hamon Gog.

Eze 39:16 There will be a city there by the name of Hamonah. In this way, they will purify the land.'
Eze 39:17 Now to you, son of man, Lord Yehowah says this: Speak to all the winged birds and all the wild beasts in the fields, 'Gather together and come. Gather from all around to the sacrifice that I myself am making for you, a large sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, so that you may consume flesh and drink blood.
Eze 39:18 You will consume the flesh of warriors and drink the blood of the princes of the earth; they will be rams, lambs, goats, and bulls, they were all fattened in Bashan.
Eze 39:19 Then you will eat fat to your satisfaction; you will drink blood until drunkenness; this will be the sacrifice that I will slaughter for you.
Eze 39:20 You will be satisfied at my table with horses, charioteers, mighty men, and all the warriors,' Lord Yehowah declares (Luke 17:37; Rev. 19:17-18; Mat. 24:28).
Eze 39:21 I will set my glory among the ethnicities, and all the ethnicities will see my judgment that I perform, and my hand that I have set against them.
Eze 39:22 The house of Israel will know that I am Yehowah their Divine One from that Day onward.
Eze 39:23 The ethnicities will know that the house of Israel went into captivity because of their iniquity by which they betrayed me, so I hid my face from them and gave them into the hand of their adversaries, so that all of them fell by the sword.
Eze 39:24 I did to them according to their uncleanness and their sins, when I hid my face from them.
Eze 39:25 Therefore, Lord Yehowah declares this: Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob, and I will have compassion on all the house of Israel, when I act with zeal for my set-apart name.
Eze 39:26 Then they will forget their shame and all the treason in which they betrayed me. They will forget all this, when they rest in their land in safety, with no one to terrify them.
Eze 39:27 When I restore them from the people and gather them from the lands of their enemies, I will consecrate myself in the sight of many ethnicities.
Eze 39:28 Then they will know that I am Yehowah their Divine One, for I sent them into captivity among the ethnicities, but then I gathered them back to their land. I left none of them among the ethnicities.
Eze 39:29 I will no longer hide my face from them, when I pour out my Ruach on the house of Israel," Lord Yehowah declares.

Ezekiel Chapter 40

Eze 40:1 In the twenty-fifth year (c. 574 BC, Ezekiel's Jubilee year!) of our captivity at the beginning of the year (Heb. Rosh HaShanah; Spring Equinox) on the tenth of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was captured, on that same day, the hand of Yehowah was upon me, and he took me there.
Eze 40:2 In visions from the Almighty, he brought me to the land of Israel. He brought me to rest on an extremely high mountain; to the south were what appeared to be buildings of a city.
Eze 40:3 Then he brought me there. Behold! A man appeared who looked like bronze. A linen cord and a measuring stick were in his hand, and he stood in the city gate.
Eze 40:4 The man said to me, "Son of man, look with your eyes and listen with your ears, and fix your mind on all that I am revealing to you, for you were brought here, so I could reveal them to you. Report everything that you will see to the house of Israel."
Eze 40:5 There was a wall surrounding the temple complex, and there was a measuring stick in the man's hand, three and one-tenth meters in length. The man measured the width of the wall, three and one-tenth meters, and the height, three and one-tenth meters.
Eze 40:6 Then he went to the temple gate that faced east and up its steps. He measured the threshold of the gate, one stick in width, and the other threshold, one stick wide.
Eze 40:7 The guard chambers were each three and one-tenth meters long and three and one-tenth meters wide; there were two and three-quarters meters between any two of the chambers, and the threshold of the temple gate by the temple portico was three and one-tenth meters wide.
Eze 40:8 He measured the portico of the gate; it was one stick long.
Eze 40:9 He measured the portico of the gate. It was three and one-tenth of a meter wide. The doorposts were one meter wide. This was the portico of the gate facing the temple.
Eze 40:10 There were three guard chambers at the gate, and they were on either side of the gate. They all measured the same. The wall separating them all from each other also measured the same.
Eze 40:11 Then the man measured the width of the gateway entrance, five and two-fifths meters; and he measured the length of the gateway entrance, seven meters.
Eze 40:12 He measured the wall that was bordering the front of the chambers, one-half meter high. The chambers measured three and one-tenth meters on each side.

Eze 40:13 Then he measured the gateway from the roof of one chamber to that of the next chamber, thirteen and one-half meters, from the entrance of the first chamber to that of the second.
Eze 40:14 Then he measured the wall that went between the guard chambers, thirty-two meters long; he measured as far as the gate's portico.
Eze 40:15 The entrance from the front of the gate to the other end of the gate's portico was twenty-seven meters.
Eze 40:16 There were narrow windows in the chambers, and in the walls that separated them all around; it was the same for the portico, and all the windows were on the inner side. There were carvings of palm trees on the walls.
Eze 40:17 Then the man brought me to the outer courtyard of the temple. Behold, there were rooms, and there was pavement in the courtyard, with thirty rooms next to the pavement.
Eze 40:18 The pavement went up to the side of the gates, and its width was the same as the gates' length. This was the lower pavement.
Eze 40:19 Then the man measured the distance from the front of the lower gate to the front of the inner gate; it was fifty-four meters on the east side and the same on the north side.
Eze 40:20 Then he measured the length and width of the gate that was at the north of the outer court.
Eze 40:21 There were three chambers on either side of that gate, and the gate and its portico measured the same as the main gate, twenty-seven meters in total length and thirteen and one-half meters in width.
Eze 40:22 Its windows, portico, chambers, and its palm trees corresponded to the gate that faced east. Seven steps went up to it and to its portico.
Eze 40:23 There was a gate to the inner courtyard in front of the gate facing north, just as also there was a gate to the east; the man measured from one gate to the other gate, fifty-four meters in distance.
Eze 40:24 Next, the man brought me to the gate of the southern entrance, and its walls and portico measured the same as the other outer gate.
Eze 40:25 There were narrow windows in the gateway and its portico just as at that gate. The south gate and its portico measured twenty-five meters in length and thirteen and one-half meters in width.
Eze 40:26 There were seven steps up to the gate and its portico, and there were carvings of palm trees on the walls on either side.
Eze 40:27 There was a gate to the inner courtyard on the southern side, and the man measured from that gate to the gate of the south entrance, fifty-four meters in distance.
Eze 40:28 Then the man brought me to the inner courtyard by way of its southern gate, which had the same measurements as the other gates.

Eze 40:29 Its chambers, walls, and porticos measured the same as the other gates; there were windows all around in the portico. The inner gate and its portico measured twenty-seven meters long and thirteen and one-half meters wide.
Eze 40:30 There were also porticos all around the inner wall; these were thirteen and one-half meters long and two and three-quarters meters wide.
Eze 40:31 This portico faced the outer courtyard with carved palm trees on its walls and eight steps going up to it.
Eze 40:32 Then the man brought me to the inner courtyard by the eastern way and measured the gate, which had the same measurements as the other gates.
Eze 40:33 Its chambers, walls, and portico measured the same as the other gates, and there were windows all around. The inner gate and its portico measured twenty-seven meters long and thirteen and one-half meters wide.
Eze 40:34 Its portico faced the outer courtyard; it had palm trees on either side of it and eight steps going up to it.
Eze 40:35 Next, the man brought me to the northern gate and measured it; it measured the same as the other gates.
Eze 40:36 Its chambers, walls, and portico measured the same as the other gates, and there were windows all around. The gateway and its portico measured twenty-seven meters long and thirteen and one-half meters wide.
Eze 40:37 Its portico faced the outer courtyard; it had palm trees on either side of it and eight steps going up to it.
Eze 40:38 There was a room with a door by each of the inner gateways. This was where they rinsed the burnt offerings.
Eze 40:39 There were two tables on either side of each portico, on which the burnt offering was slaughtered, and also the sin offering and the guilt offering.
Eze 40:40 By the wall of the courtyard, going up to the gate to the north, there were two tables. Also, on the other side there were two tables at the gate's portico.
Eze 40:41 There were four tables on either side by the gate; they slaughtered animals on the eight tables.
Eze 40:42 There were four tables of cut stone for the burnt offerings, four-fifths of a meter long, four-fifths of a meter wide, and one-half meter tall. On them, they laid the tools with which they slaughtered the burnt offerings for the sacrifices.
Eze 40:43 Two-pronged hooks eight centimeters long were fastened in the portico all around, and the flesh of the offerings would be put on the tables.
Eze 40:44 Near the inner gate, in the inner courtyard, were singers' chambers. One of these rooms was on the north side, facing south, and one on the east side, facing north.

Eze 40:45 Then the man said to me, “This room facing south is for the priests who are on duty in the temple.
Eze 40:46 The room facing north was for the priests on duty at the altar. These are the sons of Zadok who come near to Yehowah to serve him; they are among the sons of Levi.”
Eze 40:47 Next, he measured the courtyard, fifty-four meters long and fifty-four meters wide in a square, with the altar in front of the temple.
Eze 40:48 Then the man brought me to the portico of the temple and measured its doorposts, they were two and three-quarters meters thick on either side. The entryway itself was seven meters wide, and the walls on each side of it were one and three-fifths meters wide.
Eze 40:49 The sanctuary’s portico was eleven meters long, and its width was six meters. There were ten steps that went up to it, and columns that stood on either side of it.

Ezekiel Chapter 41

Eze 41:1 Then the man brought me into the temple's Set-apart Place and measured the doorposts, three and one-tenth meters wide on either side, which was the width of the tent.
Eze 41:2 The width of the doorway was five and two-fifths meters; the wall on each side was two and three-quarters meters long. Then the man measured the dimensions of the Set-apart Place, twenty-two meters long and eleven meters wide.
Eze 41:3 Then the man went into the Most Set-apart Place and measured the posts of the doorway, one meter, and the doorway was three and one-tenth meters wide. The walls on either side were three and four-fifths meters wide.
Eze 41:4 Then he measured the room's length, eleven meters. Its width, eleven meters to the front of the temple hall. Then he said to me, "This is the Most Set-apart Place."
Eze 41:5 Then the man measured the wall of the temple, it was three and one-tenth meters thick. The width of each side room around the temple was two meters wide.
Eze 41:6 There were side rooms on three levels, one room above another, thirty rooms on each level. There were ledges around the wall of the temple, to support all of the side rooms, for there was no support put in the wall of the temple.
Eze 41:7 So the side rooms widened and went around going up, for the temple went around higher and higher all around; the rooms widened as the temple went up, and a stairway went up to the highest level, through the middle level.
Eze 41:8 Then I saw a raised part all around the temple, the foundation for the side chambers; it measured a full stick in height, three and one-tenth meters.
Eze 41:9 The width of the wall of the side rooms on the outside was two and three-quarters meters. There was an open space to the outside of these rooms in the sanctuary.
Eze 41:10 On the other side of this open space were the priests' outer side rooms; this space was eleven meters wide all around the sanctuary.
Eze 41:11 There were doors into the side rooms from another open space, one doorway was on the north side and the other on the south side. The width of this open area was two and three-quarters meters all around.
Eze 41:12 The building that faced the courtyard on the west side was thirty-eight meters wide. Its wall measured two and three-quarters meters thick all around, and it was forty-nine meters long.
Eze 41:13 Then the man measured the sanctuary, fifty-four meters long. The separated building, its wall, and the courtyard also measured fifty-four meters in length.

Eze 41:14 The width of the front of the courtyard in front of the sanctuary was also fifty-four meters.
Eze 41:15 Then the man measured the length of the building behind the sanctuary, to its west, and the galleries on either side, fifty-four meters. The Set-apart Place and the portico,
Eze 41:16 the inner walls and the windows, including the narrow windows and the galleries all around on three levels, were all paneled in wood.
Eze 41:17 Above the entryway to the inner sanctuary and spaced along the walls there was a measured pattern.
Eze 41:18 It was decorated with cherubim and palm trees; with a palm tree between each cherub, and each cherub had two faces:
Eze 41:19 The face of a man looked toward a palm tree on one side, and the face of a young lion looked toward a palm tree on the other side. They were carved all around the entire temple.
Eze 41:20 From the ground to above the doorway, cherubim and palm trees were carved on the outer wall of the temple.
Eze 41:21 The gate posts of the Set-apart Place were square and they all looked like each other.
Eze 41:22 The wooden altar in front of the Set-apart Place was one and three-fifths meters high and one meter long on each side. Its corner posts, base, and frame were made of wood. Then the man said to me, “This is the table that stands before Yehowah.”
Eze 41:23 There were double doors for the Set-apart Place and the Most Set-apart Place.
Eze 41:24 These doors had two hinged door panels each, two panels for one door and two panels for the other.
Eze 41:25 Carved on them, on the doors of the Set-apart Place, were cherubim and palm trees just as the walls were decorated, and there was a wooden roof over the portico at the front.
Eze 41:26 There were narrow windows and palm trees on either side of the portico. These were the side rooms of the temple, and they also had overhanging roofs.

Ezekiel Chapter 42

Eze 42:1 Next, the man sent me out to the outer courtyard on the north side, and he brought me to rooms in front of the outer courtyard and the northern outer wall.
Eze 42:2 Those rooms were fifty-four meters along their front and twenty-seven meters wide.
Eze 42:3 Some of those rooms faced the inner courtyard and were eleven meters away from the sanctuary. There were three levels of rooms, and the ones above looked down on the ones below and were open to them, having a walkway. Some of the rooms looked out onto the outer courtyard.
Eze 42:4 A passage five and two-fifths meters wide and fifty-four meters long ran in front of the rooms. The rooms' doors were toward the north.
Eze 42:5 But the upper halls were smaller, for the walkways took away from them more space than they did in the lowest and middle levels of the building.
Eze 42:6 For the halls on the third story had no columns, unlike the courtyards, which did have columns. So the highest level's rooms were smaller in size compared to the rooms in the lowest and middle levels.
Eze 42:7 The outside wall ran along the rooms toward the outer courtyard, the courtyard that was in front of the rooms. That wall was twenty-seven meters long.
Eze 42:8 The length of the rooms of the outer courtyard was twenty-seven meters, and the rooms facing the sanctuary were fifty-four meters long.
Eze 42:9 There was an entrance to the lowest rooms from the east side, coming from the outer courtyard.
Eze 42:10 Along the wall of the outer courtyard on the eastern side of the outer courtyard, in front of the sanctuary's inner courtyard, there were also rooms.
Eze 42:11 The walkway in front of them was the same in length and width as the rooms along the northern side. They also had the same number of entrances.
Eze 42:12 On the south side were doors into rooms that were just the same as on the north side. A passage on the inside had a door at its head, and the passage opened into the various rooms. On the east side, there was a doorway into the passage at one end.
Eze 42:13 Then the man said to me, "The northern rooms and the southern rooms that are in front of the outer courtyard are set-apart rooms where the priests who work nearest to Yehowah may eat the most set-apart food. They will put the most set-apart things there, the food offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering, for this is a Set-apart Place.
Eze 42:14 When the priests enter there, they must not go out of the Set-apart Place to the outer court, without laying aside the clothes in which they served,

since these are set apart. So they must dress in other clothes before going near the people."
Eze 42:15 The man completed measuring the inner temple and then took me out to the gate that faced the east and measured all the surrounding area there.
Eze 42:16 He measured the east side with a measuring stick, 250 meters with the measuring stick.
Eze 42:17 He measured the north side, 250 meters with the measuring stick.
Eze 42:18 He also measured the south side, 250 meters with the measuring stick.
Eze 42:19 He also turned and measured the west side, 250 meters with the measuring stick.
Eze 42:20 He measured it on four sides, its wall with it all around had a length of 250 meters and a width of 250 meters to separate between the set apart and the profane.

Ezekiel Chapter 43

Eze 43:1 The man then brought me to the gate that opened to the east.
Eze 43:2 Behold! The glory of the Mighty One of Israel came from the east; his voice was like the sound of many waters, and the earth shone with his glory.
Eze 43:3 It was like the vision that I saw when he had come to destroy the city, and like the vision that I saw at the Chebar Canal, and I fell on my face.
Eze 43:4 So the glory of Yehowah came to the temple by way of the gate that opened to the east.
Eze 43:5 Then the Ruach lifted me up and brought me into the inner court. Behold! The glory of Yehowah was filling the temple.
Eze 43:6 The man was standing beside me, and I heard someone else speaking to me from the temple.
Eze 43:7 He declared to me, “Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet, where I will live in the midst of the people of Israel forever. The house of Israel will no longer profane my set-apart name, they or their kings, with their faithlessness or with the corpses of their kings at their high places.
Eze 43:8 They will no longer profane my set-apart name by putting their threshold next to my threshold, and their gateposts next to my gateposts, with nothing but a wall between me and them. They profaned my set-apart name with their disgusting actions, so I consumed them with my anger.
Eze 43:9 Now let them remove their faithlessness and the corpses of their kings from before me, and I will live in their midst forever.
Eze 43:10 Son of man, you yourself must tell the house of Israel about this temple, so they will be ashamed of their iniquities. They should think about this description.
Eze 43:11 For if they are ashamed of all that they have done, then reveal to them the design of the temple, its details, its exits, its entrances, and all its designs, all its decrees and law. Then write this down before their eyes, so they will keep to all its design and all its rules, so as to obey them.
Eze 43:12 This is the regulation for the temple: From the peak of the hill to all the surrounding border around it, it will be most set-apart. Behold! This is the regulation for the temple.
Eze 43:13 These will be the measurements of the altar using the same measuring stick as was used for the temple. So the gutter around the altar will be one-half meter deep, and its width will also be one-half meter. The border around its surrounding edge will be twenty-three centimeters wide. This will be the base of the altar.

Eze 43:14 From the gutter at the ground level up to the lower ledge of the altar is one meter, and that ledge itself is one-half meter wide. Then from the small ledge up to the large edge of the altar, it is two meters, and the large edge is one-half meter wide.
Eze 43:15 The altar for the burnt offerings is two meters high, and there are four horns pointing upward on the altar.
Eze 43:16 The altar is six and one-half meters long and six and one-half meters wide, a square.
Eze 43:17 Its border is seven and three-fifths meters long and seven and three-fifths meters wide on each of its four sides, and its rim is twenty-seven centimeters wide. The gutter is one-half meter wide all around with its steps facing east."
Eze 43:18 Next, he said to me, "Son of man, Lord Yehowah says this: These are the regulations for the altar on the day they make it, for raising the burnt offering onto it, and for sprinkling blood on it.
Eze 43:19 You will give a bull from the cattle as a sin offering for the Levitical priests who are the descendants of Zadok, those who come near to me to serve me," Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 43:20 "Then you will take some of its blood and place it on the altar's four horns, on the four sides of its edge, and on the surrounding rim; you will cleanse it and make atonement for it.
Eze 43:21 Then take the bull for the sin offering and burn it in the appointed part of the temple area outside of the sanctuary.
Eze 43:22 Then on the second day, you will offer a male goat without blemish from the goats as a sin offering; the priests will cleanse the altar just as they cleansed it with the bull.
Eze 43:23 When you finish its cleansing, offer an unblemished bull from the cattle and an unblemished ram from the flock.
Eze 43:24 Offer them before Yehowah; the priests will throw salt onto them and raise them up as a burnt offering to Yehowah.
Eze 43:25 You must prepare a male goat as a sin offering daily for seven days, and the priests must also prepare an unblemished bull of the cattle and unblemished ram from the flock.
Eze 43:26 They must atone for the altar for seven days and purify it, and in this way, they must consecrate it.
Eze 43:27 They must complete these days, and on the eighth day and onward, it will come about that the priests will prepare your burnt offerings and your peace offerings on the altar, and I will accept you," Lord Yehowah declares.

Ezekiel Chapter 44

Eze 44:1 Then the man brought me back to the outer sanctuary gate that faced east; it was closed tightly.
Eze 44:2 Yehowah declared to me, “This gate has been sealed shut; it will not be opened. No man will go through it, for Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, has come through it, so it has been closed tightly.
Eze 44:3 The ruler of Israel will sit in it to eat food before Yehowah. He will enter by way of the gate’s portico and go out the same way.”
Eze 44:4 Next, he brought me by way of the northern gate that faces the temple. So I looked and behold, the glory of Yehowah filled the temple of Yehowah, and I fell on my face.
Eze 44:5 Then Yehowah said to me, “Son of man, set your heart and look with your eyes and listen with your ears to all that I am declaring to you, to all the statutes of the temple of Yehowah and all its regulations. Think about the temple’s entrance and exits.
Eze 44:6 Then say to the rebellious ones, the house of Israel, ‘Lord Yehowah declares this: Let all of your disgusting actions be enough for you, house of Israel,
Eze 44:7 that you brought foreigners with uncircumcised hearts and uncircumcised flesh to be in my sanctuary, profaning my temple, while you were offering me food, fat, and blood, you have broken my covenant by all your disgusting actions.
Eze 44:8 You have not carried out your duties regarding my set-apart things, but you appointed others to take up your duties, and you assigned them to care for my Set-apart Place.
Eze 44:9 Lord Yehowah declares this: No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and flesh, from any of those who live among the people of Israel, may enter my Set-apart Place.
Eze 44:10 Yet the Levites went far from me, they wandered away from me, going after their idols, but they will pay for their sin.
Eze 44:11 They are servants in my sanctuary, watching the gates of the temple and serving in the temple, and they slaughter the burnt offerings and the people’s sacrifices, and they will stand before the people and serve them.
Eze 44:12 But because they performed the sacrifices before their idols, they became stumbling blocks for sin for the house of Israel. Therefore, I will lift up my hand to swear an oath against them,’ Lord Yehowah declares, ‘they will bear their punishment.

Eze 44:13 They will not come near me to act as my priests or to approach any of my set-apart things, the most set-apart things. Instead, they will bear their reproach and their guilt for the disgusting actions that they have done.
Eze 44:14 But I will place them as keepers of the work in the temple, for all of its duties and everything that is done in it.
Eze 44:15 Then the Levitical priests, those sons of Zadok who fulfilled the duties of my sanctuary when the people of Israel were wandering away from me, they will come near me to worship me. They will stand before me to offer me the fat and the blood,' Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 44:16 'They will come to my sanctuary; they will approach my table to worship me and to fulfill their duties to me.
Eze 44:17 So it will be that when they come to the gates of the inner courtyard, they will have to dress in linen clothes, for they must not come in wool inside the gates of the inner court and its temple.
Eze 44:18 There should be linen turbans on their heads and linen underwear on their hips. They must not dress in clothes that make them sweat.
Eze 44:19 When they go out to the outer courtyard, to the outer courtyard in order to go to the people, they must take off the clothes they wore when they served; they must take them off and lay them down in a set-apart room, so they do not make other people set-apart by contact with their special clothing.
Eze 44:20 Also, they must neither shave their heads nor allow their hair to hang loosely, but they must trim the hair of their heads (1 Cor. 11:14).
Eze 44:21 No priest may drink wine when he comes to the inner court,
Eze 44:22 nor take a widow or a divorced woman as a wife for himself, but only a virgin from the line of the house of Israel or a widow who was previously married to a priest.
Eze 44:23 For they will teach my people the difference between the set-apart and the profane; they will make them know the unclean from the clean.
Eze 44:24 In a dispute they will stand to judge with my decrees; they must be just. They will keep my law and my statutes in every appointment calendar festival, and they will celebrate my consecrated Sabbaths.
Eze 44:25 They will not go to a dead person so as to become unclean, unless it is their father or mother, son or daughter, brother or a sister who has not had sex with a man; otherwise, they will become unclean.
Eze 44:26 After a priest has become unclean, people will count seven days for him.
Eze 44:27 Before the day he comes to the Set-apart Place, to the inner courtyard to serve in the Set-apart Place, he must bring a sin offering for himself,' Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 44:28 'This will be their inheritance: I am their inheritance, and you must give them no property in Israel; I will be their property!

Eze 44:29 They will eat the food offerings, the sin offerings, the guilt offerings, and everything devoted to Yehowah in Israel will be theirs.
Eze 44:30 The best of the firstfruits of all things and every contribution, anything from all of your contributions will belong to the priests, and you will give the best of your meal offerings to the priests, so that blessing may rest on your household.
Eze 44:31 The priests will not eat any carrion or animal torn by a beast, whether bird or beast.

Ezekiel Chapter 45

Eze 45:1 When you cast lots to divide up the land as an inheritance, you must make an offering to Yehowah; this offering will be a consecrated part of the land, thirteen and one-half kilometers in length, and five and two-fifths kilometers wide. It will be set-apart, all its area round about.
Eze 45:2 From this, there will be a 270 meters by 270 meters square surrounding the Set-apart Place, with a surrounding border twenty-seven meters wide.
Eze 45:3 From this area you will measure a portion that is thirteen and one-half kilometers long and five and two-fifths kilometers wide; it will be a Set-apart Place for you; a Most Set-apart Place.
Eze 45:4 It will be a Set-apart Place in the land for the priests who serve Yehowah, who come near Yehowah to serve him. It will be a place for their houses and a consecrated area for the Set-apart Place.
Eze 45:5 So it will be thirteen and one-half kilometers long and two and three-quarters kilometers wide, and it will be for towns for the Levites who serve in the temple.
Eze 45:6 You will designate an area for the city, two and three-quarters kilometers wide and thirteen and one-half kilometers long, that will be next to the area reserved for the Set-apart Place; this city will belong to all the house of Israel.
Eze 45:7 The prince's land will be on both sides of the area reserved for the Set-apart Place and the city. It will be to their west and to their east. The length will correspond to the length of one of those portions, from the west to the east.
Eze 45:8 This land will be property for the prince in Israel. My princes will no longer oppress my people; instead, they will give the land to the house of Israel, for their tribes.'
Eze 45:9 Lord Yehowah declares this: 'It is enough for you, princes of Israel! Remove violence and strife; do justice and righteousness! Quit your evictions of my people,' Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 45:10 'You must have accurate scales, accurate ephahs, and accurate baths:
Eze 45:11 The ephah and the bath will be the same amount, 22 liters, so that a bath (22 liters) will be a tenth of a homer (220 liters); the ephah (22 liters) will be a tenth of a homer (220 liters). Their measure will be corresponding to the homer (220 liters).
Eze 45:12 The weight will equal 20 small weights; fifty-weight will make a large weight for you (Num. 18:16; Luke 19:13).
Eze 45:13 This is the contribution that you must present: 3.67 liters for every 220 liters of wheat, and you will give 3.67 liters for every 220 liters of barley.

Eze 45:14 The regulation offering of oil will be 2.2 liters for every cor (220 liters), which is ten baths (220 liters), or for every homer (220 liters), since a homer is also ten baths (220 liters).
Eze 45:15 One sheep or goat from the flock for every two hundred animals from the watered regions of Israel will be used for any burnt offering or peace offering to make atonement for the people,' Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 45:16 'All the people of the land will give this contribution to the prince in Israel.
Eze 45:17 It will be the prince's responsibility to furnish animals for the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the drink offerings at the feasts and the beginning of the month celebrations, and on the Sabbaths, all the appointment calendar festivals of the house of Israel. He will provide for the sin offerings, the grain offerings, the burnt offerings, and the peace offerings for atonement on behalf of the house of Israel.'
Eze 45:18 Lord Yehowah says this: 'On the first of the first month (Gen. 8:13), you will take an unblemished bull from the herd and perform a sin offering for the sanctuary.
Eze 45:19 The priest will take some of the blood of the sin offering and place it on the doorposts of the temple and on the four corners of the border of the altar, and on the doorposts of the gate to the inner court.
Eze 45:20 You will do this on the seventh of the month for each person's sin by accident or ignorance; in this way, you will atone for the temple.
Eze 45:21 On the fourteenth day of the first month, there will be for you a feast, a seven day festival (Passover). You will eat unleavened bread.
Eze 45:22 On that day, the prince will prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bull as a sin offering.
Eze 45:23 For the seven days of the feast, the prince will prepare a burnt offering for Yehowah: seven bulls and seven unblemished rams each day for seven days, and a male goat each day as a sin offering.
Eze 45:24 Then the prince will perform a food offering of 22 liters for each bull and 22 liters of flour for each ram with six liters of oil for each 22 liter offering.
Eze 45:25 On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, at the Feast of Tabernacles, the prince will perform offerings on these seven days: sin offerings, burnt offerings, food offerings, and offerings of oil.'

Ezekiel Chapter 46

Eze 46:1 Lord Yehowah says this: ‘The gate of the inner courtyard, facing east, will be shut for the six days of work, but on the Sabbath it will be opened, and on the beginning day of the month it will be opened.
Eze 46:2 The prince will enter the outer courtyard by the way of the gate and its portico from outside, and he will stand before the doorposts of the inner gate, while the priests perform his burnt offering and peace offering. Then he will worship at the threshold of the inner gate and go out, but the gate will not be shut until dusk.
Eze 46:3 The people of the land will also worship before Yehowah at the entrance to this gate on the Sabbaths and the beginning of the months.
Eze 46:4 The burnt offering that the prince offers to Yehowah on the Sabbath day will be six unblemished lambs and an unblemished ram.
Eze 46:5 The grain offering with the ram will be 22 liters, and the grain offering with the lambs will be what he wishes to give, and six liters of oil with each 22 liters of grain.
Eze 46:6 On the first day of the month, you must offer an unblemished bull from a herd, six lambs, and an unblemished ram.
Eze 46:7 He must make a grain offering of 22 liters for the bull and 22 liters for the ram, and what he wishes to give for the lambs, and six liters of oil for every 22 liters of grain.
Eze 46:8 When the prince enters by the way of the gate and its portico, he must leave by the same way.
Eze 46:9 But when the people of the land come before Yehowah at the appointment calendar festivals, anyone entering through the north gate to worship must leave through the south gate; and anyone entering through the south gate must leave through the north gate. No one may turn back to the gate through which he entered, for he must go out straight ahead.
Eze 46:10 The prince must be in their midst; when they go in, he must go in, and when they leave, he must leave.
Eze 46:11 At the feasts and the appointment calendar festivals, the grain offering must be 22 liters of grain for the bull and 22 liters for the ram, and whatever he wishes to give with the lambs, and six liters of oil for every 22 liter offering.
Eze 46:12 When the prince gives a freewill offering, either a burnt offering or a peace offering to Yehowah, he must open the gate for it facing east, and perform his burnt offering and his peace offering as he does it on the day of the Sabbath; then he must go out and shut the gate after he has gone out.
Eze 46:13 In addition, you will give an unblemished lamb one year old as a burnt offering to Yehowah daily; you will do this dawn after dawn.

Eze 46:14 You will give a grain offering with it dawn after dawn, 3.5 liters and two liters of oil to moisten the flour of the grain offering for Yehowah, according to a permanent statute.
Eze 46:15 They will prepare the lamb, the grain offering, and the oil, dawn after dawn, a permanent burnt offering.
Eze 46:16 Lord Yehowah says this: If the prince gives a gift to any of his sons, it is his inheritance. It will be the property of his sons, it is an inheritance.
Eze 46:17 But if he gives a gift from his inheritance to one of his servants, then it will be that servant's until the year of liberty (Jubilee), and then it will return to the prince. His inheritance will certainly be for his sons.
Eze 46:18 The prince will not take the people's inheritance away from their own property; he must provide for his sons from his own property, so that my people will not be scattered, each man from his own property.'"
Eze 46:19 Next, the man brought me through the entrance at the gate to the set-apart rooms for the priests, which faced north, and behold! There was a place toward the west.
Eze 46:20 He said to me, "This is the place where the priests must boil the guilt offering and the sin offering, and where they must bake the grain offering. They must not bring the offerings into the outer courtyard, for then the people would be consecrated."
Eze 46:21 Then he brought me to the outer courtyard, and he led me past the four corners of that courtyard, and I saw that in every corner of the courtyard there was another court.
Eze 46:22 In the four corners of the outer courtyard there were four small courtyards, twenty-two meters long and sixteen meters wide. They were the same dimensions for all four of the courtyards.
Eze 46:23 There was a row made of stone all around the four of them, and cooking hearths were under the stone row.
Eze 46:24 The man said to me, "These are the places where the temple servants will boil the people's sacrifices."

Ezekiel Chapter 47

Eze 47:1 Then the man took me back to the entrance to the temple, and there was water flowing out from under the temple threshold toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east, and the water was flowing down the south side of the temple, to the right of the altar.
Eze 47:2 So he brought me out through the northern gate and led me around to the gate facing east, and there the water was flowing from this gate on its south side.
Eze 47:3 As the man was going toward the east, there was a measuring line in his hand; he measured off 540 meters and brought me through the water to ankle-deep water.
Eze 47:4 Then he measured 540 meters again and brought me through the water to knee-deep water; and he measured another 540 meters and brought me to hip-deep water.
Eze 47:5 Next, he measured off 540 meters farther, here it was a river that I was not able to pass, it was so deep. One could only swim it.
Eze 47:6 The man asked me, “Son of man, do you see this?” And he brought me out and had me walk back along the riverbank.
Eze 47:7 As I walked back, there the riverbank had many trees on this side and also on the other side.
Eze 47:8 The man said to me, “This water is going out to the eastern territory and down to the Arabah; this water flows into the Dead Sea and will make it fresh.
Eze 47:9 Every living creature which swarms where the water goes; there will be many fish for these waters flow there. It will make the salt water fresh. Everything will live wherever the river goes.
Eze 47:10 Then it will happen, that fishermen of Engedi will stand by the water, and there will be a place to dry out the fishing nets by Eneglaim. There will be many kinds of fish in the Dead Sea, like the fish in the Mediterranean Sea for their abundance (John 21:11).
Eze 47:11 But the Dead Sea’s swamps and marshes will not be made fresh; they will be for providing salt.
Eze 47:12 Beside this river on its banks, on both sides, all kinds of edible trees will grow. Their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will never stop appearing. The trees will bear fruit for each month, since their water comes from the Sanctuary. Their fruit will be food, and their leaves will be medicine (Rev. 22:1-2).
Eze 47:13 Lord Yehowah says this: This will be the way that you divide the land up for the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph will have two portions.

Eze 47:14 You, each man and brother among you, will inherit it. As I lifted up my hand to swear to give it to your fathers, in the same way, this land has become your inheritance.
Eze 47:15 This will be the boundary of the land on the north side from the Mediterranean Sea by way of Hethlon, and then to Zedad Lebo Hamath.
Eze 47:16 Then the boundary will go to Berothah, to Sibraim, which is between Damascus and Hamath, and then to Hazer Hatticon, which is beside the boundary of Hauran.
Eze 47:17 So the boundary will go from the sea to Hazar Enon on the border with Damascus and Hamath to the north. This will be the north side.
Eze 47:18 On the east side, between Hauran and Damascus and between Gilead and the land of Israel will be the Jordan River. You must measure from the border to the eastern sea as far as Tamar.
Eze 47:19 Then the south side: south of Tamar to the waters of Meribah Kadesh (modern Tabuk, Saudi Arabia), the brook of Egypt to the Mediterranean Sea, and the southern side toward the south.
Eze 47:20 Then the western boundary will be the Mediterranean Sea to where it goes opposite Hamath (modern Hama, Syria). This will be the western side.
Eze 47:21 In this way, you will divide this land for yourselves, for the tribes of Israel.
Eze 47:22 So you will distribute the inheritances for yourselves and for the sojourning foreigners in your midst, those who have given birth to children in your midst, and who are with you, like the native born people of Israel. You will throw lots for inheritances among the tribes of Israel.
Eze 47:23 Then it will happen, that the sojourning foreigner will be with the tribe among whom he is living. You must give him an inheritance," Lord Yehowah declares.

Ezekiel Chapter 48

Eze 48:1 “These are the names of the tribes. The tribe of Dan will receive one portion of land; its boundary will run along the northern boundary of Israel by way of Hethlon and Lebo Hamath. Its boundary will go on to Hazar Enan and along the border with Damascus to the north and then on to Hamath. Dan’s boundary will go from the east all the way to the Mediterranean Sea.
Eze 48:2 To the south of Dan’s border will be the land of Asher, one portion of land, going from the east to the west.
Eze 48:3 South of the border with Asher will be the one portion of Naphtali, extending from the east side to the west side.
Eze 48:4 South of the border with Naphtali will be the one portion of Manasseh, extending from the east side to the west side.
Eze 48:5 South of the border of Manasseh from the eastern side to the west side will be Ephraim, one portion.
Eze 48:6 South of the border of Ephraim from the eastern side to the west side will be Reuben, one portion.
Eze 48:7 Beside the border with Reuben from the eastern side to the west side will be Judah, one portion.
Eze 48:8 The offering of land that you will make will be along the border with Judah and extend from the east side to the west side; it will be thirteen and one-half kilometers wide. Its length will correspond to one tribe’s portion from the east side to the west side, and the temple will be in the middle of it.
Eze 48:9 This land that you will offer up to Yehowah will be thirteen and one-half kilometers long and five and two-fifths kilometers in width.
Eze 48:10 These will be the assignments of this set-apart portion of land: The priests will have land assigned to them measuring thirteen and one-half kilometers in width on the north side; five and two-fifths kilometers in width on the west side; five and two-fifths kilometers in width on the east side; and thirteen and one-half kilometers in length on the south side, with the Set-apart Place of Yehowah in the middle of it.
Eze 48:11 This will be for the consecration of the priests of the line of Zadok, who have served me faithfully, and who did not go astray when the people of Israel went astray, as the Levites did.
Eze 48:12 The offering for them will be a portion of this most set-apart land, extending to the border of the Levites.
Eze 48:13 The Levites’ land along the border with the priests’ land will be thirteen and one-half kilometers long and five and two-fifths kilometers wide. The entire length of the two tracts of land will be thirteen and one-half kilometers long and eleven kilometers wide.

Eze 48:14 They must not sell it or exchange it; none of this firstfruits of the land of Israel must ever be separated from these tracts, for it all is set-apart to Yehowah.
Eze 48:15 The remaining land, two and three-quarters kilometers wide and thirteen and one-half kilometers long, will be for the collective use of the city, the houses, and the pastureland; the city will be in its midst.
Eze 48:16 These will be the city's measurements: The north side will be two and two-fifths kilometers long; the south side will be two and two-fifths kilometers long; the east side will be two and two-fifths kilometers long; and the west side will be two and two-fifths kilometers long.
Eze 48:17 There will be pasture for the city toward the north, 135 meters deep; to the south, 135 meters deep; to the east, 135 meters deep, and to the west, 135 meters deep.
Eze 48:18 The remaining area of the set-apart offering will stretch for five and two-fifths kilometers to the east and five and two-fifths kilometers to the west. It will stretch along the border of the set-apart offering, and its produce will be food for those working in the city.
Eze 48:19 The people who work in the city, people belonging to all the tribes of Israel, will farm that land.
Eze 48:20 All the land offering will measure thirteen and one-half kilometers by thirteen and one-half kilometers. In this way, you will make the set-apart offering of land, together with the land for the city.
Eze 48:21 The rest of the land on either side of the set-apart offering and the city area will be for the prince. The prince's tract of land to the east will extend for thirteen and one-half kilometers from the boundary of the set-apart offering to the eastern border, and his tract to the west will extend for thirteen and one-half kilometers to the western border. In the middle will be the set-apart offering, and the Set-apart Place of the temple will be in its midst.
Eze 48:22 The land extending from the property of the Levites and the area of the city in its midst will be for the prince; it will be between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, this land will be for the prince.
Eze 48:23 As for the remaining tribes, their portions will also run from the eastern side to the west side. Benjamin will receive one portion.
Eze 48:24 To the south of Benjamin's boundary, running from the east side to the west, will be the land of Simeon, one portion.
Eze 48:25 To the south of Simeon's boundary, running from the east side to the west, will be the land of Issachar, one portion.
Eze 48:26 To the south of Issachar's boundary, running from the east side to the west side, will be the land of Zebulun, one portion.
Eze 48:27 To the south of Zebulun's boundary, running from the east side to the west side, will be the land of Gad, one portion.

Eze 48:28 The southern boundary of Gad will extend from Tamar to the waters of Meribah Kadesh (modern Tabuk, Saudi Arabia), and farther to the brook of Egypt, and then to the Mediterranean Sea.
Eze 48:29 This is the land for which you will cast lots; it will be the inheritance of the tribes of Israel. These will be their portions," Lord Yehowah declares.
Eze 48:30 "These will be the exits from the city: On the north side, which will measure two and two-fifths kilometers in length,
Eze 48:31 will be three city gates on the north, named for tribes of Israel: one gate for Reuben, one gate for Judah, and one gate for Levi.
Eze 48:32 On the east side, which will measure two and two-fifths kilometers in length, will be three gates: one gate for Joseph, one gate for Benjamin, and one gate for Dan.
Eze 48:33 On the south side, which will measure two and two-fifths kilometers in length, will be three gates: one gate for Simeon, one gate for Issachar, and one gate for Zebulun.
Eze 48:34 On the west side, which will measure two and two-fifths kilometers in length, will be three gates: one gate for Gad, one gate for Asher, and one gate for Naphtali.
Eze 48:35 The distance around the city will be nine and three-fifths kilometers; from that day on, the city's name will be "Yehowah is There".

Book of Daniel

Daniel Chapter 1

Dan 1:1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah (c. 606 BC), Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylonia came to Jerusalem and surrounded the city to cut off all supplies to it.
Dan 1:2 The Lord gave Nebuchadnezzar victory over Jehoiakim king of Judah, and he gave him some of the consecrated objects from the temple of the Almighty. He brought them into the land of Babylonia, to the house of his deity, and he placed the consecrated objects in his deity's treasury.
Dan 1:3 The king spoke to Ashpenaz, his chief official, to bring in some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility,
Dan 1:4 young men without blemish, attractive in appearance, skillful in all wisdom, filled with knowledge and understanding, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the Babylonians' literature and language.
Dan 1:5 The king counted out for them a daily portion of his delicacies and some of the wine that he drank. These young men were to be trained for three years, and after that, they would serve the king.
Dan 1:6 Among these were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, some of the people of Judah.
Dan 1:7 The chief official gave them names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar, Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego.
Dan 1:8 But Daniel intended in his mind that he would not pollute himself with the king's delicacies or with the wine that he drank. So he asked permission from the chief official that he might not pollute himself.
Dan 1:9 Now the Almighty gave Daniel grace and compassion through the respect that the chief official had for him.
Dan 1:10 The chief official said to Daniel, "I am afraid of my master the king. He has commanded what food and drink you should have. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men of your own age? The king might have my head because of you."
Dan 1:11 Then Daniel spoke to the steward whom the chief official had assigned over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,
Dan 1:12 "Please test us, your servants, for ten days. Give us only some vegetables to eat and water to drink.

Dan 1:13 Then compare our appearance with the appearance of the young men who eat the king's delicacies, and treat us, your servants, based on what you see."
Dan 1:14 So the steward agreed with him to do this, and he tested them for ten days.
Dan 1:15 At the end of ten days their appearance was more healthy, and they were better nourished, than all the young men who ate the king's delicacies.
Dan 1:16 So the steward took away their delicacies and their wine and gave them only vegetables.
Dan 1:17 As for these four young men, the Almighty gave them knowledge and insight in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel could understand all kinds of visions and dreams.
Dan 1:18 At the end of the time set by the king to bring them in, the chief official brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.
Dan 1:19 The king spoke with them, and among the whole group there were none to compare with Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. They stood before the king, ready to serve him.
Dan 1:20 In every question of wisdom and understanding that the king asked them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and those who claimed to speak with the dead, who were in his entire kingdom.
Dan 1:21 Daniel was there until the first year of King Cyrus II (c. 536 BC).

Daniel Chapter 2

Dan 2:1 In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar (c. 603 BC), he had dreams. His mind was troubled, and he could not sleep.
Dan 2:2 Then the king summoned the magicians and those who claimed to speak with the dead. He also called the sorcerers and wise men. He wanted them to tell him about his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king.
Dan 2:3 The king said to them, “I have had a dream, and my mind is anxious to know what the dream means.”
Dan 2:4 Then the wise men spoke to the king in Aramaic, “King, live forever! Tell the dream to us, your servants, and we will reveal the meaning.”
Dan 2:5 The king replied to the Sages, “This matter has been settled. If you do not reveal the dream to me and interpret it, your bodies will be torn apart and your houses made into rubbish heaps.
Dan 2:6 But if you will tell me the dream and its meaning, you will receive gifts from me, a reward, and great honor. So tell to me the dream and its meaning.”
Dan 2:7 They replied again, “Let the king tell us, his servants, the dream, and we will tell you its meaning.”
Dan 2:8 The king answered, “I know for certain that you want more time, because you see how firm my decision is about this.
Dan 2:9 But if you do not tell me the dream, there is only one sentence for you. You have decided to prepare false and deceptive words that you agreed together to say to me, until I change my mind. So then tell me the dream, and then I will know you can interpret it for me.”
Dan 2:10 The Sages replied to the king, “There is not a man on earth able to meet the king’s demand. There is no great and powerful king who has demanded such a thing from any magician, or from anyone who claims to speak with the dead, or from a Sage.
Dan 2:11 What the king demands is difficult, and there is no one who can tell it to the king except the deities, and they do not live among humans.”
Dan 2:12 This made the king furiously enraged, and he gave an order to execute all the Sages in Babylon.
Dan 2:13 So the decree went out that all the Sages were to be executed. Because of this decree, they searched for Daniel and his friends, so they could be executed.
Dan 2:14 Then Daniel replied with prudence and discretion to Arioch the commander of the king’s bodyguard, who had come to kill all the Sages of Babylon.
Dan 2:15 Daniel asked the king’s commander, “Why is the king’s decree so urgent?” So Arioch told Daniel what had happened.

Dan 2:16 Then Daniel went in and requested an appointment with the king, so that he could present the interpretation to the king.
Dan 2:17 Then Daniel went to his house and explained to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, what had happened.
Dan 2:18 He urged them to seek mercy from the Mighty One of Heaven concerning this mystery, so that he and they might not be killed with the rest of the Sages of Babylon.
Dan 2:19 That night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the Mighty One of Heaven,
Dan 2:20 “Praise the name of the Almighty forever and ever; for wisdom and power belong to him!
Dan 2:21 He changes the years and the seasons (Luke 21:11); he removes kings and places kings on their thrones. He gives wisdom to the Sages and knowledge to those who have understanding.
Dan 2:22 He reveals the deep and hidden things, because he knows what is in the darkness, and the light lives with him.
Dan 2:23 Mighty One of my ancestors, I thank you and praise you for the wisdom and power you gave to me. Now you have made known to me what we requested from you; you made known to us the matter that concerns the king.”
Dan 2:24 Then Daniel went in to see Arioch, the one the king appointed to execute all the Sages of Babylon. He went and said to him, “Do not execute the Sages of Babylon. Take me to the king, and I will show the king the interpretation of his dream.”
Dan 2:25 Then Arioch quickly brought in Daniel before the king and announced, “I have found among the exiles of Judah a man who will reveal the meaning of the king’s dream.”
Dan 2:26 The king asked Daniel, who was called Belteshazzar, “Are you able to tell me the dream that I saw and its meaning?”
Dan 2:27 Daniel answered the king, “The mystery that the king has asked about cannot be revealed by the Sages, nor by those who claim to speak with the dead, nor by magicians, and not by astrologers.
Dan 2:28 Nevertheless, there is an Almighty who lives in Heaven, who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to you, King Nebuchadnezzar, what will happen in the last days. These were your dream and the visions of your mind as you lay on your bed.
Dan 2:29 As for you, king, your thoughts on your bed were about things to come, and the One who reveals mysteries has made known to you what is about to happen.
Dan 2:30 As for me, this mystery was not revealed to me because of any wisdom that I have more than any other living person. This mystery was revealed to me,

so that you, king, may understand the meaning, and so that you may know the thoughts deep within you.
Dan 2:31 King, you looked up, and you saw a large statue. This statue, which was powerful and bright, stood before you. Its brightness was terrifying.
Dan 2:32 The head of the statue was made of fine gold. Its breast and arms were of silver. Its middle and its thighs were made of bronze,
Dan 2:33 and its legs were made of iron. Its feet were made partly of iron and partly of clay.
Dan 2:34 You looked up, and a Stone was cut out, although not by human hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay, and it shattered them (Psa. 118:22; Isa. 8:14-15, 28:16,13; Mt. 21:44).
Dan 2:35 Then the iron, clay, bronze, silver, and gold at the same time were broken into pieces and became like the chaff of the threshing floors in the summer. The wind carried them away, and there was no trace of them left. But the Stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.
Dan 2:36 This was your dream. Now we will tell the king the meaning.
Dan 2:37 You, king, are king of kings to whom the Mighty One of Heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the strength, and the honor.
Dan 2:38 He has given into your hand the place where humans live. He has given over the animals of the fields and the birds of the sky into your hand, and he has made you rule over them all. You are the statue's head of gold.
Dan 2:39 After you, another kingdom will arise that is inferior to you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze will rule over all the earth.
Dan 2:40 There will be a fourth kingdom (Islam), strong as iron, because iron breaks other things into pieces and shatters everything. It will shatter all these things and crush them.
Dan 2:41 Just as you saw, the feet and toes were partly made of baked clay and partly made of iron, so it will be a divided kingdom; some of the strength of iron will be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with the soft clay.
Dan 2:42 As the toes of the feet were partly made of iron and partly made of clay, so the kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle.
Dan 2:43 As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so the people will be a hybrid; they will not stay together, just as iron does not mix with clay.
Dan 2:44 In the days of those kings, the Mighty One of Heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be conquered by another people. It will break the other kingdoms into pieces and put an end to all of them, and it will remain forever.
Dan 2:45 Just as you saw, a Stone was cut out of the mountain but not by human hands. It broke the iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold into pieces. The great

Almighty has made known to you, king, what will happen after this. The dream is true and this interpretation is reliable."
Dan 2:46 King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face before Daniel and honored him; he commanded that an offering be made and that incense be offered up to him.
Dan 2:47 The king said to Daniel, "Truly, your Divine One is the Mighty One of deities, the Lord of kings, and the One who reveals mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery."
Dan 2:48 Then the king made Daniel highly honored and gave him many wonderful gifts. He made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon. Daniel became chief governor over the Sages of Babylon.
Dan 2:49 Daniel entreated the king, and the king appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to be administrators over the province of Babylon. But Daniel remained in the king's palace.

Daniel Chapter 3

Dan 3:1 King Nebuchadnezzar made a gold statue that was twenty-seven meters tall and three meters wide. He set it up in the Plain of Dura in the province of Babylon.
Dan 3:2 Then Nebuchadnezzar sent messages out to gather together the provincial governors, regional governors, and local governors, together with the counselors, treasurers, judges, magistrates, and all the high officials of the provinces to come to the dedication of the statue that he had set up.
Dan 3:3 Then the provincial governors, regional governors, and local governors, together with the counselors, treasurers, judges, magistrates, and all the high officials of the provinces gathered together to the dedication of the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. They stood before it.
Dan 3:4 Then a herald loudly shouted, “You are commanded, people and ethnicities,
Dan 3:5 that at the time you hear the sound of the horns, flutes, zithers, lyres, harps, and pipes, and all kinds of music, you must fall down and prostrate yourselves to the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up!
Dan 3:6 Whoever does not fall down and worship, at that moment, will be thrown into a blazing furnace!”
Dan 3:7 So when all the people heard the sounds of the horns, flutes, zithers, lyres, harps, and pipes, and all kinds of music, all the people and ethnicities fell down and prostrated themselves to the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.
Dan 3:8 Now at this time, certain Sages came and brought accusations against the Jews.
Dan 3:9 They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “King, live forever!
Dan 3:10 You, king, have made a decree that every person who hears the sounds of the horns, flutes, zithers, lyres, harps, and pipes, and all kinds of music, must fall down and prostrate himself to the golden statue.
Dan 3:11 Whoever does not fall down and worship must be thrown into a blazing furnace.
Dan 3:12 Now there are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon; their names are Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, king, pay no attention to you. They will not worship or serve your deities, or prostrate themselves before the golden statue you have set up.”
Dan 3:13 Then Nebuchadnezzar, filled with anger and rage, commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought to him. So they brought these men before the king.

Dan 3:14 Nebuchadnezzar asked them, “Have you made up your minds, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you will not worship my deities or prostrate yourselves to the golden statue that I have set up?
Dan 3:15 Now if you are ready, when you hear the sounds of the horns, flutes, zithers, lyres, harps, and pipes, and all kinds of music, to fall down and prostrate yourselves to the statue that I have made, all will be well. But if you do not worship, you will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace. Who is the deity who is able to rescue you out of my hands?”
Dan 3:16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, “Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.
Dan 3:17 If there is an answer, it is that our Divine One whom we serve is able to keep us safe from the blazing furnace, and he will rescue us out of your hand, king.
Dan 3:18 But if not, let it be known to you, king, that we will not worship your deities, and we will not prostrate ourselves to the golden statue you set up.”
Dan 3:19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with rage; the look on his face changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He commanded that the furnace should be heated first, seven times hotter than it was normally heated.
Dan 3:20 Then he commanded some valiantly strong men in his military force to tie up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the blazing furnace.
Dan 3:21 They were tied up still wearing their robes, tunics, turbans, and tassel-bearing garments, and they were thrown into the blazing furnace.
Dan 3:22 Because the king’s command was strictly followed and the furnace was red hot, the flames killed the men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.
Dan 3:23 These three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell into the blazing furnace while they were tied up.
Dan 3:24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar was amazed and stood up quickly. He asked his advisors, “Did we not throw three men tied up into the fire?” They answered the king, “Certainly, king.”
Dan 3:25 He said, “But I see four men who are not tied up walking around in the fire, and they are not hurt. The brilliance of the fourth is like the Son of the Almighty.”
Dan 3:26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near the door of the blazing furnace and called out, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of Most High Almighty, come out! Come here!” Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out of the fire.
Dan 3:27 The provincial governors, regional governors, other governors, and the king’s counselors who had gathered together saw these men. The fire had not

hurt their bodies; the hair on their heads was not singed; their robes were not harmed; and there was no smell of fire on them.
Dan 3:28 Nebuchadnezzar proclaimed, “Let us praise the Mighty One of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his Messenger to deliver his servants! They trusted in him when they set aside my command, and they gave up their bodies rather than worship or prostrate themselves to any deity except their Divine One.
Dan 3:29 Therefore, I make a decree that any people or ethnicity that speaks anything against the Mighty One of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego must be torn apart, and that their houses must be made into rubbish heaps, because there is no other deity who is able to save like this.”
Dan 3:30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

Daniel Chapter 4

Dan 4:1 King Nebuchadnezzar sent this decree to all people and ethnicities who lived on the earth: “May your peace increase.
Dan 4:2 It has seemed good to me to tell you about the signs and wonders that Most High Almighty has done for me.
Dan 4:3 How great are his signs, and how mighty are his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion lasts from generation to generation.”
Dan 4:4 I, Nebuchadnezzar, was living happily in my house, and I was enjoying prosperity in my palace.
Dan 4:5 But a dream I had made me afraid. As I lay there, the images I saw and the visions in my mind troubled me.
Dan 4:6 So I gave a decree to bring before me all the Sages of Babylon, so they could interpret the dream for me.
Dan 4:7 Then came the magicians, those who claimed to speak with the dead, the Sages, and the astrologers. I told them the dream, but they could not interpret it for me.
Dan 4:8 But at last Daniel came in, the one who is named Belteshazzar after the name of my deity, and in whom is the Ruach of the consecrated Divine Ones, and I told him the dream.
Dan 4:9 “Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, I know that the Ruach of the consecrated Divine Ones is in you, and that no mystery is too difficult for you. Tell me what I saw in my dream and what it means.
Dan 4:10 These were the sights that I saw in my mind as I lay upon my bed: I looked, and there was a tree in the middle of the earth, and its height was great.
Dan 4:11 The tree grew and became strong. Its top reached to the heavens, and it could be seen to the ends of the whole earth.
Dan 4:12 Its leaves were beautiful, its fruit was abundant, and on it was food for all. The wild animals found shade under it, and the birds of the sky lived in its branches. All living creatures were fed from it.
Dan 4:13 I saw in my mind as I lay on my bed, a set-apart messenger came down from Heaven.
Dan 4:14 He shouted, ‘Chop down the tree and cut off its branches, strip off its leaves, and scatter its fruit! Let the animals flee from under it, and the birds fly away from its branches!
Dan 4:15 Leave the stump of its roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze, in the middle of the tender grass of the field. Let it be wet with the dew from the heavens. Let it live with the animals among the plants on the ground.

Dan 4:16 Let his mind be changed from man's mind, and let an animal's mind be given to him, until seven years pass by!
Dan 4:17 This decision is by the decree reported by the messenger. It is a decision made by the set-apart ones, so that those who are alive may know that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of people and gives them to anyone he wishes to place over them, even to the most humble men.'
Dan 4:18 I, King Nebuchadnezzar, had this dream. Now you, Belteshazzar, tell me the interpretation, because none of the Sages in my kingdom can interpret it for me. But you are able to do so, because the Ruach of the consecrated Divine Ones is in you."
Dan 4:19 Then Daniel, who was also named Belteshazzar, was greatly upset for awhile, and his thoughts alarmed him. The king said, "Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or its interpretation alarm you." Belteshazzar replied, "My master, may the dream be for those who hate you; may its interpretation be for your enemies.
Dan 4:20 The tree that you saw, which grew and became strong, and whose top reached up to the heavens, and which could be seen to the ends of the whole earth,
Dan 4:21 whose leaves were beautiful, and whose fruit was abundant, so that in it was food for all, and under it the animals of the field found shade, and in which the birds of the sky lived,
Dan 4:22 this tree is you, king, you who have grown so strong. Your greatness has grown and reaches to the heavens, and your authority reaches to the ends of the earth.
Dan 4:23 You, king, saw a set-apart messenger coming down from Heaven and ordering, 'Chop down the tree and destroy it, but leave the stump of its roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze, in the middle of the tender grass of the field. Let it be wet with the dew from the heavens. Let it live with the wild animals in the fields, until seven years pass by.'
Dan 4:24 This is the interpretation, king. It is a decree of the Most High that has reached you, my master the king.
Dan 4:25 You will be driven from among men, and you will live with the wild animals in the fields. You will be made to eat grass like an ox, and you will be wet with the dew from the heavens, and seven years will pass by, until you acknowledge that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of people, and that he gives them to anyone he wishes.
Dan 4:26 As it was commanded to leave the stump of the roots of the tree, in this way, your kingdom will be returned to you, from the time you learn that Heaven rules.

Dan 4:27 Therefore, king, let my advice be acceptable to you. Stop sinning and do what is right. Turn away from your iniquities by showing mercy to the oppressed, and it may be that your prosperity will be extended."
Dan 4:28 All these things happened to King Nebuchadnezzar.
Dan 4:29 Twelve months later he was walking on the roof of the royal palace in Babylon,
Dan 4:30 and he asked, "Is this not the great Babylon, which I have built for my royal residence, for the glory of my majesty?"
Dan 4:31 While the words were still on the lips of the king, a voice came from Heaven: "King Nebuchadnezzar, it is announced to you that this kingdom has been taken away from you.
Dan 4:32 You will be driven away from people, and your home will be with the wild animals in the fields. You will be made to eat grass like an ox. Seven years will pass, until you acknowledge that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of people, and he gives them to anyone he wishes."
Dan 4:33 This decree against Nebuchadnezzar was carried out immediately. He was driven away from people. He ate grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew from the heavens. His hair grew as long as eagles' feathers, and his nails became like birds' claws.
Dan 4:34 "At the end of the days, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward Heaven, and my sanity was given back to me. I praised the Most High, and I honored and glorified the One who lives forever. For his reign is an everlasting reign, and his kingdom endures from all generations to all generations.
Dan 4:35 All the earth's inhabitants are considered by him to be as nothing; he does among the armed forces of Heaven and the inhabitants of the earth whatever suits his will. No one can stop him or challenge him. No one can ask him, 'Why have you done this?'"
Dan 4:36 At the same time that my sanity returned to me, my majesty and splendor returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My counselors and my noblemen sought my grace. I was brought back to my throne, and even more greatness was given to me.
Dan 4:37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, extol, and honor the King of Heaven, for all his deeds are right, and his Ways are just! He can humble those who walk in their own pride.

Daniel Chapter 5

Dan 5:1 King Belshazzar made a great feast for a thousand of his noblemen, and he drank wine in front of all one thousand of them.
Dan 5:2 While Belshazzar tasted the wine, he gave orders to bring the containers made of gold or silver that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem, from which he, his noblemen, and his wives and concubines could drink.
Dan 5:3 The servants brought the gold containers that had been taken out of the temple, the temple of the Almighty, in Jerusalem. The king, his noblemen, and his wives and concubines drank from them.
Dan 5:4 They drank the wine and praised their idols made of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.
Dan 5:5 At that moment, the fingers of a human hand appeared in front of the lampstand and wrote on the plaster wall in the king's palace. The king could see part of the hand as it wrote.
Dan 5:6 Then the king's face changed, and his thoughts frightened him; his limbs could not support him, and his knees were knocking together.
Dan 5:7 The king shouted a command to bring in those who claimed to speak with the dead, Sages, and astrologers. The king said to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever explains this writing and its meaning will be clothed with purple and will have a gold chain around his neck. He will have the authority of the third highest ruler in the kingdom."
Dan 5:8 Then all the king's Sages came in, but they could not read the writing or explain its meaning to the king.
Dan 5:9 Then King Belshazzar was greatly alarmed, and the look on his face changed. His noblemen were perplexed.
Dan 5:10 Now the queen came into the banquet house because of what the king and his nobles had said. The queen said, "King, live forever! Do not let your thoughts trouble you. Do not let the look on your face change.
Dan 5:11 There is a man in your kingdom who has the Ruach of the consecrated Divine Ones. In the days of your father, light, understanding, and wisdom like the wisdom of the deities was found in him. King Nebuchadnezzar, your father the king, made him chief of the magicians, as well as chief of those who speak with the dead, of the Sages, and of the astrologers.
Dan 5:12 An excellent spirit, knowledge, understanding, interpreting of dreams, explaining riddles, and solving problems, these qualities were found in this man Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now call for Daniel, and he will tell you the meaning of what has been written."

Dan 5:13 Then Daniel was brought before the king. The king said to him, “You are that Daniel, one of the people of the exiles of Judah, whom my father the king brought out of Judah.
Dan 5:14 I have heard about you, that the Ruach of the Divine Ones is in you, and that light, understanding, and excellent wisdom are found in you.
Dan 5:15 Now the Sages and those who claim to speak with the dead have been brought in before me to read this writing and make known to me its interpretation, but they could not make known the interpretation of it.
Dan 5:16 I have heard that you can give interpretations and solve problems. Now, if you can read the writing and tell me its meaning, you will be clothed with purple and have a gold chain placed around your neck, and you will have the authority of the third highest ruler in the kingdom.”
Dan 5:17 Then Daniel answered before the king, “Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another person. Nevertheless, I will read the writing to you, king, and will tell you the meaning.
Dan 5:18 As for you, king, Most High Almighty gave Nebuchadnezzar your father the kingdom, greatness, honor, and majesty.
Dan 5:19 Because of the greatness Yehowah gave him, all people and ethnicities trembled and feared him. He executed those he wanted to die, and he kept alive those he wished to live. He raised up those he wanted, and he humbled those he wished.
Dan 5:20 But when his heart was arrogant, and his spirit was hardened, so that he acted presumptuously, he was brought down from his kingly throne, and they took away his majesty.
Dan 5:21 He was driven away from humanity, he had the mind of an animal, and he lived with the wild donkeys. He ate grass like an ox. His body was wet with the dew from the heavens, until he learned that Most High Almighty rules over the kingdoms of mankind, and that he sets over them anyone he wishes.
Dan 5:22 You his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, even though you knew all this.
Dan 5:23 You have lifted yourself up against the Master of Heaven. From his temple, they brought you the containers that you, your nobles, your wives, and your concubines drank wine from, and you praised the idols made of silver and gold, bronze, iron, wood, and stone, idols that do not see, hear, or know anything. You have not honored the Almighty who holds your breath in his hand, and who knows all your ways.
Dan 5:24 Then Yehowah sent out a hand from his presence and this writing was done.
Dan 5:25 This is the writing that was done: ‘Mene, Mene, Tekel, and Pharsin.’
Dan 5:26 This is its meaning: ‘Mene,’ ‘The Almighty has numbered your kingdom and brought it to an end.’

Dan 5:27 ‘Tekel,’ ‘You are weighed in the scales and are found lacking.’
Dan 5:28 ‘Peres,’ ‘Your kingdom is divided and is given to the Medes and Persians.’”
Dan 5:29 Then Belshazzar gave a command, and they clothed Daniel with purple. A chain of gold was put around his neck, and the king made a proclamation about him, that he would have the authority of the third highest ruler in the kingdom.
Dan 5:30 That night Belshazzar, the Babylonian king, was killed,
Dan 5:31 and Darius the Mede (aka Cyrus II) received the kingdom, when he was about sixty-two years old (c. 539 BC).

Daniel Chapter 6

Dan 6:1 It pleased Darius to appoint over the kingdom 120 provincial governors who would rule over all the kingdom.
Dan 6:2 Over them there were three chief administrators, and Daniel was one of them. These chief administrators were appointed, so that they might supervise the provincial governors, so that the king should suffer no loss.
Dan 6:3 Daniel was distinguished above the other chief administrators and the provincial governors, because he had an extraordinary spirit. The king was planning to put him over the whole kingdom.
Dan 6:4 Then the other chief administrators and the provincial governors looked for mistakes in the work Daniel did for the kingdom, but they could find no corruption or failure in his duty, because he was faithful. No mistakes or negligence was found in him.
Dan 6:5 Then these men concluded, “We cannot find any reason to complain against this Daniel, unless we find something against him regarding the law of his Divine One.”
Dan 6:6 Then these administrators and governors brought a plan before the king. They said to him, “King Darius, may you live forever!
Dan 6:7 All the chief administrators of the kingdom, the regional governors, and the provincial governors, the advisors, and the governors have consulted together and decided that you, the king, should issue a decree and should enforce it, so that whoever makes a petition to any deity or man for thirty days, except to you, king, that person must be thrown into the den of lions.
Dan 6:8 Now King, issue a decree and sign the document, so that it may not be changed, as directed by the laws of the Medes and Persians, so it cannot be repealed.”
Dan 6:9 So King Darius signed the document making the decree into a law.
Dan 6:10 When Daniel learned that the document had been signed into law, he went into his house; now his windows were open in his upper room toward Jerusalem, and he got down on his knees, as he did three times a day, and prayed and gave thanks before his Divine One, as he had done before.
Dan 6:11 Then these men who had formed the plot together saw Daniel make requests and seek help from his Divine One.
Dan 6:12 Then they approached the king and asked him about his decree: “Did you not make a decree that everyone who makes a petition to any deity or human during the next thirty days, except to you, king, must be thrown into the den of lions?” The king answered, “The matter is settled, as directed by the law of the Medes and Persians; it cannot be repealed.”

Dan 6:13 Then they replied to the king, “That person Daniel, who is one of the people of the exile from Judah, pays no attention to you, king, or to the decree that you have signed. He prays to his Divine One three times a day.”
Dan 6:14 When the king heard this, he was terribly distressed, and he applied his mind to rescue Daniel from this ruling. He labored until sunset to try to save Daniel.
Dan 6:15 Then these men who had formed the plot gathered together with the king and said to him, “Know, king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians, that no decree or statute that the king issues can be changed.”
Dan 6:16 Then the king gave an order, and they brought in Daniel, and they threw him into the lions’ den. The king encouraged Daniel, “May your Divine One, whom you serve continually, rescue you.”
Dan 6:17 A stone was brought over the entrance to the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signet rings of his nobles, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel.
Dan 6:18 Then the king went to his palace, and he went through the night fasting. No entertainment was brought before him, and sleep fled from him.
Dan 6:19 Then at daybreak the king rose up, and he quickly went to the lions’ den.
Dan 6:20 As he came near to the den, he called out to Daniel in a sad voice, inquiring of Daniel, “Daniel, servant of the living Almighty, has your Divine One, whom you serve continually, been able to save you from the lions?”
Dan 6:21 Then Daniel answered the king, “King, live forever!
Dan 6:22 My Divine One has sent his messenger and has shut the lions’ mouths, and they have not hurt me. For I was found blameless before him and also before you, king, and I have done you no harm.”
Dan 6:23 Then the king was exuberant. He gave an order that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was lifted up out of the den. No harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his Divine One.
Dan 6:24 The king gave an order, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel and threw them into the den of lions, they, their children, and their wives. Before they reached the floor, the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones to pieces.
Dan 6:25 Then King Darius wrote to all the people and ethnicities that live in all the earth: “May peace increase for you.
Dan 6:26 I hereby make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom, men tremble and fear before the Mighty One of Daniel, for he is the living Almighty and lives forever, and his kingdom will not be destroyed; his dominion will be to the end.
Dan 6:27 He makes us safe and rescues us, and he does signs and wonders in the heavens and in the earth; he has kept Daniel safe from the strength of the lions.”

Dan 6:28 So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius, that is, the reign of Cyrus II the Persian.

Daniel Chapter 7

Dan 7:1 In the first year (c. 551 BC) of Belshazzar king of Babylonia, Daniel had a dream and visions in his mind while lying on his bed. Then he wrote down what he had seen in the dream. He wrote down the most important events:
Dan 7:2 Daniel explained, “In my vision at night, I saw that the four winds of the skies were stirring up the great sea.
Dan 7:3 Four large animals, each one different from the other, came up out of the sea.
Dan 7:4 The first was like a lion but had eagle’s wings. As I was looking, its wings were torn off, and it was lifted from the ground and made to stand on two feet, like a man. The mind of a man was given to it.
Dan 7:5 Then there was a second animal, like a bear, and it was bending over; it had three ribs between its teeth in its mouth. It was told, ‘Get up and devour many people.’
Dan 7:6 After this, I looked again. There was another animal, one that looked like a leopard. On its back it had four wings like bird wings, and it had four heads. It was given authority to rule.
Dan 7:7 After this, I saw in my dream at night a fourth animal, terrifying, frightening, and extremely strong. It had large iron teeth; it devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled underfoot what was left. It was different from the other animals, and it had ten horns.
Dan 7:8 While I was considering the horns, I looked and saw another horn grow up among them, a little horn. Three of the first horns were wrenched out by the roots. I saw in this horn eyes like the eyes of a human, and a mouth that was boasting great things.
Dan 7:9 As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow, and the hair of his head was like pure wool. His throne was flames of fire, and its wheels were burning fire.
Dan 7:10 A river of fire flowed out from before him; millions served him, and one hundred million were standing before him. The court was in session, and the Books were opened.
Dan 7:11 I continued to look because of the boastful words spoken by the horn. I watched while the animal was killed, and its body was destroyed, and it was given over to be burned up.
Dan 7:12 As for the rest of the four beasts, their authority to rule was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a period of time.
Dan 7:13 In my visions that night, I saw One coming with the clouds of Heaven like the Son of Man (Bar Anasha); he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

Dan 7:14 Authority to rule, glory, and royal power were given to him, so that all the people and ethnicities should serve him. His authority to rule is an everlasting authority that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.
Dan 7:15 As for me, Daniel, my spirit was grieved inside of me, and the visions I saw in my mind troubled me.
Dan 7:16 I approached one of them standing there and asked him to show me the meaning of these things.
Dan 7:17 ‘These large animals, four in number, are four kings that will arise from the earth.
Dan 7:18 But the set-apart people of the Most High will receive the kingdom, and they will possess it forever and ever.’
Dan 7:19 Then I wanted to know more about the fourth animal, it was so different from the others and dreadfully horrifying with its iron teeth and bronze claws; it devoured, broke into pieces, and trampled on what was left with its feet.
Dan 7:20 I wanted to know about the ten horns on its head, and about the other horn that grew up, and before which the three horns fell down. I wanted to know about the horn that had eyes, and about the mouth that boasted about great things and that seemed greater than its companions.
Dan 7:21 As I looked, this horn waged war against the set-apart people and was defeating them (Rev. 13:7),
Dan 7:22 until the Ancient of Days came, and justice was given to the set-apart people of the Most High. Then the time came when the set-apart people received the Kingdom.
Dan 7:23 This is what that person said, ‘As for the fourth beast, it will be a fourth kingdom on earth that will be different from all the other kingdoms. It will devour the whole earth, and it will trample it down and break it into pieces.
Dan 7:24 As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise, and another will arise after them. He will be different from the previous ones, and he will conquer the three kings.
Dan 7:25 He will speak words against the Most High and will oppress the set-apart people of the Most High (Rev. 13:7). He will try to change the set times and the decree. These things will be given into his hand for one year, two years, and half a year.
Dan 7:26 But the court will be in session, and they will take his royal power away to be consumed and destroyed at the end.
Dan 7:27 The Kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole Heaven, will be given to the people who belong to the set-apart people of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom, and all other kingdoms will serve and obey him.’

Dan 7:28 Here is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly alarmed me, and my face changed in appearance. But I kept these things in my heart.”

Daniel Chapter 8

Dan 8:1 In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar (c. 549 BC), I, Daniel, had a vision appear to me, after the one that appeared to me at first.
Dan 8:2 I saw in the vision, as I was looking, that I was in the fortified city of Susa in the province of Elam. I saw in the vision that I was beside the Ulai River (Karun River).
Dan 8:3 I looked up and saw before me a ram with two horns, standing beside the canal. Both horns were elevated, but one was more elevated than the other, and the more elevated one came up last.
Dan 8:4 I saw the ram charging west, then north, and then south; no other animal could stand before him. None of them was able to rescue anyone out of his hand. He did whatever he wanted, and he became great.
Dan 8:5 As I was thinking about this, I saw a male goat come from the West, who went across the surface of the whole earth, not seeming to touch the ground. The goat had a large horn between his eyes.
Dan 8:6 He came to the ram who had two horns, I had seen the ram standing on the bank of the canal, and the goat ran toward the ram in a powerful rage.
Dan 8:7 I saw the goat come close to the ram. He was extremely angry at the ram, and he hit the ram and broke off its two horns. The ram was powerless to stand before him. The goat knocked him down to the ground and trampled on him. There was no one who could rescue the ram from his power.
Dan 8:8 Then the goat became extremely large. But when he became strong, the large horn was broken, and in its place four prominent horns grew up that pointed toward the four winds of the skies.
Dan 8:9 Out of one of them grew another horn, little at first, but which became excessively large in the south, in the east, and in the Land of Beauty.
Dan 8:10 It became so large as to engage in war with the military force of Heaven. Some of that military force and some of the stars were thrown down to the earth, and it trampled on them.
Dan 8:11 It made itself to be as great as the Commander of the military force. It took away from him the continual burnt offering (Exo. 29:38-42, the twice-daily dawn and dusk burnt offering), and the place of his sanctuary was polluted.
Dan 8:12 Because of rebellion, the military force will be given over to the goat's horn, and the continual burnt offering will be stopped. The horn will throw truth down to the ground, and it will succeed in what it does (Dan. 11:31).
Dan 8:13 Then I heard a set-apart one speaking and another set-apart one answering him, "How long will these things last, this vision about the continual burnt offering, the sin that brings destruction, the handing over of the sanctuary, and the military force being trampled on?"

Dan 8:14 He answered me, “It will last for 2,300 days (dusk and dawn; Gen. 1:5). After that, the sanctuary will be put right.”
Dan 8:15 When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I tried to understand it. Then there stood before me One who looked like a Man.
Dan 8:16 I heard a Man’s voice calling between the banks of the Ulai River (Karun River). He said, “Gabriel, help this man understand the vision!”
Dan 8:17 So he came near where I stood. When he came, I was frightened and prostrated myself on the ground. He said to me, “Understand, son of man, that the vision is for the time of the end.”
Dan 8:18 When he spoke to me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face to the ground. Then he touched me and made me stand up.
Dan 8:19 He said, “See, I will show you what will happen later in the time of wrath, because the vision concerns the appointed time for the end.
Dan 8:20 As for the ram you saw, the one that had two horns, they are the kings of Media (Iraq) and Persia (Iran).
Dan 8:21 The male goat is the kingdom of Greece (the West). The large horn between his eyes is the first king.
Dan 8:22 As for the horn that was broken, in the place of which four others arose, four kingdoms will arise from his nation, but not with his great power.
Dan 8:23 At the latter time of those kingdoms, when the transgressors will have reached their limit, a grim-faced king, one who is highly intelligent, will arise.
Dan 8:24 His power will be great but not by his own power. He will be amazing in what he destroys; he will act and succeed. He will destroy powerful people among the set-apart ones.
Dan 8:25 By his craftiness, he will make deceit prosper under his hand. He will become great in his own mind. With a policy of security, he will destroy many people. He will even rise up against the Prince of princes, and he will be broken but not by any human hand.
Dan 8:26 The vision about the dusk dawn (the twice-daily continual burnt offering) that has been told is true. But seal up the vision, for it refers to many days in the future.”
Dan 8:27 Then I, Daniel, was overcome and lay weak for several days. Then I rose up and went about the king’s business. But I was appalled by the vision, and there was no one who understood it.

Daniel Chapter 9

Dan 9:1 Darius was the son of Ahasuerus (Astyages), a descendant of the Medes. It was Ahasuerus who had been made king over the realm of the Babylonians.
Dan 9:2 Now in the first year of Darius' reign (over Persia, c. 536 BC, Dan. 5:30-31), I, Daniel, was studying the number of the years in the Books, according to the word that had come to Jeremiah the prophet. I observed that there would be seventy years until Jerusalem's abandonment would end (70-year exile, c. 605 BC-536 BC).
Dan 9:3 I turned my face to the Lord Almighty, to seek him with prayer and requests, with fasting, wearing sackcloth and sitting in ashes.
Dan 9:4 I prayed to Yehowah my Divine One, and I made confession of our sins, "Please, O Lord, you are the great and awesome Almighty, you are the One who keeps the covenant and is faithful to love those who love you and keep your commandments.
Dan 9:5 We have sinned and have done what is wrong. We have acted wickedly, and we have rebelled, turning aside from your commands and decrees.
Dan 9:6 We have not listened to your servants the prophets who spoke in your name to our kings, our leaders, our ancestors, and to all the people of the land.
Dan 9:7 To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness. To us today, however, belongs shame on our faces, for the people of Judah and those who live in Jerusalem, and to all Israel. This includes those who are near and those who are far away in all the lands where you scattered them. This is because of the great treachery that we committed against you.
Dan 9:8 To us, Yehowah, belongs shame on our faces, to our kings, to our leaders, and to our ancestors, because we have sinned against you.
Dan 9:9 To the Lord our Divine One belongs compassion and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him.
Dan 9:10 We have not obeyed the voice of Yehowah our Divine One by walking in his law he gave us through his servants the prophets.
Dan 9:11 All Israel has transgressed your law and turned aside, refusing to obey your voice. The curse and oath that are written in the Law of Moses, the servant of the Almighty, have been poured out on us, for we have sinned against him.
Dan 9:12 He has confirmed the words that he spoke against us and against our rulers over us, by bringing on us a great disaster. For under the whole of Heaven there has not been done anything that could compare with what has been done to Jerusalem.
Dan 9:13 As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come on us, yet we have not begged for mercy from Yehowah our Divine One by turning away from our iniquities and paying attention to your truth.

Dan 9:14 Therefore, Yehowah has kept the disaster ready and has brought it on us, for Yehowah our Divine One is righteous in all the deeds he does, yet we have not obeyed his voice.
Dan 9:15 Now O Lord our Divine One, you brought out your people from the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and you have made a famous name for yourself, as in this present day. But still we sinned; we have done wicked things.
Dan 9:16 O Lord, because of all your righteous deeds, let your anger and your wrath turn away from your city Jerusalem, your set-apart mountain. Because of our sins, and because of the iniquities of our ancestors, Jerusalem and your people have become an object of scorn to all those around us.
Dan 9:17 Now, our Divine One, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his plea for mercy; for your sake, Lord, make your face shine on your sanctuary that is desolate.
Dan 9:18 My Divine One, open your ears and listen; open your eyes and see. We have been devastated; look at the city that is called by your name. We do not beg for your help because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy.
Dan 9:19 O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, pay attention and take action! For your own sake, do not delay, my Divine One, for your city and your people are called by your name."
Dan 9:20 While I was speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my requests before Yehowah my Divine One on behalf of the set-apart mountain of my Divine One,
Dan 9:21 while I was praying, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, flew down to me in rapid flight, in time for the sacrifice at dusk.
Dan 9:22 He gave me understanding and said to me, "Daniel, I have now come out to give you insight and understanding.
Dan 9:23 When you began pleading for mercy, the order was given, and I have come to tell you the answer, for you are greatly loved. Therefore, consider this word and understand the revelation.
Dan 9:24 Seventy sevens are decreed for your people and your set-apart city to end the rebellion and put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring everlasting righteousness, to seal the prophetic vision, and to anoint the Most Set-apart Place (Gen. 6:3; Lev. 25:8; Mat. 24:34).
Dan 9:25 Know and understand that from the issuing of the order to restore and rebuild Jerusalem to the coming of Prince Messiah, there will be seven sevens and sixty-two sevens. Jerusalem will be rebuilt with streets and a bulwark, despite the times of distress.
Dan 9:26 After the sixty-two sevens of years, Messiah will be destroyed and have nothing. The military force of a coming ruler will destroy the city and the set-

apart place. Its end will come with a flood, and there will be war even to the end. Desolations have been decreed.
Dan 9:27 He will strengthen a covenant with many for one seven. In the middle of the seven, he will put an end to sacrifice and grain offering. On the wing of abominations will come someone who makes desolate. A full end and destruction are decreed to be poured out on the one who has made the desolation" (Dan. 11:31; Mat. 24:15; Zech. 5:11).

Daniel Chapter 10

Dan 10:1 In the third year of Cyrus II, king of Persia (c. 534 BC), a message was revealed to Daniel, who was also called Belteshazzar. This message was true. It was about a great war. Daniel understood the message when he had insight from the vision.
Dan 10:2 In those days, I, Daniel, was in mourning for three weeks.
Dan 10:3 I ate no delicacies, I ate no meat, I drank no wine, and I did not anoint myself with oil, until the completion of three entire weeks.
Dan 10:4 On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was beside the great river, that is, the Tigris,
Dan 10:5 I looked up and saw a man dressed in linen, with a belt around his waist made of pure gold from Uphaz.
Dan 10:6 His body was like topaz, and his face was like lightning. His eyes were like flaming torches, and his arms and his feet were like polished bronze. The sound of his words was like the sound of a great crowd.
Dan 10:7 I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision. However, a great terror came on them, and they ran away to hide themselves.
Dan 10:8 So I was left alone and saw this great vision. No strength remained in me; my bright appearance was turned into a ruined look, and no strength remained in me.
Dan 10:9 Then I heard his words, and as I heard them, I fell on my face in deep sleep with my face to the ground.
Dan 10:10 A hand touched me, and it made me tremble in my knees and the palms of my hands.
Dan 10:11 The angel said to me, “Daniel, man greatly treasured, understand the words that I am speaking to you. Stand upright, for I have been sent to you.” When he had spoken this message to me, I stood up trembling.
Dan 10:12 Then he said to me, “Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you set your mind to understand and to humble yourself before your Divine One, your words were heard, and I have come because of your words.
Dan 10:13 The prince of the kingdom of Persia resisted me, and I was kept there with the kings of Persia for twenty-one days. But Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me.
Dan 10:14 Now I have come to help you understand what will happen to your people in the last days. For the vision is for days yet to come.”
Dan 10:15 While he was speaking to me using these words, I turned my face toward the ground and was unable to speak.

Dan 10:16 One who was like the sons of men touched my lips, and I opened my mouth and spoke to him who stood before me: “My master, I am in agony because of the vision; I have no strength left.
Dan 10:17 I am your servant, my master. How can I talk with my master? For I now have no strength, and there is no breath left in me.”
Dan 10:18 Again, the one with an appearance of a man touched me and strengthened me.
Dan 10:19 He said, “Do not be afraid, man greatly treasured. May peace be to you! Be strong now, be courageous!” While he was speaking to me, I was strengthened. I responded, “Let my master speak, for you have strengthened me.”
Dan 10:20 He said, “Do you know why I have come to you? I will soon return to fight against the prince of Persia. When I go, the prince of Greece will come.
Dan 10:21 But I will tell you what is written in the Scripture of Truth (2 Tim. 3:16). There is no one who shows himself to be strong with me against them, except Michael your prince.”

Daniel Chapter 11

Dan 11:1 In the first year of Darius the Mede (aka Cyrus II, c. 536 BC), I myself came to support and protect him.
Dan 11:2 Now I will tell you the truth. Three kings will arise in Persia, and a fourth will be far richer than all the others. When he has gained power through his riches, he will stir up everyone against the kingdom of Greece.
Dan 11:3 A mighty king will rise up who will rule a great kingdom, and he will act according to his desires.
Dan 11:4 When he has risen up, his kingdom will be broken and divided to the four winds of the skies, but not to his own descendants, and not with his power when he had been ruling. For his kingdom will be uprooted for others besides his descendants.
Dan 11:5 The king of the South will become strong, but one of his commanders will become even stronger than he and will rule his kingdom with great power.
Dan 11:6 After a few years, when the time is right, they will make an alliance. The daughter of the king of the South will come to the king of the North to confirm the agreement. But she will not keep her arm's strength, nor will he stand, or his arm. She will be abandoned, she and those who brought her, and her father, and the one who supported her in those times.
Dan 11:7 But a branch from her roots will rise up in her place. He will attack the military force and enter the fortress of the king of the North. He will fight them, and he will conquer them.
Dan 11:8 He will carry off to Egypt their deities along with their cast metal figures and their precious vessels of silver and gold. For some years he will stay away from the king of the North.
Dan 11:9 Then the king of the North will invade the realm of the king of the South, but he will withdraw to his own land.
Dan 11:10 His sons will get ready and assemble a great military force. It will keep coming and will flood everything; it will pass through all the way to his fortress.
Dan 11:11 Then the king of the South will become extremely angry; he will go and fight against him, the king of the North. The king of the North will raise up a great military force, but the military force will be given into his hand.
Dan 11:12 The military force will be carried off, and the heart of the king of the South will be lifted up, and he will make tens of thousands to fall, but he will not be victorious.
Dan 11:13 Then the king of the North will raise up another military force, greater than the first. After some years, the king of the North will surely come with a great military force supplied with much equipment.

Dan 11:14 In those times, many will rise against the king of the South. Sons of the violent among your people will set themselves in order to fulfill a vision, but they will stumble.
Dan 11:15 The king of the North will come, pour out earth for siege mounds, and capture a city with fortifications. The forces of the South will not be able to stand, not even their best soldiers. There will be no strength to stand.
Dan 11:16 Instead, the one who comes will act according to his desires against him; no one will stand in his way. He will stand in the land of beauty, and destruction will be in his hand.
Dan 11:17 The king of the North will set his face to come with the strength of his entire kingdom, and with him will be an agreement that he will make with the king of the South. He will give him a daughter of women in marriage to ruin the kingdom of the South. But the plan will not succeed or help him.
Dan 11:18 After this, the king of the North will pay attention to the coastlands and will capture many of them. But a commander will end his arrogance and will cause his arrogance to turn back upon him.
Dan 11:19 Then he will pay attention to the fortresses of his own land, but he will stumble and fall; he will not be found.
Dan 11:20 Then someone will rise up in his place, who will make a tax collector pass through for the sake of the splendor of the kingdom. But in the next days, he will be broken but not in anger or in battle.
Dan 11:21 In his place will rise up a despised person to whom the people will not have given the honor of royal power; he will come unexpectedly and will take over the kingdom by trickery.
Dan 11:22 A military force will be swept away like a flood from before him. Both that military force and the leader of the covenant will be destroyed.
Dan 11:23 From the time an alliance is made with him, he will act deceitfully; with only a small number of people, he will become strong.
Dan 11:24 Without warning, he will come into the richest part of the province, and he will do what neither his father nor his father's father did. He will spread among his followers the booty, the plunder, and the wealth. He will plan the overthrow of fortresses but only for a time.
Dan 11:25 He will wake up his power and his heart against the king of the South with a great military force. The king of the South will wage war with a large, extremely powerful military force, but he will not stand, because others will make plots against him.
Dan 11:26 Even those who eat his fine food will try to destroy him. His military force will be swept away like a flood, and many of them will fall killed.
Dan 11:27 Both these kings, with their hearts set on evil against each other, will sit at the same table and lie to each other, but it will be of no use. For the end will come at the time that has been appointed.

Dan 11:28 Then the king of the North will go back into his land with great riches, with his heart set against the set-apart covenant. He will act and then will return to his own land.
Dan 11:29 At the appointed time, he will return and come against the South again. But this time it will not be as before.
Dan 11:30 For ships of Cyprus will come against him, and he will become afraid and will turn back. He will be furious against the set-apart covenant, and he will show favor to those who forsake the set-apart covenant.
Dan 11:31 His military forces will rise up and profane the fortress sanctuary. They will take away the continual burnt offering (the twice-daily dawn and dusk burnt offering), and they will set up the abomination that causes desolation (1 Maccabees 1:54; Dan. 8:11-12; Dan. 12:11-12; Mat. 24:15; 2 Thes. 2:3; Zech. 5:11).
Dan 11:32 As for those who acted wickedly against the covenant, he will deceive them and corrupt them. But the people who know their Divine One will be strong and will take action.
Dan 11:33 The wise among the people will make many understand. But they will stumble by the sword and by flame; they will stumble into captivity and into being robbed for days.
Dan 11:34 In their stumbling, they will be helped with a little help. In hypocrisy, many will join themselves with them.
Dan 11:35 Some of the wise will stumble, so that refining will happen to them, and cleansing, and purifying, until the time of the end. For the appointed time is still to come.
Dan 11:36 The king (Antimessiah) will act according to his desires. He will lift himself up and make himself great above every deity. Against the Mighty One of deities he will say astonishing things, for he will succeed, until the wrath is completed. For what has been decreed will be done.
Dan 11:37 He will pay no attention to the Mighty One of his ancestors or to One desirable to women (Messiah). Neither will he pay attention to any other deity. For he will make himself great above all (2 Thes. 2:3-4).
Dan 11:38 He will honor the deity of fortresses instead of these. It is a deity whom his fathers did not acknowledge that he will honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and valuable gifts.
Dan 11:39 He will attack the strongest fortresses with the help of a foreign deity. To anyone who acknowledges him, he will give much honor. He will make them rulers over many people, and he will divide up the land as a reward.
Dan 11:40 At the time of the end, the king of the South will attack. The king of the North will storm against him with chariots and cavalry, and with many ships. He will go against lands, flood them, and pass through.

Dan 11:41 He will go into the land of beauty, and tens of thousands of Israelis will fall. But these will escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the remainder of the people of Ammon.
Dan 11:42 He will extend his hand into lands; the land of Egypt will not be rescued.
Dan 11:43 He will have control over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the riches of Egypt; the Libyans and the Cushites will be in his footsteps.
Dan 11:44 But an intelligence report from the east and the north will frighten him, and he will go out with great rage to completely destroy and to set many apart for destruction.
Dan 11:45 He will set up the tent of his royal residence between the seas and the glorious set-apart mountain. He will come to his end, and there will be no helper for him.

Daniel Chapter 12

Dan 12:1 “At that time, Michael, the great prince who guards your people, will rise up. There will be a time of trouble such as never was since the beginning of any ethnicity until that time. At that time, your people will escape, everyone whose name is found written in the Book.
Dan 12:2 Many of those who are dead in the dust of the earth will rise up, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt (Isa. 26:19).
Dan 12:3 Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the sky above, and those who turn many to righteousness are like the stars forever and ever.
Dan 12:4 But you, Daniel, close up these words; keep the Book sealed until the time of the end. Many will run here and there, and knowledge will increase.”
Dan 12:5 Then I, Daniel, looked, and there were two others standing. One stood on the bank on this side of the river, and one stood on the bank on the other side of the river.
Dan 12:6 One of them asked the man clothed in linen, the one who was upstream along the river, “How long will it be to the end of these amazing events?”
Dan 12:7 I heard the man clothed in linen, who was upstream along the river, he raised his right hand and his left hand to Heaven and swore by the One who lives forever that it would be for one year, two years, and half a year. When the power of the set-apart people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed.
Dan 12:8 I heard, but I did not understand. So I asked, “My master, what will be the outcome of all these things?”
Dan 12:9 He answered, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end.
Dan 12:10 Many will be purified, cleansed, and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand (Dan. 11:33-35).
Dan 12:11 From the time that the continual (twice-daily dawn and dusk burnt offering) is taken away and the abomination that causes complete desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days (Dan. 11:31; Mat. 24:15; Dan. 9:27; Zech. 5:11).
Dan 12:12 Blessed is the one who perseveres until the end of the 1,335 days.
Dan 12:13 You must go your way until the end, and you will rest. You will rise in the place assigned to you, at the end of days.”

Book of Hosea

Hosea Chapter 1

Hos 1:1 This is the Word of Yehowah that came to Hosea son of Beeri in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam II son of Joash, king of Israel.
Hos 1:2 When Yehowah spoke at first through Hosea, he ordered him, “Go, take for yourself a wife who is a prostitute. She will have children who are the result of her prostitution. For the land is committing great prostitution by forsaking Yehowah.”
Hos 1:3 So Hosea went and married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.
Hos 1:4 Yehowah said to Hosea, “Call his name Jezreel. For in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the bloodshed at Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel.
Hos 1:5 It will happen on the day that I break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel.”
Hos 1:6 Gomer conceived again and bore a daughter. Then Yehowah said to Hosea, “Call her name Lo Ruhamah, for I will no longer have mercy on the house of Israel, that I should forgive them at all.
Hos 1:7 Yet I will have mercy on the house of Judah, and I will save them by myself, Yehowah their Divine One. I will not save them by bow, sword, battle, horses, or cavalry.”
Hos 1:8 Now after Gomer had weaned Lo Ruhamah, she conceived and bore another son.
Hos 1:9 Then Yehowah said, “Call his name Lo Ammi, for you are not my people, and I am not your Divine One.
Hos 1:10 Yet the number of the people of Israel will be like the sand of the seashore, which cannot be measured or counted. It will be that where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ it will be said to them, ‘You are children of the living Almighty.’
Hos 1:11 The people of Judah and the people of Israel will be gathered together. They will appoint one leader for themselves, and they will go up from the land, for great will be the day of Jezreel.

Hosea Chapter 2

Hos 2:1 Say to your brothers, ‘My people!’ and to your sisters, ‘You have been shown compassion.’”
Hos 2:2 Bring a lawsuit against your mother, bring a lawsuit, for she is not my wife, and neither am I her husband. Let her put away her prostitution from before herself, and her acts of adultery from between her breasts.
Hos 2:3 If not, I will strip her naked and show her nakedness as on the day that she was born. I will make her like the wilderness, like a parched land, and I will make her die from thirst.
Hos 2:4 I will not have any mercy on her children, for they are children of prostitution.
Hos 2:5 For their mother has been a prostitute, and she who conceived them has acted shamefully. She said, “I will go after my lovers, for they give me my bread and water, my wool and flax, my oil and drink.”
Hos 2:6 Therefore, I will build up a hedge to block her way with thorns. I will build up a wall against her, so she cannot find her way.
Hos 2:7 She will pursue her lovers, but she will not overtake them. She will seek them, but she will not find them. Then she will say, “I will return to my first husband, for it was better for me then than it is now.”
Hos 2:8 For she had not known that it was I who gave her the grain, the new wine, and the oil, and who lavished on her silver and gold, which they then used for Baal.
Hos 2:9 So I will take back her grain at harvest time, and my new wine in its season. I will take back my wool and flax that were used to cover her nakedness.
Hos 2:10 Then I will strip her naked in the sight of her lovers, and no one will rescue her out of my hand.
Hos 2:11 I will also cause all her celebrations to cease, her feasts, her beginning of the month celebrations, her Sabbaths, and all her appointment calendar festivals.
Hos 2:12 “I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, of which she has said, ‘These are the wages that my lovers gave me.’ I will make them a forest, and the animals of the field will eat them.
Hos 2:13 I will punish her for the feast days of the Baals, when she burned incense to them, when she adorned herself with her rings and jewelry, and she went after her lovers and forgot me,” declares Yehowah.
Hos 2:14 So I am going to win her back. I will bring her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her.

Hos 2:15 I will give her back her vineyards, and the Valley of Achor as a door of hope. She will answer me there as she did in the days of her youth, as in the days that she came out of the land of Egypt.
Hos 2:16 “It will be in that Day,” declares Yehowah, “that you will call me, ‘My husband,’ and you will no longer call me, ‘My Baal.’
Hos 2:17 For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth; their names will not be remembered anymore.”
Hos 2:18 “On that Day, I will make a covenant for them with the beasts in the fields, with the birds in the sky, and with the crawling things on the ground. I will drive away the bow, the sword, and the battle from the land, and I will make you lie down in safety (Isa. 11:6-8; 65:25).
Hos 2:19 I will promise to be your husband forever. I will promise to be your husband in righteousness, justice, covenant faithfulness, and mercy.
Hos 2:20 I will promise to be your husband in faithfulness, and you will know me, Yehowah.
Hos 2:21 On that Day, I will answer,” declares Yehowah. “I will answer the heavens, and they will answer the earth.
Hos 2:22 The earth will answer the grain, the new wine, and the oil, and they will answer Jezreel.
Hos 2:23 I will plant her for myself in the land, and I will have mercy on her who has received no mercy. I will say to those who are not my people, ‘You are my people,’ and they will say to me, ‘You are my Divine One.’”

Hosea Chapter 3

Hos 3:1 Yehowah ordered me, “Go again, love a woman, loved by her husband, but who is an adulteress. Love her just as I, Yehowah, love the people of Israel, although they turn to false deities and love raisin cakes.”
Hos 3:2 So I bought her for myself for 15-weight silver-currency and 330 liters of barley.
Hos 3:3 I said to her, “You must live with me many days. You will not be a prostitute or belong to any other man. In the same way, I will be with you.”
Hos 3:4 For the people of Israel will live for many days without a king, prince, sacrifice, stone pillar, ephod, or household idols.
Hos 3:5 Afterward, the people of Israel will return and seek Yehowah their Divine One and David their king, and in the last days, they will come trembling before Yehowah and his goodness.

Hosea Chapter 4

Hos 4:1 Hear the Word of Yehowah, you people of Israel. Yehowah has a lawsuit against the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truthfulness or covenantal faithfulness, no knowledge of the Almighty in the land.
Hos 4:2 There is cursing, lying, murdering, stealing and adultery. The people have broken all bounds, and bloodshed comes after bloodshed.
Hos 4:3 So the land is drying up, and everyone living in it is wasting away; the beasts in the fields and the birds in the sky, even the fish in the sea, are being taken away.
Hos 4:4 But do not allow anyone to bring a lawsuit; do not let anyone accuse anyone else. For it is you, the priests, whom I am accusing.
Hos 4:5 You priests will stumble during the day; the prophets will also stumble with you by night, and I will destroy your mother.
Hos 4:6 My people are being destroyed because of the lack of knowledge. Because you priests have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you as priests to me. Because you have forgotten my law, although I am your Divine One, I also will forget your children.
Hos 4:7 The more the priests multiplied, the more they sinned against me. They exchanged their honor for shame.
Hos 4:8 They feed on the sin of my people; they are greedy for more of their wickedness.
Hos 4:9 It will be the same for the people as for the priests: I will punish them all for their practices; I will repay them for their deeds.
Hos 4:10 They will eat but not have enough; they will commit prostitution but not increase, because they have gone far away from Yehowah.
Hos 4:11 They love sexual promiscuity, wine, and new wine, which have taken away their understanding.
Hos 4:12 My people consult their wooden idols, and their trekking poles give them prophecies. For a mind of promiscuity has misled them, and they have acted as prostitutes instead of being faithful to their Divine One.
Hos 4:13 They sacrifice on the tops of the mountains and burn incense on the hills, under oaks, poplars, and terebinths, because the shade is good. So your daughters commit sexual immorality, and your daughters-in-law commit adultery.
Hos 4:14 I will not punish your daughters when they choose to commit sexual immorality, nor your daughters-in-law when they commit adultery. For the men also give themselves to the prostitutes, and they offer sacrifices, so they can commit immoral acts with sacred prostitutes. So this people who does not understand will be thrown down.

Hos 4:15 Though you, Israel, have committed adultery, may Judah not become guilty. Do not go to Gilgal, you people; do not go up to Beth Aven and do not swear, “As Yehowah lives!”
Hos 4:16 For Israel has behaved stubbornly, like a stubborn heifer. How can Yehowah bring them to pasture like lambs in a meadow?
Hos 4:17 Ephraim united himself with idols; leave him alone.
Hos 4:18 Even when their beer is gone, they continue to commit adultery; her rulers dearly love their shame.
Hos 4:19 The wind will wrap her up in its wings; and they will be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

Hosea Chapter 5

Hos 5:1 “Hear this, priests! Pay attention, house of Israel! Listen, house of the king! For judgment is coming against you all. You have been a snare at Mizpah and a net spread over Tabor.
Hos 5:2 The rebels stand deep in slaughter, but I will punish all of them.
Hos 5:3 I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hidden from me. Ephraim, now you have become like a prostitute; Israel is defiled.
Hos 5:4 Their deeds will not allow them to turn to their Divine One, for the mind of adultery is in them, and they do not know Yehowah.
Hos 5:5 The pride of Israel testifies against him; so Israel and Ephraim will stumble in their guilt; and Judah also will stumble with them.
Hos 5:6 They will go with their flocks and herds to seek Yehowah, but they will not find him, for he has withdrawn himself from them.
Hos 5:7 They were unfaithful to Yehowah, for they have borne illegitimate children. Now the beginning of the month festivals will devour them with their fields.
Hos 5:8 Blow the cornet in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah. Sound a battle cry at Beth Aven: ‘We will follow you, Benjamin!’
Hos 5:9 Ephraim will become a desolation on the day of punishment. Among the tribes of Israel I have declared what is certain to happen.
Hos 5:10 The leaders of Judah are like those who move a boundary stone. I will pour my wrath on them like water (Deut. 19:14; 27:17; Prov. 22:28; 23:10-11; 15:25).
Hos 5:11 Ephraim is crushed; he is crushed in judgment, because he has willingly walked after idols.
Hos 5:12 So I will be like a moth to Ephraim, and like rot to the house of Judah.
Hos 5:13 When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then Ephraim went to Assyria, and Judah sent messengers to the great king. But he was not able to cure you people or heal your wound.
Hos 5:14 So I will be like a lion to Ephraim and like a young lion to the house of Judah. I, even I, will tear and go away; I will carry them off, and there will be no one to rescue them.
Hos 5:15 I will go and return to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, until they earnestly seek me in their distress.”

Hosea Chapter 6

Hos 6:1 “Come, let us return to Yehowah. For he has torn us to pieces, but he will heal us; he has injured us, but he will bandage our wounds.
Hos 6:2 After two days, he will revive us; he will raise us up on the third day, and we will live before him.
Hos 6:3 Let us know; let us press on to know Yehowah. His going forth is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring and autumn rains that water the land.”
Hos 6:4 Ephraim, what will I do with you? Judah, what will I do with you? Your faithfulness is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.
Hos 6:5 So I have cut them to pieces by the prophets, I have killed them with the words of my mouth. Your decrees are like the light that shines out.
Hos 6:6 For I desire compassion and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of the Almighty more than burnt offerings (Mat. 12:7; 1 Sam. 15:22; Heb. 13:16).
Hos 6:7 Like Adam, they have broken the covenant; they were unfaithful to me.
Hos 6:8 Gilead is a city of evildoers with footprints of blood.
Hos 6:9 As gangs of robbers wait for someone, so the priests band together by consent to commit murder on the way; they have committed shameful crimes.
Hos 6:10 In the house of Israel I have seen a horrible thing; Ephraim’s prostitution is there, and Israel has become unclean.
Hos 6:11 For you also, Judah, a harvest has been appointed, when I will restore the fortunes of my people.

Hosea Chapter 7

Hos 7:1 Whenever I want to heal Israel, the sin of Ephraim is exposed, as well as the evil deeds of Samaria, for they practice deceit; a thief comes in, and a marauding band attacks in the street.
Hos 7:2 They do not realize in their hearts that I remember all their evil deeds. Now their deeds surround them; they are before my face.
Hos 7:3 With their evil they make the king glad, and by their lies the officials.
Hos 7:4 They are all adulterers, like an oven heated by the baker, who ceases to stir the fire from the kneading of the dough, until it is leavened.
Hos 7:5 On the day of our king, the officials made themselves sick with the heat of wine. He reached out with his hand to those who were mocking.
Hos 7:6 For with hearts like an oven, they devise their deceitful plans. Their anger smolders all night; at dawn, it burns high like a flaming fire.
Hos 7:7 They all are as hot as an oven, and they devour those who rule over them. All their kings have fallen; none of them calls on me.
Hos 7:8 Ephraim mixes himself among the people. Ephraim is a flat cake that has not been turned over.
Hos 7:9 Foreigners have devoured his strength, but he does not know it. Gray hairs are sprinkled on him, but he does not know it.
Hos 7:10 The pride of Israel testifies against him; however, they have not returned to Yehowah their Divine One, nor have they sought him, in spite of all this.
Hos 7:11 Ephraim is like a dove, gullible and without sense, calling out to Egypt, then flying to Assyria.
Hos 7:12 When they go, I will spread my net over them, I will bring them down like the birds of the sky. I will punish them in their flocking together.
Hos 7:13 Woe to them! For they have strayed from me. Devastation is coming to them! They have rebelled against me! I would have rescued them, but they spoke lies against me.
Hos 7:14 They have not cried to me with all their heart, but they wail on their beds. They gather together for grain and new wine, and they turn away from me.
Hos 7:15 Though I trained them and strengthened their arms, they are now plotting evil against me.
Hos 7:16 They return, but they do not return to me, the Most High. They are like a slack bow. Their officials will fall by the sword because of the insolence of their tongues. This will become their mockery in the land of Egypt.

Hosea Chapter 8

Hos 8:1 “Place a trumpet at your lips! An eagle is coming over the temple of Yehowah, because the people have broken my covenant and rebelled against my law.
Hos 8:2 They cry out to me, ‘My Divine One, we in Israel know you!’
Hos 8:3 But Israel has rejected what is good, and the enemy will pursue him.
Hos 8:4 They have set up kings but not by me. They have made princes but without my knowledge. With their silver and gold they have made idols for themselves, but it was only so they might be cut off.”
Hos 8:5 “Your calf has been rejected, Samaria. My anger is burning against these people. For how long will they stay guilty?
Hos 8:6 For this idol came from Israel; a workman made it; it is not the Almighty! The calf of Samaria will be broken to pieces.
Hos 8:7 For the people sow the wind and reap the whirlwind. The standing grain has no heads; it yields no flour. If it does come to maturity, foreigners will devour it.
Hos 8:8 Israel is swallowed up; now they lie among the ethnicities like something useless.
Hos 8:9 For they went up to Assyria like a wild donkey all alone. Ephraim has hired lovers for herself.
Hos 8:10 Even though they have hired lovers among the ethnicities, I will now gather them together. They will begin to waste away, because of the oppression of the king of princes.
Hos 8:11 For Ephraim has multiplied altars for sin offerings, but they have become altars for committing sins instead.
Hos 8:12 I could write down my law for them ten thousand times (Deut. 17:18-19; 31:9; 27:1-8; Josh. 8:32), but they would view it as something strange to them.
Hos 8:13 As for the sacrifices of my offerings, they sacrifice meat and eat it, but I, Yehowah, do not accept them. Now I will think about their iniquity and punish their sins. They will return to Egypt.
Hos 8:14 Israel has forgotten me, his Maker, and has built palaces. Judah has fortified many cities, but I will send fire on his cities; it will destroy his fortresses.”

Hosea Chapter 9

Hos 9:1 Do not rejoice, Israel, with joy like the other people. For you have been unfaithful, forsaking your Divine One. You love to pay the wages a prostitute requires on all the threshing floors.
Hos 9:2 But the threshing floor and the winepress will not feed them; the new wine will fail them.
Hos 9:3 They will not continue to live in the land of Yehowah; instead, Ephraim will return to Egypt, and one day they will eat unclean food in Assyria.
Hos 9:4 They will pour out no wine offerings to Yehowah, neither will they be pleasing to him. Their sacrifices will be to them like mourners' food: All who eat it will be defiled. For their food will be for themselves only; it will not come into the temple of Yehowah.
Hos 9:5 What will you do on the day of an appointment calendar festival, on the day of a feast for Yehowah?
Hos 9:6 For look, if they escape from destruction, Egypt will gather them, and Memphis will bury them. As for their treasures of silver, sharp briers will possess them, and thorns will fill their tents.
Hos 9:7 The days for punishment are coming; the days for retribution are coming. Let all Israel know these things. The prophet is a fool, and the inspired man is insane, because of your great iniquity and great hostility.
Hos 9:8 The prophet is the watchman for my Divine One over Ephraim. But a bird snare is on all of his paths, and hostility toward him is in the temple of the Almighty.
Hos 9:9 They have deeply corrupted themselves as in the days of Gibeah. Yehowah will call to mind their iniquity, and he will punish their sins.
Hos 9:10 Yehowah says, "When I found Israel, it was like finding grapes in the wilderness. Like the firstfruit of the season on the fig tree, I found your fathers. But they went to Baal Peor, and they devoted themselves to that shameful idol. They became as detestable as the idol they loved.
Hos 9:11 As for Ephraim, their glory will fly away like a bird. There will be no birth, no pregnancy, and no conception.
Hos 9:12 Though they have brought up children, I will take them away, so that none of them is left. Woe to them when I turn away from them!
Hos 9:13 I have seen Ephraim, just like Tyre, planted in a meadow, but Ephraim will bring out his children to someone who will slaughter them."
Hos 9:14 Give them, Yehowah, what will you give them? Give them a miscarrying womb and breasts that give no milk.

Hos 9:15 “Because of all their wickedness in Gilgal, that is where I began to hate them. Because of their sinful deeds, I will drive them out of my temple. I will love them no more; all their officials are rebels.
Hos 9:16 Ephraim is diseased, and their root is dried up; they bear no fruit. Even if they have children, I will executed their beloved children.”
Hos 9:17 My Divine One will reject them, because they have not obeyed him. They will become wanderers among the ethnicities.

Hosea Chapter 10

Hos 10:1 Israel is a luxuriant vine that produces his fruit. As his fruit increased, the more altars he built. As his land produced more, he improved his pillars.
Hos 10:2 Their heart is deceitful; now they must bear their guilt. Yehowah will demolish their altars; he will destroy their pillars.
Hos 10:3 For then they will say, “We have no king, for we did not fear Yehowah, and a king, what could he do for us?”
Hos 10:4 They speak empty words and make covenants by swearing falsely. So justice springs up like poisonous weeds (opium poppies) in the furrows of a field.
Hos 10:5 The inhabitants of Samaria will be afraid because of the calves of Beth Aven. Its people mourned over them, as did those idolatrous priests who had rejoiced over them and their splendor, but they are no longer there.
Hos 10:6 They will be carried to Assyria as a present for the great king. Ephraim will be disgraced, and Israel will be ashamed of its idol.
Hos 10:7 Samaria’s king will be destroyed, like a chip of wood on the surface of the water.
Hos 10:8 The high places of wickedness will be destroyed. This is the sin of Israel! Thorns and thistles will grow over their altars. The people will say to the mountains, “Cover us!” and to the hills, “Fall on us!”
Hos 10:9 “Israel, you have sinned since the days of Gibeah; there you have remained. Will not war overtake the sons of wrong in Gibeah?
Hos 10:10 When I desire it, I will discipline them. The ethnicities will gather together against them and put them in bonds for their double iniquity.
Hos 10:11 Ephraim is a trained heifer that loves to thresh the grain, so I will put a yoke on her fair neck. I will put a yoke on Ephraim; Judah will plow; Jacob will pull the harrow by himself.
Hos 10:12 Sow righteousness for yourselves, and reap the fruit of covenant faithfulness. Break up your unplowed ground, for it is time to seek Yehowah, until he comes and rains righteousness on you.
Hos 10:13 You have plowed wickedness; you reaped injustice. You have eaten the fruit of deception, because you trusted in your plans and in your many soldiers.
Hos 10:14 So a tumult of war will rise among your people, and all your fortified cities will be destroyed. It will be as Shalman (Shalmaneser IV, c. 783-773 BC) destroyed Beth Arbel on a day of battle, when mothers were dashed to pieces with their children.
Hos 10:15 So it will happen to you, Bethel, because of your great wickedness. At daybreak, the king of Israel will be completely cut off.”

Hosea Chapter 11

Hos 11:1 “When Israel was a young man I loved him, and I called my Son out of Egypt (Mat. 2:15).
Hos 11:2 The more they were called, the more they went away from me. They sacrificed to the Baals and burned incense to idols.
Hos 11:3 Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk. It was I who lifted them up by their arms, but they did not know that I cared for them.
Hos 11:4 I led them with cords of humanity, with bands of love. I was to them like someone who eased the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them.
Hos 11:5 Will they not return to the land of Egypt? Will Assyria not rule over them, because they refuse to return to me?
Hos 11:6 The sword will fall on their cities and destroy the bars of their gates; it will destroy them because of their own plans.
Hos 11:7 My people are determined to turn away from me. Though they call to the Most High, no one will help them.
Hos 11:8 How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I make you like Zeboiim? My heart has changed within me; all my compassions have been stirred up.
Hos 11:9 I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim. For I am the Almighty and not a man; I am the Set-apart One among you, and I will not come in wrath.
Hos 11:10 They will walk after me, Yehowah. I will roar like a lion. I will indeed roar, and the people will come trembling from the West.
Hos 11:11 They will come trembling like a bird from Egypt, like a dove from the land of Assyria. I will make them live in their homes,” declares Yehowah.
Hos 11:12 “Ephraim surrounds me with falsehood, and the house of Israel with deceit. But Judah is still going about with me, the Almighty, and is faithful to me, the Set-apart One.”

Hosea Chapter 12

Hos 12:1 Ephraim feeds on the wind and follows after the east wind. He continually multiplies lies and violence. They make a covenant with Assyria and carry olive oil to Egypt.
Hos 12:2 Yehowah also has a lawsuit against Judah and will punish Jacob for what he has done; he will repay him for his deeds.
Hos 12:3 In the womb, Jacob grasped his brother by the heel, and in his manhood, he struggled with the Almighty.
Hos 12:4 He struggled with the angel and won. He wept and begged for his grace. He met Yehowah at Bethel; there Yehowah spoke with him.
Hos 12:5 This is Yehowah, Mighty One of the heavenly armed forces; “Yehowah” is his name to be called on.
Hos 12:6 So turn to your Divine One. Keep covenantal faithfulness and justice, and wait continually for your Divine One.
Hos 12:7 The merchants have false scales in their hands; they love to defraud.
Hos 12:8 Ephraim said, “I have certainly become rich; I have found wealth for myself. In all my work, they will not find any iniquity in me, anything that would be sin.”
Hos 12:9 “I am Yehowah your Divine One from the land of Egypt. I will again make you live in tabernacles, as in the days of the appointment calendar festival (Sukkot).
Hos 12:10 I spoke to the prophets, and I gave them many visions for you. By the hand of the prophets, I gave parables.”
Hos 12:11 If there is wickedness in Gilead, surely the people are worthless. In Gilgal they sacrifice bulls; their altars will be like heaps of stone in the furrows of the fields.
Hos 12:12 Jacob fled to the land of Aram; Israel worked in order to get a wife; and he kept flocks of sheep to get a wife.
Hos 12:13 Yehowah brought Israel out of Egypt by a prophet, and by a prophet he took care of them.
Hos 12:14 Ephraim has bitterly angered Yehowah. So his Lord will leave his blood on him and will turn back on him his disgrace.

Hosea Chapter 13

Hos 13:1 “When Ephraim spoke, there was trembling. He exalted himself in Israel, but he became guilty because of Baal worship, and he died.
Hos 13:2 Now they sin more and more. They make cast metal figures from their silver, idols as skillfully worked as possible, all of them the work of the craftsmen. People say of them, ‘These men who sacrifice kiss calves.’
Hos 13:3 So they will be like the morning clouds, like the dew that goes away early, like the chaff that is driven by the wind away from a threshing floor, and like smoke out of a chimney.
Hos 13:4 But I am Yehowah your Divine One from the land of Egypt. You must acknowledge no deity but me; you must acknowledge that besides me, there is no other savior.
Hos 13:5 I knew you in the wilderness, in the land of great dryness.
Hos 13:6 When you had pasture, then you became full; and when you were filled, your heart became lifted up. For that reason you forgot me.
Hos 13:7 I will become like a lion to them; like a leopard I will watch along the path.
Hos 13:8 I will attack them as a bear that is robbed of her cubs. I will rip open their chests, and there I will devour them as a lion, as a wild beast would tear them to pieces.
Hos 13:9 I will destroy you, Israel; who will be able to help you?
Hos 13:10 Where now is your king, that he may save you in all your cities? Where are your rulers, about whom you entreated me, ‘Give me a king and princes?’
Hos 13:11 I gave you a king in my anger, and I took him away in my wrath.
Hos 13:12 Ephraim’s iniquity has been stored up; his guilt has been stored up.
Hos 13:13 Pains of childbirth will come on him, but he is an unwise son, for when it is time to be born, he does not come out of the womb.
Hos 13:14 Will I rescue them from the hand of the place of the dead? Will I rescue them from death? Where, death, are your plagues? Where, the place of the dead, is your destruction? Compassion is hidden from my eyes” (1 Cor. 15:54-57).
Hos 13:15 Though Ephraim is prosperous among his brothers, an east wind will come; the wind of Yehowah will blow in from the wilderness. Ephraim’s spring will dry up, and his well will have no water. His enemy will plunder his storehouse of every precious object.
Hos 13:16 Samaria will be guilty, for she has rebelled against her Divine One. They will fall by the sword; their young children will be dashed to pieces, and their pregnant women will be ripped open.

Hosea Chapter 14

Hos 14:1 O Israel, return to Yehowah your Divine One, for you have fallen because of your iniquity.
Hos 14:2 Take with you words and return to Yehowah. Say to him, “Take away all our iniquity and accept what is good, so that we may offer to you the fruit of our lips, so that we may offer bulls, which we have promised to do.
Hos 14:3 Assyria will not save us; we will not ride on horses to war. Neither will we say anymore to the work of our hands, ‘You are our deities,’ for in you the fatherless person finds compassion.”
Hos 14:4 “I will heal their turning away; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned away from him.
Hos 14:5 I will be like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like the lily and take root like a cedar in Lebanon.
Hos 14:6 His branches will spread out; his beauty will be like the olive trees, and his fragrance like the cedars in Lebanon.
Hos 14:7 The people who live in his shade will return; they will revive like grain and blossom like vines. His fame will be like the wine of Lebanon.
Hos 14:8 Ephraim, what more have I to do with idols? I will answer him and care for him. I am like a cypress whose leaves are always green; from me comes your fruit.”
Hos 14:9 Who is wise that he may understand these things? Who understands these things, so that he may know them? For the Ways of Yehowah are right, and the righteous will walk in them, but the rebellious will stumble in them.

Book of Joel

Joel Chapter 1

Joe 1:1 This is the Word of Yehowah that came to Joel son of Pethuel.
Joe 1:2 Hear this, you elders, and listen, all you inhabitants of the land. Has this ever before happened in your days or in the days of your ancestors?
Joe 1:3 Tell your children about it, and let your children tell their children, and their children the next generation.
Joe 1:4 What the swarming locust has left the great locust has eaten; what the great locust has left the grasshopper has eaten; and what the grasshopper has left the caterpillar has eaten.
Joe 1:5 Wake up, you drunkards, and weep! Wail, all you drinkers of wine, because the sweet wine has been cut off from you.
Joe 1:6 For an ethnicity has come up upon my land, strong and without number. His teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he has the teeth of a lioness.
Joe 1:7 He has made my vineyard into a terrifying place and has stripped my fig tree bare. He has stripped its bark and thrown it away; the branches are bare white.
Joe 1:8 Mourn like a virgin dressed in sackcloth for the death of her young husband.
Joe 1:9 The grain offering and the drink offering have been cut off from the temple of Yehowah. The priests, the servants of Yehowah, mourn.
Joe 1:10 The fields have been devastated, and the land has become weak. For the grain has been destroyed, the new wine has dried up, and the oil is spoiled.
Joe 1:11 Be ashamed, you farmers, and wail, you vine growers, for the wheat and the barley. For the harvest of the fields has perished.
Joe 1:12 The vines have withered, and the fig trees have dried up, the pomegranate trees, also the palm trees, and the apple trees, all the trees of the field have withered. For joy has withered away from the descendants of mankind.
Joe 1:13 Put on sackcloth and mourn, you priests! Wail, you servants of the altar. Come, lie all night in sackcloth, you servants of my Divine One. For the grain offering and the drink offering have been withheld from the temple of the Almighty.
Joe 1:14 Call for a consecrated fast and call a set-apart assembly. Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land to the temple of Yehowah your Divine One, and cry to Yehowah.

Joe 1:15 Alas for the Day! For the Day of Yehowah is almost here. With it will come destruction from the Most Powerful.
Joe 1:16 Has not food been cut off from before our eyes, and joy and gladness from the temple of the Almighty?
Joe 1:17 The seeds rot under their clods, the granaries are desolate, and the barns have been broken down, for the grain has withered.
Joe 1:18 How the animals groan! The herds of cattle are suffering, because they have no pasture. Also, the flocks of sheep suffer.
Joe 1:19 Yehowah, I cry to you. For fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and flames have burned all the trees of the fields.
Joe 1:20 Even the animals of the fields pant for you, for the water brooks have dried up, and fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

Joel Chapter 2

Joe 2:1 Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm on my set-apart mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble in fear, for the Day of Yehowah is coming; indeed, it is near.
Joe 2:2 It is a Day of darkness and gloom, a Day of clouds and thick darkness. Like the dawn that spreads on the mountains, a large and mighty military force is approaching. There has never been a military force like it, and there never will be again, even after many generations.
Joe 2:3 A fire is consuming everything in front of it, and behind it a flame is burning. The land is like the Garden of Eden in front of it, but behind it there is a ruined wilderness. Indeed, nothing will escape from it.
Joe 2:4 The military force's appearance is like horses, and they run like cavalry.
Joe 2:5 They jump with a noise like that of chariots on the tops of the mountains, like the noise of fiery flames that devour the stubble, like a mighty military force ready for battle.
Joe 2:6 At their presence people are in anguish, and all their faces become pale.
Joe 2:7 They run like mighty warriors; they climb the walls like soldiers; they march, every one in step, and do not break their ranks.
Joe 2:8 Neither does one thrust another aside; they march, each in his path; they break through the defenses and do not fall out of line.
Joe 2:9 They rush on the city, they run on the wall, they climb in the houses, and they go through the windows like thieves.
Joe 2:10 The earth shakes in front of them, the heavens tremble, the sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars diminish their shining.
Joe 2:11 Yehowah raises his voice in front of his military force, for his warriors are quite numerous; for they are strong, those who carry out his commands. For the Day of Yehowah is great and extremely terrible. Who can survive it?
Joe 2:12 "Yet even now," commands Yehowah, "return to me with all your heart. Fast, weep, and mourn."
Joe 2:13 Tear your heart and not only your garments, and return to Yehowah your Divine One. For he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abundant in covenant faithfulness, and he would like to turn from inflicting punishment.
Joe 2:14 Who knows? Will he perhaps turn and have compassion, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for Yehowah your Divine One?
Joe 2:15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, call for a consecrated fast, and call a set-apart assembly.

Joe 2:16 Gather the people, call for the set-apart assembly. Assemble the elders, gather the children and the nursing infants. Let the bridegroom come out of his apartment, and the bride out of her bridal chamber (Psa. 19:5; 45:15).
Joe 2:17 Let the priests, the servants of Yehowah, weep between the porch and the altar. Let them plead, "Have pity on your people, Yehowah, and do not bring your inheritance to shame, so that the ethnicities may rule over them. Why should they ask among the ethnicities, 'Where is their Divine One?'"
Joe 2:18 Then Yehowah was zealous for his land and had pity on his people.
Joe 2:19 Yehowah answered his people, "Look, I will send you grain, new wine, and oil. You will be satisfied with them, and I will no longer make you a disgrace among the ethnicities.
Joe 2:20 I will remove the northern attackers far from you and will drive them into a dry and abandoned land. The front of their military force will go into the Dead Sea and the rear into the Mediterranean Sea. Its stench and bad smell will rise." Indeed, he has done great things.
Joe 2:21 Do not fear, land, be glad and rejoice, for Yehowah will do great things.
Joe 2:22 Do not fear, beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness will sprout, the trees will bear their fruit, and the fig trees and the vines will yield their full harvest.
Joe 2:23 Be glad, people of Zion, and rejoice in Yehowah your Divine One. For he will give you the autumn rain in due course and bring down showers for you, the autumn rain and the spring rain as at the first (of the year).
Joe 2:24 The threshing floors will be full of wheat, and the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.
Joe 2:25 "I will restore to you the years of crops that the swarming locust has eaten, the great locust, the devouring locust, and the destroying locust, my mighty military force that I sent among you.
Joe 2:26 You will eat plentifully and be full, and praise the name of Yehowah your Divine One, who has done wonders among you, and I will never again bring shame on my people.
Joe 2:27 You will know that I am among Israel, and that I am Yehowah your Divine One, and there is none else, and I will never bring shame on my people.
Joe 2:28 It will come about afterward, that I will pour out my Ruach on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.
Joe 2:29 Also on servants and female servants, in those days, I will pour out my Ruach.
Joe 2:30 I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood, fire, and pillars of smoke.
Joe 2:31 The sun will turn into darkness and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible Day of Yehowah comes.

Joe 2:32 It will be that everyone who calls on the name of Yehowah will be saved (Acts 2:16-21; Rom. 10:13). For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be those who escape, as Yehowah has said, and among the survivors, those whom Yehowah calls.

Joel Chapter 3

Joe 3:1 Behold, in those Days and at that time, when I return the exiles of Judah and Jerusalem,
Joe 3:2 I will gather all the ethnicities, and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. I will judge them there, because of my people and my inheritance Israel, whom they scattered among the ethnicities, and because they divided up my land.
Joe 3:3 They threw lots for my people, traded a boy for a prostitute, and sold a girl for wine, so they could drink.
Joe 3:4 Now, why are you angry at me, Tyre, Sidon, and all the regions of Philistia? Will you repay me? Even if you do repay me, I will immediately return your retribution on your own head.
Joe 3:5 For you took my silver and my gold, and you brought my precious treasures into your temples.
Joe 3:6 You sold the people of Judah and Jerusalem to the Greeks, in order to remove them far from their territory.
Joe 3:7 Look, I am about to stir them up out of the place where you sold them and will return payment on your own head.
Joe 3:8 I will sell your sons and your daughters by the hand of the people of Judah. They will sell them to the Sabeans, to an ethnicity far off. For Yehowah has spoken.
Joe 3:9 Proclaim this among the ethnicities, 'Prepare yourselves for war, rouse the mighty men, let them come near, let all the men of battle come up.
Joe 3:10 Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning knives into spears. Let the weak shout, "I am strong!"
Joe 3:11 Hurry and come, all you nearby ethnicities, gather yourselves together there. Yehowah, bring down your mighty warriors.'
Joe 3:12 Let the ethnicities wake themselves up and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. For there will I sit to judge all the surrounding ethnicities.
Joe 3:13 Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, crush the grapes, for the winepress is full. The vats overflow, for their wickedness is enormous" (Rev. 14:14-20).
Joe 3:14 There is a tumult, a tumult in the Valley of Judgment. For the Day of Yehowah is near in the Valley of Judgment.
Joe 3:15 The sun and the moon become dark, the stars keep back their brightness.
Joe 3:16 Yehowah will roar from Zion and raise his voice from Jerusalem. The heavens and earth will shake, but Yehowah will be a shelter for his people and a fortress for the people of Israel.

Joe 3:17 “So you will know that I am Yehowah your Divine One who lives in Zion, my set-apart mountain. Then Jerusalem will be set-apart, and no military force will march through her again.
Joe 3:18 It will come about on that Day, that the mountains will drip with sweet wine, the hills will flow with milk, all the brooks of Judah will flow with water, and a fountain will come from the temple of Yehowah and water the Valley of Shittim.
Joe 3:19 Egypt will become an abandoned devastation, and Edom will become an abandoned wilderness, because of the violence done to the people of Judah, because they shed innocent blood in their land.
Joe 3:20 But Judah will be inhabited forever, and Jerusalem will be inhabited from generation to generation.
Joe 3:21 I will avenge their blood that I have not yet avenged,” for Yehowah lives in Zion.

Book of Amos

Amos Chapter 1

Amo 1:1 These are the things concerning Israel that Amos, one of the shepherds in Tekoa, received in revelation. He received these things in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and also in the days of Jeroboam II son of Joash king of Israel, two years before (c. 797 BC; 2 Chron. 26:16-21) the earthquake (c. 795 BC; Zech. 14:5).
Amo 1:2 He prophesied, “Yehowah will roar from Zion; he will raise his voice from Jerusalem. The pastures of the shepherds will dry up; the top of Carmel will wither.”
Amo 1:3 This is what Yehowah says: “For three sins of Damascus, even for four, I will not turn away punishment, because they threshed Gilead with instruments of iron.
Amo 1:4 I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, and it will devour the fortresses of Ben Hadad.
Amo 1:5 I will break the gate bars of Damascus and cut off the man who lives in Biqat Aven, and also the man who holds the scepter in Beth Eden. The people of Aram will go in captivity to Kir,” declares Yehowah.
Amo 1:6 This is what Yehowah says: “For three sins of Gaza, even for four, I will not turn away punishment, because they carried away captive a whole people, to hand them over to Edom.
Amo 1:7 I will send fire on the walls of Gaza, and it will devour her fortresses.
Amo 1:8 I will cut off the man who lives in Ashdod and the man who holds the scepter from Ashkelon. I will turn my hand against Ekron, and the rest of the Philistines will perish,” declares Lord Yehowah.
Amo 1:9 This is what Yehowah says: “For three sins of Tyre, even for four, I will not turn away punishment, because they had delivered up a whole people to Edom, and they broke their covenant of brotherhood.
Amo 1:10 I will send fire on the walls of Tyre, and it will devour her fortresses.”
Amo 1:11 This is what Yehowah says, “For three sins of Edom, even for four, I will not turn away punishment, because he pursued his brother with the sword and cast off all pity. His anger raged continually, and his wrath lasted forever.
Amo 1:12 I will send fire on Teman, and it will devour the palaces of Bozrah.”
Amo 1:13 This is what Yehowah says, “For three sins of the people of Ammon, even for four, I will not turn away punishment, because they ripped open the pregnant women of Gilead, that they may enlarge their borders.

Amo 1:14 I will light a fire in the walls of Rabbah, and it will devour the palaces, with a shout in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind.
Amo 1:15 Their king will go into captivity, he and his officials together," declares Yehowah.

Amos Chapter 2

Amo 2:1 This is what Yehowah says: “For three sins of Moab, even for four, I will not turn away punishment, because he burned the bones of the king of Edom to lime.
Amo 2:2 I will send fire on Moab, and it will devour the fortresses of Kerioth. Moab will die in an uproar, with shouting and the sound of the trumpet.
Amo 2:3 I will destroy the judge in her, and I will kill all the princes with him,” declares Yehowah.
Amo 2:4 This is what Yehowah says: “For three sins of Judah, even for four, I will not turn away punishment, because they rejected the Law of Yehowah and did not keep his statutes. Their lies caused them to go astray, after which their fathers had also walked.
Amo 2:5 I will send fire on Judah, and it will devour the fortresses of Jerusalem.”
Amo 2:6 This is what Yehowah says: “For three sins of Israel, even for four, I will not turn away punishment, because they sold the innocent for silver-currency and the needy for a pair of sandals.
Amo 2:7 They trample on the heads of the poor as people trample on dust on the ground; they push the oppressed away. A man and his father have sex with the same girl, and so profane my set-apart name.
Amo 2:8 They lie down beside every altar on clothes taken as pledges, and in the house of their deity they drink wine purchased with fines they imposed.
Amo 2:9 Yet I destroyed the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of cedars; he was strong as the oaks. Yet I destroyed his fruit above and his roots below.
Amo 2:10 Also, I brought you up out of the land of Egypt and led you forty years in the wilderness to possess the land of the Amorites.
Amo 2:11 I raised up prophets from among your sons and Nazirites from your young men (Num. 6). Is it not so, people of Israel?” declares Yehowah.
Amo 2:12 “But you persuaded the Nazirites to drink wine and commanded the prophets not to prophesy.
Amo 2:13 Look, I will crush you as a cart that is full of grain can crush someone.
Amo 2:14 The swift person will find no escape; the strong will not add to his own strength; neither will the mighty save himself.
Amo 2:15 The archer will not stand; the fast runner will not escape; the horseman will not save himself.
Amo 2:16 Even the bravest warriors will flee naked in that Day,” declares Yehowah.

Amos Chapter 3

Amo 3:1 Hear this word that Yehowah has spoken against you, people of Israel, against the whole family that I brought up out of the land of Egypt,
Amo 3:2 “I have chosen only you from all the families of the earth. Therefore, I will punish you for all your sins.”
Amo 3:3 Will two walk together unless they have agreed?
Amo 3:4 Will a lion roar in the forest when he has no victim? Will a young lion growl from his den if he has caught nothing?
Amo 3:5 Can a bird fall in a trap on the ground when no bait is set for him? Will a trap spring up from the ground when it has not caught anything?
Amo 3:6 Will the trumpet sound in a city and the people not tremble? Will disaster come on a city and Yehowah has not sent it?
Amo 3:7 Surely, Lord Yehowah will do nothing unless he reveals his plan to his servants the prophets.
Amo 3:8 The lion has roared; who will not fear? Lord Yehowah has spoken; who will not prophesy?
Amo 3:9 Proclaim this in the fortresses at Ashdod, and in the fortresses in the land of Egypt; say, “Assemble yourselves on the mountains of Samaria and see what great confusion is in her, and what oppression is in her.
Amo 3:10 For they do not know how to do right,” says Yehowah; “they store up violence and destruction in their fortresses.”
Amo 3:11 Therefore, this is what Lord Yehowah declares, “An enemy will surround the land. He will pull down your strongholds and plunder your fortresses.”
Amo 3:12 This is what Yehowah declares, “As the shepherd rescues out of the mouth of the lion two legs only, or a piece of an ear, so will the people of Israel be rescued who live in Samaria, with only the corner of a bed, or just a corner of a bedspread.”
Amo 3:13 “Hear and testify against the house of Jacob,” declares Lord Yehowah, Mighty One of the heavenly armed forces.
Amo 3:14 “For in the day that I punish the sins of Israel, I will also punish the altars of Bethel. The horns of the altar will be cut off and fall to the ground.
Amo 3:15 I will destroy the winter house with the summer house. The houses of ivory will perish, and the large houses will vanish,” declares Yehowah.

Amos Chapter 4

Amo 4:1 Listen to this word, you cows of Bashan, you who are in the mountain of Samaria, you who oppress the poor, you who crush the needy, you who shout to your husbands, “Bring us drinks!”
Amo 4:2 Lord Yehowah has sworn by his consecration, “Look, the days will come on you when they will take you away with hooks, the last of you with fishhooks.
Amo 4:3 You will go out through the breaks in the city wall, each one of you going straight through it, and you will be thrown out toward Harmon,” declares Yehowah.
Amo 4:4 “Go to Bethel and sin, to Gilgal and multiply sin, bring your sacrifices at dawn, your tithes every three years.
Amo 4:5 Offer a thanksgiving sacrifice with bread; proclaim freewill offerings; announce them, for this pleases you, you people of Israel,” declares Lord Yehowah.
Amo 4:6 “I gave you cleanness of teeth in all your cities and lack of bread in all your places. Yet you have not returned to me,” declares Yehowah.
Amo 4:7 “I also withheld rain from you when there were still three months to the harvest. I caused it to rain on one city, and caused it not to rain on another city. One piece of land was rained on, but the piece of land where it did not rain dried up.
Amo 4:8 Two or three cities staggered to another city to drink water but were not satisfied. Yet you have not returned to me,” declares Yehowah.
Amo 4:9 “I afflicted you with blight and mildew. The multitude of your gardens, your vineyards, your fig trees, and your olive trees, the locusts devoured them all. Yet you have not returned to me,” declares Yehowah.
Amo 4:10 “I sent a plague on you as on Egypt. I killed your young men with the sword, carried away your horses, and made the stench of your camp come up to your nostrils. Yet you have not returned to me,” declares Yehowah.
Amo 4:11 “I overthrew cities among you, as when the Almighty overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. You were like a burning stick snatched out of the fire. Yet you have not returned to me,” declares Yehowah.
Amo 4:12 “Therefore, I will do something terrible to you, Israel; and because I will do something terrible to you, prepare to meet your Divine One, Israel!
Amo 4:13 For look, he who forms the mountains also creates the wind and proclaims his thoughts to mankind, makes dawn’s darkness, and treads on the high places of the Earth. Yehowah, Mighty One of the heavenly armed forces, is his name.”

Amos Chapter 5

Amo 5:1 Hear this word that I take up as a lament over you, house of Israel.
Amo 5:2 The virgin Israel has fallen; she will rise no more; she is forsaken on her land; there is no one to raise her up.
Amo 5:3 For this is what Lord Yehowah declares: “The city that went out with a thousand will have a hundred left, and the one that went out with a hundred will have ten left belonging to the house of Israel.”
Amo 5:4 For this is what Yehowah commands the house of Israel: “Seek me and live!
Amo 5:5 Do not seek Bethel; nor enter Gilgal; do not journey to Beersheba. For Gilgal will surely go into captivity, and Bethel will become nothing.
Amo 5:6 Seek Yehowah and live, or he will break out like fire in the house of Joseph. It will devour, and there will be no one to extinguish it in Bethel.
Amo 5:7 Those people turn justice into a bitter thing and throw righteousness down to the ground!”
Amo 5:8 Yehowah made the Pleiades and Orion; he turns darkness into dawn; he makes the day dark with night and calls for the waters of the sea; he pours them out on the surface of the earth. Yehowah is his name!
Amo 5:9 He brings sudden destruction on the strong, so that destruction comes on the fortresses.
Amo 5:10 They hate anyone who corrects them in the city gate, and they abhor anyone who speaks the truth.
Amo 5:11 Because you trample down the poor and take portions of wheat from him, although you have built houses of worked stone, you will not live in them. You have delightful vineyards, but you will not drink their wine.
Amo 5:12 For I know how many are your offenses and how great are your sins, you who afflict the just, take bribes, and turn aside the needy in the city gate.
Amo 5:13 Therefore, any prudent person is silent at such a time, for it is an evil time.
Amo 5:14 Seek good and not evil, so that you may live. So Yehowah, Mighty One of the heavenly armed forces, will really be with you, as you say he is.
Amo 5:15 Hate evil, love good, establish justice in the city gate. Perhaps Yehowah, Mighty One of the heavenly armed forces, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.
Amo 5:16 Therefore, this is what Yehowah declares, Mighty One of the heavenly armed forces, the Lord, “Wailing will be in all the squares, and they will say in all the streets, ‘Woe! Woe!’ They will call the farmers to mourning and the mourners to wail.

Amo 5:17 In all vineyards there will be wailing, for I will pass through your midst," declares Yehowah.
Amo 5:18 Woe to you who desire the Day of Yehowah! Why do you long for the Day of Yehowah? It will be darkness and not light,
Amo 5:19 as when a man flees from a lion, and a bear meets him, or he goes in a house and puts his hand on the wall, and a snake bites him.
Amo 5:20 Will not the Day of Yehowah be darkness and not light? Gloom and no brightness?
Amo 5:21 "I hate, I despise your feasts; I take no delight in your festive assemblies.
Amo 5:22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, neither will I look at the peace offerings of your fattened animals.
Amo 5:23 Remove from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the sound of your harps.
Amo 5:24 Instead, let justice flow like water and righteousness like a constantly flowing stream.
Amo 5:25 Did you bring me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness for forty years, house of Israel?
Amo 5:26 You accepted the tabernacle of Molech, your king, and Kaiwan, your star deity, idols that you have made for yourselves.
Amo 5:27 Therefore, I will exile you beyond Damascus," declares Yehowah, whose name is Mighty One of the heavenly armed forces.

Amos Chapter 6

Amo 6:1 Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who are secure in the hill country of Samaria, the notable men of the best of the ethnicities, to whom the house of Israel comes for help!
Amo 6:2 Your leaders say, “Go to (the Neo-Hittite City of) Calneh (Calno; Isa. 10:5-12) and look; from there go to (the Neo-Hittite City of) Hamath, the great city; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are they better than your two kingdoms? Is their border larger than your border?”
Amo 6:3 Woe to those who put off the Day of disaster and make the throne of violence come near.
Amo 6:4 They lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches. They eat lambs from the flock and calves from the feeding stall.
Amo 6:5 They sing foolish songs to the music of the harp; they improvise on instruments as David did.
Amo 6:6 They drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but they do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.
Amo 6:7 So they will now go into exile with the first exiles, and the feasts of those who lounge about will pass away.
Amo 6:8 “I, Lord Yehowah, have sworn by myself,” declares Yehowah, Mighty One of the heavenly armed forces, “I detest the pride of Jacob; I hate his fortresses. Therefore, I will hand over the city with all that is in it.”
Amo 6:9 It will come about that if there are ten men left in one house, they will all die.
Amo 6:10 When a man’s relative comes to take their bodies up, the one who is to cremate them after bringing the corpses out of the house, if he asks the person in the house, “Is there anyone with you?” What if that person answers, “No.” Then he will say, “Be quiet, for we must not mention the name of Yehowah.”
Amo 6:11 For look, Yehowah will give a command, and the big house will be smashed to pieces and the little house to bits.
Amo 6:12 Do horses run on the rocky cliffs? Does one plow there with oxen? Yet you have turned justice into poison and the fruit of righteousness into bitterness.
Amo 6:13 You who rejoice over Lo Debar, who ask, “Have we not taken Karnaim by our own strength?”
Amo 6:14 “But look, I will raise up against you an ethnicity, house of Israel,” declares Yehowah, Mighty One of the heavenly armed forces. “They will afflict you from Lebo Hamath to the brook of the Arabah.”

Amos Chapter 7

Amo 7:1 This is what Lord Yehowah showed me. Look, he formed a locust swarm when the spring crop began to come up, and look, it was the late crop after the king's harvest.
Amo 7:2 When they finished eating the vegetation of the land, then I entreated, "Lord Yehowah, please forgive; how will Jacob survive? For he is so small."
Amo 7:3 Yehowah relented concerning this. "It will not happen," he answered.
Amo 7:4 This is what Lord Yehowah showed me: Look, Lord Yehowah called on fire to judge. It dried the vast, deep water under the earth and would have devoured the land also.
Amo 7:5 But I entreated, "Lord Yehowah, please stop; how will Jacob survive? For he is so small."
Amo 7:6 Yehowah relented concerning this, "This also will not happen," answered Lord Yehowah.
Amo 7:7 This is what he showed me: Look, the Lord stood beside a wall built using a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand.
Amo 7:8 Yehowah asked me, "Amos, what do you see?" I answered, "A plumb line." Then the Lord declared, "Look, I will put a plumb line among my people Israel. I will spare them no longer.
Amo 7:9 The high places of Isaac will be destroyed, the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam II with the sword."
Amo 7:10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent a message to Jeroboam II, king of Israel: "Amos has conspired against you in the middle of the house of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words.
Amo 7:11 For this is what Amos prophesied, 'Jeroboam II will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile away from his land.'"
Amo 7:12 Amaziah said to Amos, "Seer, go, run back to the land of Judah and there eat bread and prophesy.
Amo 7:13 But do not prophesy anymore here at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary and a royal house."
Amo 7:14 Then Amos responded to Amaziah, "I am not a prophet nor a prophet's son. I am a herdsman, and I take care of sycamore fig trees.
Amo 7:15 But Yehowah took me from tending the flock and commanded me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'
Amo 7:16 Now hear the Word of Yehowah. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not speak against the house of Isaac.'
Amo 7:17 Therefore, this is what Yehowah declares, 'Your wife will be a prostitute in the city; your sons and your daughters will fall by the sword; your land will be

measured and divided up; you will die in an unclean land, and Israel will surely go into exile from his land.’”

Amos Chapter 8

Amo 8:1 This is what Lord Yehowah showed me. Look, a basket of summer fruit!
Amo 8:2 He asked, “What do you see, Amos?” I answered, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then Yehowah said to me, “The end has come for my people Israel; I will spare them no longer.
Amo 8:3 The songs of the temple will become wailings in that Day,” declares Lord Yehowah. “The corpses will be many, in every place, they will throw them out in silence!”
Amo 8:4 Listen to this, you who trample the needy and remove the poor of the land.
Amo 8:5 They say, “When will the beginning of the month festival be over, so we can sell grain again? When will the Sabbath be over, so that we can sell wheat? We will make the measure small and increase the price, as we cheat with false scales.
Amo 8:6 This is so we can sell bad wheat, buy the poor with silver-currency and the needy for a pair of sandals.”
Amo 8:7 Yehowah has sworn by the pride of Jacob, “Surely I will never forget any of their actions.”
Amo 8:8 Will not the land quake for this, and every one who lives in it mourn? All of it will rise up like the Nile River, and it will be tossed about and sink again like the River of Egypt.
Amo 8:9 “It will happen in that Day,” declares Lord Yehowah, “that I will make the sun set at noon, and I will darken the earth on a bright day.
Amo 8:10 I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation. I will make all of you wear sackcloth and have baldness on every head. I will make it like mourning for an only son and a bitter day to its end.
Amo 8:11 Look, the days are coming,” declares Lord Yehowah, “when I will send a famine in the land, not a famine for bread, nor of thirst for water, but for hearing the words of Yehowah.
Amo 8:12 They will stagger from sea to sea; they will run from the north to the east to seek the Word of Yehowah, but they will not find it.
Amo 8:13 In that Day, the beautiful virgins and the young men will faint from thirst.
Amo 8:14 Those who swear by the guilt of Samaria and shout, ‘As your deity lives, O Dan!’ And, ‘As the way of Beersheba exists!’ Even they will fall and not rise again.”

Amos Chapter 9

Amo 9:1 I saw the Lord standing beside the altar, and he ordered, “Strike the tops of the pillars, so that the foundations will shake. Break them in pieces on all of their heads, and I will kill the last of them with the sword. Not one of them will get away, not one of them will escape.
Amo 9:2 Though they dig into the place of the dead, there my hand will take them. Though they climb up to the heavens, there I will bring them down.
Amo 9:3 Though they hide on the top of Carmel, there I will search and take them. Though they are hidden from my sight in the bottom of the sea, there will I give orders to the serpent, and it will bite them.
Amo 9:4 Though they go into captivity, driven by their enemies before them, there will I give orders to the sword, and it will kill them. I will keep my eyes on them for harm and not for good.”
Amo 9:5 Lord Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces touches the land and it melts; all who live in it mourn; all of it will rise up like the River and sink again like the River of Egypt.
Amo 9:6 It is he who builds his steps in the heavens, and has established his firmament over the earth. He calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the surface of the earth, Yehowah is his name.
Amo 9:7 Yehowah inquires, “Are you not like the people of Cush to me, people of Israel? Did I not bring up Israel out of the land of Egypt, the Philistines from Crete (Caphtor; Gen. 10:14; Deut. 2:23; 1 Chron. 1:12; Jer. 47:4), and the Arameans from Kir?
Amo 9:8 Look, the eyes of Lord Yehowah are on the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from the face of the earth, except that I will not totally destroy the house of Jacob,” declares Yehowah.
Amo 9:9 “Look, I will give a command, and I will shake the house of Israel among all the ethnicities, as one shakes grain in a sieve, so that not the smallest stone will fall to the ground.
Amo 9:10 All the sinners of my people will die by the sword, those who say, ‘Disaster will not overtake or meet us.’
Amo 9:11 In that Day, I will raise up the tabernacle of David that has fallen and close up its breaches. I will raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old,
Amo 9:12 that the remnant of the people and all the ethnicities that are called by my name may earnestly seek me,” declares Yehowah who does this (Acts 15:16-17).
Amo 9:13 “Look, the days will come,” declares Yehowah, “when the plowman will overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes will overtake him who plants seed. The mountains will drip sweet wine, and all the hills will flow with it.

Amo 9:14 I will bring back from captivity my people Israel. They will build the ruined cities and inhabit them, they will plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they will make gardens and eat their fruit.
Amo 9:15 I will plant them upon their land, and they will never again be uprooted from the land that I have given them," declares Yehowah your Divine One.

Book of Obadiah

Obadiah Chapter 1

Oba 1:1 The Vision of Obadiah (Obadyah). Lord Yehowah says this concerning Edom: “We have heard an intelligence report from Yehowah, and an ambassador has been sent among the ethnicities, shouting, “Rise up! Let us rise up against her for battle!”
Oba 1:2 Behold, I will make you small among the ethnicities, you will be greatly despised.
Oba 1:3 The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rock, in your lofty home; who ask in your heart, “Who will bring me down to the ground?”
Oba 1:4 Though you soar high like the eagle, and though your nest is set among the stars, I will bring you down from there,” declares Yehowah.
Oba 1:5 “If thieves came to you, if robbers came by night; how are you cut off! Would they not only steal enough for themselves? If grape gatherers came to you, would they not leave the gleanings?
Oba 1:6 How Esau has been ransacked, and his hidden treasures sought out!
Oba 1:7 All the men of your alliance will send you on your way to the border. The men who were at peace with you have deceived you and prevailed against you. They who eat your bread have set a trap under you. There is no understanding in him.
Oba 1:8 Will I not on that Day,” declares Yehowah, “destroy the wise men from Edom and understanding out of the mountain of Esau?
Oba 1:9 Your mighty men will be dismayed, Teman, so that every man may be cut off from the mountain of Esau by slaughter.
Oba 1:10 Because of the violence done to your brother Jacob, you will be covered with shame, and you will be cut off forever.
Oba 1:11 On the day you stood aloof, on the day foreigners carried away his wealth, and strangers entered into his gates, and cast lots for Jerusalem, you were like one of them.
Oba 1:12 But do not gloat over your brother’s day, in the day of his misfortune, and do not rejoice over the people of Judah in the day of their destruction; do not boast in the day of their distress.
Oba 1:13 Do not enter my people’s gate in the day of their calamity; do not gloat over their affliction in the day of their disaster, do not loot their wealth in the day of their ruin.

Oba 1:14 Do not stand at the crossroads, to cut off his fugitives and do not hand over his survivors in the day of distress.
Oba 1:15 For the Day of Yehowah is near upon all the ethnicities. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return on your own head.
Oba 1:16 For as you have drunk on my set-apart mountain, so will all the ethnicities drink continually. They will drink and swallow, and it will be as though they had never existed.
Oba 1:17 But in Mount Zion there will be those that escape, and it will be set-apart; and the house of Jacob will possess their own possessions.
Oba 1:18 The house of Jacob will be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau will be stubble, and they will burn them and consume them. There will be no survivors to the house of Esau," for Yehowah has declared it.
Oba 1:19 "Those from the Negev will possess the mount of Esau, and those of the plain will possess the land of the Philistines. They will possess the land of Ephraim and the land of Samaria; and Benjamin will possess Gilead.
Oba 1:20 The exiles of this host of the people of Israel will possess the land of Canaan as far as Zarephath. The exiles of Jerusalem, who are in Sepharad (Spain and Portugal), will possess the cities of the Negev.
Oba 1:21 Deliverers will go up to Mount Zion to rule over the hill country of Esau, and the kingdom will belong to Yehowah."

Book of Jonah

Jonah Chapter 1

Jon 1:1 Now the Word of Yehowah came to Jonah son of Amittai,
Jon 1:2 “Get up and go to Nineveh, that great city, and speak out against it, because their wickedness has risen up before me.”
Jon 1:3 But Jonah rose up to run away from the presence of Yehowah and go to Tarshish. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and boarded the ship to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of Yehowah.
Jon 1:4 But Yehowah sent out a great wind on the sea, and it became a mighty storm on the sea. Soon it appeared that the ship was going to be broken up.
Jon 1:5 Then the sailors became afraid, and each man cried out to his own deity. They threw the ship’s cargo into the sea to lighten it. But Jonah had gone down into the innermost parts of the ship, and he was lying there deeply asleep.
Jon 1:6 So the captain came to him and said to him, “What are you doing sleeping? Get up! Call upon your Divine One! Maybe your Divine One will notice us, and we will not perish.”
Jon 1:7 They all said to each other, “Come, let us throw lots, so that we may know who is the cause of this evil that is happening to us.” So they threw lots, and the lot fell to Jonah.
Jon 1:8 Then they inquired of Jonah, “Please tell us who is the cause of this evil that is happening to us. What is your occupation, and where did you come from? What is your country, and from which people are you?”
Jon 1:9 Jonah answered them, “I am a Hebrew; and I worship Yehowah, Mighty One of Heaven, who has made the sea and the dry land.”
Jon 1:10 Then the men were even more afraid and asked Jonah, “What is this that you have done?” For the men knew that he was running away from the presence of Yehowah, because he had told them.
Jon 1:11 Then they asked Jonah, “What should we do to you, so that the sea will calm down for us?” For the sea became more and more violent.
Jon 1:12 Jonah answered them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea. Then the sea will be calm for you, for I know that it is because of me that this great storm is happening to you.”
Jon 1:13 Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get them back to the land, but they could not do it, because the sea was becoming more and more violent against them.

Jon 1:14 Therefore, they cried out to Yehowah, “We beg you, Yehowah, we beg you, do not let us perish on account of this man’s life, and do not lay upon us the guilt of his death, because you, Yehowah, have done just as it pleased you!”
Jon 1:15 So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea stopped raging.
Jon 1:16 Then the men greatly feared Yehowah. They offered sacrifices to Yehowah and made vows.
Jon 1:17 Now Yehowah had prepared a large fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the stomach of the fish three days and three nights.

Jonah Chapter 2

Jon 2:1 Then Jonah prayed to Yehowah his Divine One from the fish's stomach.
Jon 2:2 He said, "I called out to Yehowah about my distress, and he answered me; from the belly of the place of the dead I cried out for help! You heard my voice.
Jon 2:3 You had thrown me into the depths, into the heart of the seas, and the currents surrounded me; all your waves and billows passed over me.
Jon 2:4 I said, 'I am driven out from before your eyes; yet I will again look toward your set-apart temple.'
Jon 2:5 The waters closed around me to my soul; the deep was all around me; the seafloor surrounded my head.
Jon 2:6 I went down to the bases of the mountains; the earth with its bars closed upon me forever. Yet you brought up my life from the pit, Yehowah, my Divine One!
Jon 2:7 When my soul fainted within me, I called Yehowah to mind; then my prayer came to you, to your set-apart temple.
Jon 2:8 Those who pay attention to useless deities reject your faithfulness toward themselves.
Jon 2:9 But as for me, I will sacrifice to you with a voice of thanksgiving; I will fulfill that which I have vowed. Salvation comes from Yehowah!"
Jon 2:10 Then Yehowah spoke to the fish, and it vomited up Jonah upon the dry land.

Jonah Chapter 3

Jon 3:1 The Word of Yehowah came to Jonah a second time,
Jon 3:2 “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I command you to give.”
Jon 3:3 So Jonah rose up and went to Nineveh in obedience to the Word of Yehowah. Now Nineveh was an expansively large city, one of three days’ journey.
Jon 3:4 Jonah began to enter the city, and after a day’s journey, he called out loudly, “In forty days, Nineveh will be overthrown!”
Jon 3:5 The people of Nineveh believed the Almighty, and they proclaimed a fast. They all put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them down to the least of them.
Jon 3:6 Soon, the news reached the king of Nineveh. He rose up from his throne, took off his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.
Jon 3:7 He sent out a proclamation that stated, “In Nineveh, by the authority of the king and his nobles, let neither man nor animal, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not eat nor drink water.
Jon 3:8 But let both man and animal be covered with sackcloth, and let them cry out loudly to the Almighty. Let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands.
Jon 3:9 Who knows? The Almighty may relent, change his mind, and turn away from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.”
Jon 3:10 The Almighty saw what they did, that they turned from their evil ways. So then the Almighty changed his mind about the punishment that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

Jonah Chapter 4

Jon 4:1 But this displeased Jonah, and he became extremely angry.
Jon 4:2 So Jonah prayed to Yehowah, “Ah, Yehowah, is this not just what I said when I was back in my own country? That is why I acted first and tried to flee to Tarshish, because I knew that you are a gracious Almighty, compassionate, slow to anger, abundant in faithfulness, and you relent from sending disaster.
Jon 4:3 Therefore, now, Yehowah, I beg you, take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.”
Jon 4:4 Yehowah asked, “Is it good that you are so angry?”
Jon 4:5 Then Jonah went out of the city and sat on the east side of the city. There he made a shelter and sat under it in the shade, so that he could see what might become of the city.
Jon 4:6 Yehowah Almighty prepared a plant and made it grow up over Jonah, so that it might be a shade over his head to relieve his distress. Jonah was extremely glad because of the plant.
Jon 4:7 But the Almighty prepared a worm at daybreak the next morning. It attacked the plant, and the plant withered.
Jon 4:8 It came about that when the sun rose the next morning, the Almighty prepared a hot east wind. Also, the sun beat down on Jonah’s head, and he became faint. Then Jonah wished that he might die. He said to himself, “It is better for me to die than to live.”
Jon 4:9 Then the Almighty asked Jonah, “Is it good that you are so angry about the plant?” Then Jonah answered, “It is good that I am angry, even to death.”
Jon 4:10 Yehowah said, “You have had compassion for the plant, for which you have not labored, nor did you make it grow. It grew up in a night and died in a night.
Jon 4:11 So as for me, should I not have compassion for Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than one hundred twenty thousand people who do not know the difference between their right hand and their left hand, and also much livestock?”

Book of Micah

Micah Chapter 1

Mic 1:1 This is the Word of Yehowah that came to Micah of Moresheth (aka Azekah) in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, the word that he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.
Mic 1:2 Listen, all you people. Listen, earth, and all that is in you. Let Lord Yehowah be a witness against you, the Lord from his set-apart temple.
Mic 1:3 Look, Yehowah comes out of his place; he will come down and tread on the high places on the earth.
Mic 1:4 The mountains will melt under him; the valleys will break apart like wax before fire, like waters that are poured down a steep place.
Mic 1:5 All this is because of the rebellion of Jacob, and because of the sins of the house of Israel. What was the reason for Jacob's rebellion? Was it not Samaria? What was the reason for the high places of Judah? Was it not Jerusalem?
Mic 1:6 "I will make Samaria a heap of ruins in the field, like a place for planting vineyards. I will pull her building stones into the valley; I will uncover her foundations.
Mic 1:7 All her carved figures will be crushed to pieces; and all the gifts to her will be burned up. All her idols I will make a ruin. For from the gifts to her prostitution she gathered them, and as a prostitute's pay they will return."
Mic 1:8 For this reason I will lament and wail; I will go barefoot and naked; I will wail like the jackals and mourn like owls.
Mic 1:9 For her wound is incurable, for it has come to Judah. It has reached the gate of my people, to Jerusalem.
Mic 1:10 Do not tell about it in Gath; do not weep at all. At Beth Leaphrah I roll myself in the dust.
Mic 1:11 Pass by, inhabitants of Shaphir, in nakedness and shame. The inhabitants of Zaanan do not come out. Beth Ezel mourns, for their protection is taken away.
Mic 1:12 For the inhabitants of Maroth wait anxiously for good news, because disaster has come down from Yehowah to the gates of Jerusalem.
Mic 1:13 Harness the chariot to the team of horses, inhabitants of Lachish. You, Lachish, were the beginning of sin for the daughter of Zion, for the transgressions of Israel were found in you.

Mic 1:14 So you will give a parting gift to Moresheth Gath (aka Azekah); the town of Achzib will disappoint the kings of Israel.
Mic 1:15 I will again bring a conqueror to you, inhabitants of Mareshah; the splendor of Israel will come to Adullam.
Mic 1:16 Shave your head and cut off your hair for the children in whom you delight. Make yourself as bald as eagles, for your children will go into exile from you.

Micah Chapter 2

Mic 2:1 Woe to those who plan iniquity, to those who plan on their beds to do evil. In the morning light they do it, because they have power.
Mic 2:2 They desire fields and seize them; they desire houses and take them. They oppress a man and his household, a man and his inheritance.
Mic 2:3 Therefore, Yehowah declares this, “Look, I am about to bring disaster against this clan, from which you will not remove your necks. You will not walk arrogantly, for it will be an evil time.
Mic 2:4 In that Day, your enemies will sing a song about you and lament with a wailing lamentation. They will sing, ‘We Israelis are completely ruined; Yehowah changes the territory of my people. How has he removed it from me? He portions out our fields to traitors!’”
Mic 2:5 Therefore, you rich people will have no descendants to divide up the territory by lot in the congregation of Yehowah.
Mic 2:6 “Do not prophesy,” they say. “They must not prophesy these things; reproaches must not come.”
Mic 2:7 Should it really be asked, house of Jacob, “Is the Ruach of Yehowah angry? Are these really his deeds?” Do not my words do good to anyone who walks uprightly?
Mic 2:8 Lately, my people have risen up like an enemy. You strip the robe, the garment, from those who pass by unsuspectingly, as soldiers return from war to what they think is safety.
Mic 2:9 You drive the women belonging to my people from their pleasant houses; you take my blessing from their young children forever.
Mic 2:10 Get up and leave, for this is not a place where you can stay, because of its uncleanness; it is destroyed with complete destruction.
Mic 2:11 If someone comes to you in a spirit of falsehood and lies, and says, “I will prophesy to you about wine and beer,” he would be considered to be a prophet for this people.
Mic 2:12 I will surely assemble all of you, Jacob. I will surely gather the remnant of Israel. I will bring them together like sheep in a fold, like a flock in the midst of their pasture. There will be a loud noise because of the multitude of people.
Mic 2:13 Someone who breaks open their way for them will go ahead of them. They break through the gate and go out; their king will pass on before them. Yehowah will be at their head (Mat. 11:12; 2 Sam. 5:20; Gen. 38:29).

Micah Chapter 3

Mic 3:1 I said, “Now listen, you leaders of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel: Is it not right for you to understand justice?
Mic 3:2 You who hate good and love evil, you who tear off their skin, their flesh from their bones,
Mic 3:3 you who also eat the flesh of my people, and tear their skin off, break their bones, and chop them in pieces, just like meat for a pot, just like meat in a cauldron.
Mic 3:4 Then you rulers will cry out to Yehowah, but he will not answer you. He will hide his face from you at that time, because you have done evil deeds.”
Mic 3:5 Yehowah declares this about the prophets who make my people wander, “For those who feed them and announce, ‘There will be peace!’ But for those who put nothing in their mouths, they start a war against him.
Mic 3:6 Therefore, it will be night for you with no vision for you; it will be dark, so that you will do no divination. The sun will go down on the prophets, and the day will be dark on them.
Mic 3:7 The seers will be put to shame, and the diviners will be confused. All of them will cover their lips, for there is no answer from the Almighty.”
Mic 3:8 But as for me, I am full of power by the Ruach of Yehowah, and am full of justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.
Mic 3:9 Now listen to this, you leaders of the house of Jacob, and rulers of the house of Israel, you who detest justice, and pervert everything right.
Mic 3:10 You build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with iniquity.
Mic 3:11 Your leaders judge for a bribe, your priests teach for a price, and your prophets do divination for money. Yet you rely on Yehowah and say, “Is not Yehowah with us? No evil will come on us.”
Mic 3:12 Therefore, because of you, Zion will be plowed like a field, Jerusalem will be a heap of rubble, and the hill of the temple will be like a forested hill.

Micah Chapter 4

Mic 4:1 But in the last days, it will come about that the Mountain of the temple of Yehowah will be established over the other mountains. It will be exalted above the hills, and people will stream to it.
Mic 4:2 Many ethnicities will go and say, “Come, let us go up to the Mountain of Yehowah, to the temple of the Mighty One of Jacob. He will teach us his Ways, and we will walk in his Paths.” For from Zion the law will go out, and the Word of Yehowah from Jerusalem.
Mic 4:3 He will judge among many people and will decide concerning numerous ethnicities far away. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning knives. Ethnicity will not lift up sword against ethnicity, nor will they train for war any longer (Isa. 2:4).
Mic 4:4 Instead, they will sit every person under his vine and under his fig tree. No one will make them afraid, for the mouth of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces has spoken.
Mic 4:5 For all the people walk, each one, in the name of their deity. But we will walk in the name of Yehowah our Divine One forever and ever.
Mic 4:6 “On that Day,” declares Yehowah, “I will assemble the lame and gather the outcast, those whom I have afflicted.
Mic 4:7 I will turn the lame into a remnant, and the ones driven away into a strong nation, and I, Yehowah, will reign over them on Mount Zion, now and forever.
Mic 4:8 As for you, watchtower for the flock, hill of the daughter of Zion, to you it will come, your former dominion will be restored, the kingdom that belongs to the daughter of Jerusalem.
Mic 4:9 Now why do you shout so loudly? Is there no king among you? Has your counselor died? Is this why pain grips you like that of a woman in labor?
Mic 4:10 Be in pain and labor to give birth, daughter of Zion, like a woman in labor. For now you will go out of the city, live in the field, and go to Babylon. There you will be rescued. There Yehowah will rescue you from the hand of your enemies.
Mic 4:11 Now many ethnicities are assembled against you; they say, ‘Let her be defiled; let our eyes gloat over Zion.’”
Mic 4:12 The prophet says, “They do not know the thoughts of Yehowah, neither do they understand his plans, for he has gathered them like sheaves for the threshing floor.”
Mic 4:13 Yehowah prophesies, “Arise and thresh, daughter of Zion, for I will make your horn to be iron, and I will make your hooves to be bronze. You will

crush many people. I will devote their unjust wealth to myself, Yehowah, their possessions to me, the Lord of the whole earth.”

Micah Chapter 5

Mic 5:1 Now come together in battle ranks, daughter of soldiers; the soldiers have set up a siege around the city, with a trekking pole they will strike the Judge of Israel on the cheek.
Mic 5:2 But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, even though you are small among the 1,000-resident cities of Judah, out of you One will come to me to rule in Israel, whose beginning is from ancient times, from eternity.
Mic 5:3 Therefore, He will give them up, until the time when she who is in labor bears a child, and the rest of his brothers return to the people of Israel.
Mic 5:4 He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of Yehowah, in the majesty of the name of Yehowah his Divine One. They will remain, for then he will be great to the ends of the earth.
Mic 5:5 He will be our peace. When the Assyrians come into our land, when they march against our fortresses, then we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight leaders of men.
Mic 5:6 They will destroy the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in its entrances with a drawn sword. He will rescue us from the Assyrians, when they come into our land, when they march inside our borders.
Mic 5:7 The remnant of Jacob will be in the midst of many people, like dew from Yehowah, like showers on the grass that do not wait for a man, and they do not wait for the children of mankind.
Mic 5:8 The remnant of Jacob will be among the ethnicities, among many people, like a lion among the animals of the forest, like a young lion among the flocks of sheep. When he goes through them, he will trample over them and tear them to pieces, and there will be no one to save them.
Mic 5:9 Your hand will be lifted against your enemies, and it will destroy them.
Mic 5:10 “It will happen in that Day,” declares Yehowah, “that I will destroy your horses from among you and will demolish your chariots.
Mic 5:11 I will destroy the cities in your land and throw down all your strongholds.
Mic 5:12 I will destroy the witchcraft in your hand, and you will no longer have any diviners.
Mic 5:13 I will destroy your carved figures and your stone pillars from among you. You will no longer worship the workmanship of your hands.
Mic 5:14 I will uproot your Asherah poles from among you, and I will destroy your cities.
Mic 5:15 I will execute vengeance in anger and wrath on the ethnicities that have not listened.”

Micah Chapter 6

Mic 6:1 Now listen to what Yehowah says, “Arise and state your case before the mountains; let the hills hear your voice.
Mic 6:2 Listen to the lawsuit of Yehowah, you mountains, and you enduring foundations of the earth. For Yehowah has a lawsuit with his people, and he will fight in court against Israel.”
Mic 6:3 “My people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Testify against me!
Mic 6:4 For I brought you up out of the land of Egypt and rescued you out of the house of bondage. I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam to you.
Mic 6:5 My people, call to mind what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam son of Beor answered him as you went from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of me, Yehowah.”
Mic 6:6 What should I bring to Yehowah, as I bow down to the high Almighty? Should I come to him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
Mic 6:7 Will Yehowah be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousand rivers of oil? Should I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for my own sin?
Mic 6:8 He has told you, O man, what is good, and what Yehowah requires from you: Act justly, love kindness, and walk humbly with your Divine One (Deut. 10:12-13).
Mic 6:9 The voice of Yehowah is making a proclamation to the city, even now wisdom acknowledges your name: “Pay attention to the rod, and to the One who has put it in place.
Mic 6:10 There is wealth in the houses of the wicked that is dishonest, and false measures that are abominable.
Mic 6:11 Should I consider a person to be innocent if he uses fraudulent scales, with a bag of deceptive weights?
Mic 6:12 The rich men are full of violence, the inhabitants have spoken lies, and their tongue in their mouth is deceitful.
Mic 6:13 Therefore, I have struck you with a severe wound, I have made you a ruin because of your sins.
Mic 6:14 You will eat but not be satisfied; your emptiness will remain inside you. You will store goods away but not save, and what you do save, I will give to the sword.
Mic 6:15 You will sow but not reap; you will tread the olives but not anoint yourselves with oil; you will press grapes but drink no wine.

Mic 6:16 The regulations made by Omri have been kept and all the deeds of the house of Ahab. You walk by their advice. So I will make you, city, a ruin, and you inhabitants, an object of whistling, and you will bear scorn as my people.”

Micah Chapter 7

Mic 7:1 Woe is me! For me it is like when the harvest of summer fruit is over, and also even the gleaning of the leftover grapes in the vineyards: There are no more clusters of fruit to be found, none of the early figs that I crave.
Mic 7:2 Faithful people have disappeared from the land, there is no upright person in all mankind. They all lie in wait to shed blood; each one hunts his own brother with a net.
Mic 7:3 Their hands are trained well at doing harm: The ruler asks for money, the judge is ready for bribes, and the powerful man is saying to others what he wants to obtain. Thus they plot together.
Mic 7:4 The best of them is like briers, the most upright is a hedge of thorns. It is the day foretold by your watchmen, the day of your punishment. Now is the time of their confusion.
Mic 7:5 Do not trust any neighbor; put no confidence in any friend. Be careful about what you say even to the woman who lies in your arms.
Mic 7:6 For a son dishonors his father, a daughter rises up against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. A man's enemies are the people of his own household (Luke 12:52-53; Mat. 10:34-35).
Mic 7:7 But as for me, I will look to Yehowah. I will wait for the Mighty One of my salvation; my Divine One will hear me.
Mic 7:8 Do not rejoice over me, my enemy. After I fall, I will rise. When I sit in darkness, Yehowah will be a light for me.
Mic 7:9 Because I sinned against Yehowah, I will bear his rage, until he pleads my cause and executes judgment for me. He will bring me to the light, and I will see him rescue me in his justice.
Mic 7:10 Then my enemy will see it, and shame will cover the one who asked me, "Where is Yehowah your Divine One?" My eyes will look at her; she will be trampled down like the mud in the streets.
Mic 7:11 A Day to build your walls will come; on that Day, the boundaries will be widely extended.
Mic 7:12 On that Day, your people will come to you from Assyria and the cities in Egypt, from Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates, from sea to sea, and from mountain to mountain.
Mic 7:13 Those lands will be abandoned because of the people who are living there now, because of the fruit of their actions.
Mic 7:14 Shepherd your people with your trekking pole, the flock of your inheritance. They live alone in a forest, in the midst of Carmel. Let them graze in Bashan and Gilead like in the old days.

Mic 7:15 As in the days when you came out of the land of Egypt, I will show them wonders.
Mic 7:16 The ethnicities will see and be ashamed of all their power. They will put their hands on their mouths; their ears will be deaf.
Mic 7:17 They will lick the dust like a snake, like creatures that crawl on the earth. They will come out of their dens with fear; they will come with fear to you, Yehowah our Divine One, and they will be afraid because of you.
Mic 7:18 Who is an Almighty like you, you who take away sin, you who pass over the transgression of the remnant of your inheritance? You do not keep your anger forever, because you love to show us your covenant faithfulness.
Mic 7:19 You will again have compassion on us; you will trample our iniquities under your feet. You will throw all our sins into the depths of the sea.
Mic 7:20 You will give truth to Jacob and covenant faithfulness to Abraham, as you swore to our ancestors in ancient days.

Book of Nahum

Nahum Chapter 1

Nah 1:1 The declaration about Nineveh. The Book of the Vision of Nahum, the Elkoshite.
Nah 1:2 Yehowah is a jealous Almighty and avenges; Yehowah avenges and is full of wrath; Yehowah takes vengeance on his adversaries, and he continues his anger for his enemies.
Nah 1:3 Yehowah is slow to anger and great in power; he will by no means declare his enemies innocent. Yehowah makes his way in the whirlwind and the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.
Nah 1:4 He rebukes the sea and makes it dry; he dries up all the rivers. Bashan is weak and Carmel also; the flowers of Lebanon are weak.
Nah 1:5 The mountains shake in his presence, and the hills melt; the earth collapses in his presence, indeed, the globe and all people who live on it.
Nah 1:6 Who can stand before his wrath? Who can resist the fierceness of his anger? His wrath is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken apart by him.
Nah 1:7 Yehowah is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he is faithful to those who take refuge in him.
Nah 1:8 But he will make a full end of his enemies with an overwhelming flood; he will pursue them into darkness.
Nah 1:9 What are you people plotting against Yehowah? He will make a full end of it; trouble will not rise up a second time.
Nah 1:10 For they will become tangled up like thorn bushes; they will be saturated in their own drink; they will be completely devoured by fire like dry stubble.
Nah 1:11 Someone arose among you, Nineveh, who planned evil against Yehowah, someone who promoted wickedness.
Nah 1:12 This is what Yehowah declares, “Even if they are at their full strength and full numbers, they will nevertheless be sheared; their people will be no more. But you, Judah: Though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you no more.
Nah 1:13 Now will I break that people’s yoke from off you; I will break your chains.”
Nah 1:14 Yehowah has given a command about you, Nineveh: “There will be no more descendants bearing your name. I will cut off the carved figures and the cast metal figures from the houses of your deities. I will dig your graves, for you are contemptible.”

Nah 1:15 Look, on the mountains there are the feet of someone who is bringing the good news, who is announcing peace! Celebrate my pilgrimage feasts, Judah, and keep your vows, for the wicked one will invade you no more; he is completely cut off.

Nahum Chapter 2

Nah 2:1 The one who will dash you to pieces is coming up against you. Man the city walls, guard the roads, make yourselves strong, assemble your armed forces.
Nah 2:2 For Yehowah is restoring the majesty of Jacob, like the majesty of Israel, although the plunderers devastated them and destroyed their vine branches.
Nah 2:3 The shields of his mighty men are red, and the courageous men are clothed in scarlet; the chariots flash with their metal on the day that they are made ready, and the cypress spears are waved in the air.
Nah 2:4 The chariots speed through the streets; they rush back and forth in the wide streets. They look like torches, and they run like lightning.
Nah 2:5 The one who will dash you to pieces calls his officers; they stumble over each other in their march; they hurry to attack the city wall. The large shield is made ready to protect these attackers.
Nah 2:6 The sluicegates at the rivers are forced open, and the palace falls to ruins.
Nah 2:7 Huzzab is stripped of her clothes and is taken away; her female servants moan like doves, beating on their breasts.
Nah 2:8 Nineveh is like a leaking pool of water, with its people fleeing away like rushing water. Others shout, “Stop, stop!” But no one looks back.
Nah 2:9 Take the silver plunder, take the gold plunder, for there is no end to it, to the splendor of all Nineveh’s beautiful things.
Nah 2:10 Nineveh is empty and ruined. Everyone’s heart melts, everyone’s knees strike together, and anguish is in everyone; their faces are all pale.
Nah 2:11 Where now is the lion’s den, the place where the young lion cubs feed, the place where the lion and lioness walked, with the cubs, where they were afraid of nothing?
Nah 2:12 The lion tore his victims to pieces for his cubs; he strangled victims for his lionesses, and filled his cave with victims, his dens with torn carrion.
Nah 2:13 “See, I am against you,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces. “I will burn your chariots in the smoke, and the sword will devour your young lions. I will cut off your plunder from your land, and the voices of your messengers will be heard no more.”

Nahum Chapter 3

Nah 3:1 Woe to the city full of blood! It is all full of lies and stolen property; victims are always in her.
Nah 3:2 But now there is the noise of whips and the sound of rattling wheels, prancing horses, and bounding chariots.
Nah 3:3 There are attacking cavalry, flashing swords, glittering spears, heaps of corpses, great piles of bodies. There is no end to the bodies; their attackers stumble over them.
Nah 3:4 This is happening because of the lustful actions of the beautiful prostitute, the expert in witchcraft, who sells ethnicities through her prostitution, and people through her acts of witchcraft.
Nah 3:5 “See, I am against you,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, “I will raise up your skirt over your face and show your private parts to the ethnicities, your shame to the kingdoms.
Nah 3:6 I will throw disgusting filth on you and make you vile; I will make you someone that everyone will look at.
Nah 3:7 It will come about that everyone who looks at you will flee from you, and ask, ‘Nineveh is destroyed; who will weep for her?’ Where can I find anyone to comfort you?”
Nah 3:8 Nineveh, are you better than Thebes (modern Luxor), that was built on the Nile River, that had water around her, whose defense was the ocean, whose wall was the sea itself?
Nah 3:9 Cush and Egypt were her strength, and there was no end to it; Put and Libya were allies to her.
Nah 3:10 Yet Thebes was carried away; she went into captivity; her young children were dashed in pieces at the head of every street; her enemies threw lots for her honorable men, and all her great men were bound in chains.
Nah 3:11 You also will become drunk; you will try to hide, and you will also look for a refuge from your enemy.
Nah 3:12 All your fortresses will be like fig trees with the earliest ripe figs: If they are shaken, they fall into the mouth of the eater.
Nah 3:13 See, the people among you are women; the gates of your land have been opened wide to your enemies; fire has devoured their bars.
Nah 3:14 Go draw water for the siege; strengthen your fortresses; go into the clay and tread the mortar; pick up the molds for the bricks.
Nah 3:15 Fire will devour you there, and the sword will destroy you. It will devour you as young locusts devour everything. Make yourselves as many as the young locusts, as many as the full-grown locusts.

Nah 3:16 You have multiplied your merchants more than the stars in the heavens; but they are like young locusts: They plunder the land and then fly away.
Nah 3:17 Your princes are as many as the full-grown locusts, and your generals are like swarms of them that camp in the walls on a cold day. But when the sun rises, they fly away to no one knows where.
Nah 3:18 King of Assyria, your shepherds are asleep; your rulers are lying down resting. Your people are scattered on the mountains, and there is no one to gather them.
Nah 3:19 No healing is possible for your wounds. Your wounds are severe. Everyone who hears the news about you will clap their hands in joy over you. Who has escaped your constant wickedness?

Book of Habakkuk

Habakkuk Chapter 1

Hab 1:1 The message that Habakkuk the prophet received,
Hab 1:2 “Yehowah, how long will I cry for help, and you will not hear? I have cried out to you in horror, ‘Violence!’ But you will not save me.
Hab 1:3 Why do you make me see iniquity and look upon wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and contention rises up.
Hab 1:4 Therefore, the law is weakened, and justice does not last for any time. For the wicked surround the righteous; therefore false justice goes out.”
Yehowah replies to Habakkuk,
Hab 1:5 “Look at the ethnicities and examine them; be amazed and astonished! For I am surely about to do something in your days that you will not believe when it is reported to you.
Hab 1:6 For look! I am about to raise up the Chaldeans, that fierce and impetuous ethnicity, they are marching throughout the breadth of the land to seize homes that were not their own.
Hab 1:7 They are terrifying and fearsome; their judgment and splendor proceed from themselves.
Hab 1:8 Their horses also are swifter than leopards, quicker than cheetahs at dusk. So their horses stamp, and their cavalry come from a great distance, they fly like an eagle hurrying to eat.
Hab 1:9 They all come for violence; their multitudes go like the desert wind, and they gather captives like sand.
Hab 1:10 So they mock kings, and rulers are only a mockery for them. They laugh at every stronghold, for they heap up earth and take them.
Hab 1:11 Then the wind will rush on; it will move past, guilty men, those whose might is their deity.” Habakkuk asks Yehowah another question,
Hab 1:12 “Are you not from ancient times, Yehowah my Divine One, my Set-apart One? We will not die. Yehowah has ordained them for judgment, and you, Rock, have established them for correction.
Hab 1:13 Your eyes are too pure to gaze upon evil, and you are not able to look on wrongdoing with grace; why then have you looked favorably on those who betray? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than they are?
Hab 1:14 You make men like fish in the sea, like creeping things without a ruler over them.

Hab 1:15 They bring up all of them with fishhooks; they drag men away in fishnets and gather them in their net. This is why they rejoice and shout exuberantly!
Hab 1:16 Therefore, they sacrifice to their fishing nets and burn incense to their net, for fattened beasts are their portion, and the fatty meat is their food.
Hab 1:17 Will they therefore empty their fishing nets and continue to slaughter the ethnicities, feeling no compassion?”

Habakkuk Chapter 2

Hab 2:1 I will stand at my guard post and station myself on the watchtower, and I will watch carefully to see what he will say to me, and how I should turn from my complaint.
Hab 2:2 Yehowah answered me, “Record this vision, and write legibly on the tablets, so that the one reading them might run.
Hab 2:3 For the vision is yet for a future appointment calendar time and will finally speak and not fail. Though he postpones, wait for him. For he will surely come and will not delay.
Hab 2:4 Look! The one whose desires are not right within him is puffed-up. But the righteous will live by his faith.
Hab 2:5 For wine is a betrayer of the arrogant young man, so that he will not abide, but enlarges his desire like the grave, and like death, is never satisfied. He gathers to himself every ethnicity and gathers up for himself all of the people.
Hab 2:6 Will not all these create a saying to ridicule him and a taunting song about him, ‘Woe to the one increasing what is not his! For how long will you increase the weight of the pledges you have taken?’
Hab 2:7 Will the ones biting at you not rise up suddenly, and the ones terrifying you awaken? You will become a victim for them.
Hab 2:8 Because you have plundered many ethnicities, all the remnant of the people will plunder you. For you have shed human blood and acted with violence against the land, the cities, and all who live in them.
Hab 2:9 ‘Woe to the one who carves out evil gains for his household, so he can set his nest on high to keep himself safe from the hand of evil.’
Hab 2:10 You have devised shame for your household by cutting off many people and have sinned against yourself.
Hab 2:11 For the stones will cry out from the wall, and the rafters of timber will answer them,
Hab 2:12 ‘Woe to the one who builds a city with blood, and who establishes a town in iniquity.’
Hab 2:13 Is it not from Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces that people labor for fire, and all the ethnicities weary themselves for nothing?
Hab 2:14 Yet the land will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Yehowah as the waters cover the sea.
Hab 2:15 ‘Woe to the one making his neighbor drink, you who add your poison, until you make them drunk, so you can look on their nakedness.’
Hab 2:16 You will be gorged with shame rather than glory. Drink of it also and reveal your own nakedness. The cup of the right hand of Yehowah will come in its turn to you, and disgrace will cover your honor.

Hab 2:17 The violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you, and the destruction of animals will terrify you. For you have shed human blood, and you have acted with violence against the land, the cities, and all who live in them.
Hab 2:18 What does the carved figure profit you? For the one who has carved it, or who casts a figure from molten metal, is a teacher of lies; for he trusts his own handiwork when he makes these mute deities.
Hab 2:19 ‘Woe to the one saying to the wood, “Wake up!” Or to the silent stone, “Arise!”’ Do these things teach? See, it is overlaid with gold and silver, but there is no breath at all within it.
Hab 2:20 But Yehowah is in his set-apart temple! Be silent before him all the earth.”

Habakkuk Chapter 3

Hab 3:1 The prayer of Habakkuk the prophet: with a song.
Hab 3:2 Yehowah, I have heard your report, and I am afraid. Yehowah, revive your work in the midst of these times; in the midst of these times make it known; remember to have compassion in your wrath.
Hab 3:3 The Almighty came from Teman, and the Set-apart One from Mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.
Hab 3:4 The two rays of his hand were as bright as lightning, where his strength was hidden.
Hab 3:5 Deadly disease went before him, and plague went after his feet.
Hab 3:6 He stood and measured the earth; he looked and shook the ethnicities. Even the eternal mountains were shattered, and the everlasting hills bowed down. His Path is eternal.
Hab 3:7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction, and the fabric of the tents in the land of Midian trembling.
Hab 3:8 Was Yehowah angry at the rivers? Was your wrath against the rivers, or your fury against the sea, when you rode upon your horses and your chariots of salvation?
Hab 3:9 You have brought out your bow without a cover; you put arrows to your bow! Selah. You divided the earth with rivers.
Hab 3:10 The mountains saw you and twisted in pain. Downpours of water passed over them; the deep sea raised a shout. It lifted up its waves.
Hab 3:11 The sun and moon stood still above in their high places, at the light of your arrows they flew, at the brightness of the lightning flash of your spear.
Hab 3:12 You have marched over the earth with indignation. In wrath you have threshed the ethnicities.
Hab 3:13 You went out for the salvation of your people, for the deliverance of your anointed one. You shatter the head of the household of the wicked to expose the base of the neck. Selah.
Hab 3:14 You have pierced the head of his warriors with his own arrows, since they came like a storm to scatter us, their gloating was like one who devours the poor in a hiding place.
Hab 3:15 You have traveled over the sea with your horses and heaped up the great waters.
Hab 3:16 I heard, and my inner parts trembled! My lips quivered at the sound. Decay comes into my bones, and I tremble within myself as I wait quietly for the day of distress to come upon the people who invade us.
Hab 3:17 Though the fig tree does not bud, and there is no produce from the vines; and though the produce of the olive tree disappoints, and the fields yield

no food; and though the flock is cut off from the fold, and there is no cattle in the stalls, this is what I will do:
Hab 3:18 Still, I will rejoice in Yehowah! I will be joyful because of the Mighty One of my salvation!
Hab 3:19 Lord Yehowah is my strength, and he makes my feet like the deer's. He makes me go forward on my high places. To the music director, on my stringed instruments.

Book of Zephaniah

Zephaniah Chapter 1

Zep 1:1 This is the Word of Yehowah that came to Zephaniah (Tsephanyah) son of Cushi son of Gedaliah son of Amariah son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah son of Amon, king of Judah.
Zep 1:2 “I will utterly destroy everything from off the surface of the earth,” declares Yehowah.
Zep 1:3 “I will destroy man and beast; I will destroy the birds of the sky and the fish of the sea, the stumbling blocks along with the wicked. For I will cut off mankind from the surface of the earth,” declares Yehowah.
Zep 1:4 “I will reach out with my hand over Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem. I will cut off every remnant of Baal from this place and the names of the idolatrous priests with the priests,
Zep 1:5 the people who on the housetops worship the heavenly bodies, and the people who worship and swear to Yehowah, but who also swear by their king, Milcom.
Zep 1:6 I will also cut off those who have turned away from following Yehowah, those who neither seek Yehowah nor ask for his guidance.”
Zep 1:7 Be silent before Lord Yehowah! For the Day of Yehowah is near; Yehowah has prepared the sacrifice and set apart his guests.
Zep 1:8 “It will come about on the Day of the sacrifice of Yehowah, that I will punish the princes and the king’s sons, and everyone dressed in outlandish clothes (Deut. 22:5).
Zep 1:9 On that Day, I will punish all those who leap over the threshold, those who fill their master’s house with violence and deceit.
Zep 1:10 So it will be on that Day,” declares Yehowah, “that a cry of distress will come from the Fish Gate, wailing from the Second District, and a great crashing sound from the hills.
Zep 1:11 Wail, inhabitants of the Market District, for all the merchants will be ruined; all those who weigh out silver-currency will be cut off.
Zep 1:12 It will come about at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish the men who have settled into their wine, and say in their heart, ‘Yehowah will not do anything, either good or evil.’
Zep 1:13 Their wealth will become plunder, and their houses will be an abandoned devastation! They will build houses but not live in them, and plant vineyards but not drink their wine.

Zep 1:14 The great Day of Yehowah is near, near and hurrying quickly! The sound of the Day of Yehowah will be that of a warrior crying bitterly!
Zep 1:15 That Day will be a Day of fury, a Day of distress and anguish, a Day of storm and devastation, a Day of darkness and gloom, a Day of clouds and thick darkness.
Zep 1:16 It will be a Day of trumpets and alarms against the fortified cities and the high battlements.
Zep 1:17 For I will bring distress upon mankind, so that they will walk about like blind men, since they have sinned against Yehowah. Their blood will be poured out like dust and their inner parts like dung.
Zep 1:18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the Day of the fury of Yehowah. In the fire of his jealousy the whole earth will be consumed, for he will bring a complete and terrible end of all the inhabitants of the earth.”

Zephaniah Chapter 2

Zep 2:1 Rally yourselves together and gather, unashamed nation,
Zep 2:2 before the decree takes effect, and that Day passes like the chaff, before the fierce anger of the wrath of Yehowah comes upon you, before the Day of the wrath of Yehowah comes upon you.
Zep 2:3 Seek Yehowah, all you humble people on earth who obey his decrees! Seek righteousness. Seek humility, and perhaps you will be protected in the Day of the wrath of Yehowah.
Zep 2:4 For Gaza will be abandoned, and Ashkelon will turn into a devastation. They will drive out Ashdod at noon, and they will uproot Ekron!
Zep 2:5 Woe to the inhabitants of the seacoast, the nation of the Cherethites (Cretans)! Yehowah has spoken against you, Canaan, land of the Philistines. I will destroy you, until no inhabitant remains.
Zep 2:6 So the seacoast will become pastures for shepherds and for sheep pens.
Zep 2:7 The coastal region will belong to the remnant of the house of Judah, who will shepherd their flocks there. Their people will lie down at dusk in the houses of Ashkelon, for Yehowah their Divine One will care for them and restore their fortunes.
Zep 2:8 “I have heard the taunts of Moab and the reviling of the people of Ammon, when they taunted my people and violated their borders.
Zep 2:9 Therefore, as I live,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, Mighty One of Israel, “Moab will become like Sodom, and the people of Ammon like Gomorrah; a place of nettles and a salt pit, deserted forever. But the remnant of my people will plunder them, and the remainder of my nation will take possession of them.
Zep 2:10 This will happen to Moab and Ammon because of their pride, since they taunted and mocked the people of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Zep 2:11 Then they will fear Yehowah, for he will emaciate all the deities of the earth. Everyone will worship him, everyone from his own place, from every seashore of the ethnicities.
Zep 2:12 You Cushites also will be pierced by my sword,
Zep 2:13 and his outstretched hand will attack the north and destroy Assyria, so that Nineveh will become an abandoned devastation, as dry as the desert.
Zep 2:14 Then herds will lie down there, every animal of the ethnicities, both the desert owl and the hedgehog will rest in the top of her columns. A call will sing out from the windows; rubble will be in the doorways; her carved cedar beams will be exposed.

Zep 2:15 This is the exultant city that lived without fear, that said in her heart, “I am, and nothing is my equal.” How she has become a horror, a place for beasts to lie down in. Every one that passes by her will whistle and shake his fist at her.”

Zephaniah Chapter 3

Zep 3:1 Woe to the rebellious city! The violent city is defiled.
Zep 3:2 She has not listened to the voice of Yehowah, nor accepted correction from Yehowah. She does not trust in Yehowah and will not approach her Divine One.
Zep 3:3 Her princes are roaring lions in her midst. Her judges are cheetahs at dusk, who leave nothing to be gnawed upon at dawn.
Zep 3:4 Her prophets are insolent and treasonous men. Her priests have profaned what is set-apart and have done violence to the law.
Zep 3:5 Yehowah is righteous in her midst. He can do no wrong. Morning by morning he will dispense his justice! It will not be hidden in the light, yet unrighteous people know no shame.
Zep 3:6 “I have destroyed ethnicities; their fortresses are ruined. I have made their streets ruins, so that no one passes over them. Their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man inhabiting them.
Zep 3:7 I said, ‘Surely you will fear me. Accept correction and do not be cut off from your homes by all that I have planned to do to you.’ But they were eager to begin each morning by corrupting all their deeds.
Zep 3:8 Therefore, wait for me,” declares Yehowah, “until the Day that I rise up for the victim. For my decision is to gather the ethnicities, to assemble the kingdoms, and to pour out upon them my anger, all my fierce wrath, so that all the land will be devoured by the fire of my jealousy.
Zep 3:9 But then I will return a pure language to the people, to call all of them in the name of Yehowah to serve me standing shoulder to shoulder (Zech. 8:23).
Zep 3:10 From beyond the river of Cush my worshipers, my scattered people, will bring offerings due me.
Zep 3:11 In that Day, you will not be put to shame for all your deeds that you committed against me, since at that Time, I will remove from among you those who celebrated your pride, and because you will no longer act arrogantly on my set-apart mountain.
Zep 3:12 But I will leave in your midst a lowly and poor people, and they will take refuge in the name of Yehowah.
Zep 3:13 The remnant of Israel will no longer commit injustice or speak lies, and no deceitful tongue will be found in their mouth; so they will graze and lie down, and no one will make them afraid.”
Zep 3:14 Sing, daughter of Zion! Shout, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem!

Zep 3:15 Yehowah has taken away your punishment; he has driven out your enemies! Yehowah is the king of Israel among you. You will never again fear evil!
Zep 3:16 In that Day, they will say to Jerusalem, “Do not fear, Zion. Do not let your hands falter.
Zep 3:17 Yehowah your Divine One is among you, a Chief to save you. He will celebrate over you, and with joy he will refresh you in his love. He will be glad over you, and he will shout for joy,
Zep 3:18 as on the day of the appointment calendar festival! I will take away disaster from you; you will no longer bear any shame for it.
Zep 3:19 Behold, I am about to deal with all your oppressors. At that Time, I will rescue the lame and gather up the outcast. I will make them as praise, and I will change their shame into renown in all the earth.
Zep 3:20 At that Time, I will lead you; at that Time, I will gather you together. I will make all the ethnicities of the earth respect and praise you, when you see that I restored you,” declares Yehowah.

Book of Haggai

Haggai Chapter 1

Hag 1:1 In the second year of King Darius I, Hystaspes (c. 520 BC), on the first day of the sixth month, the Word of Yehowah came by the hand of Haggai the prophet to the governor of Judah, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and to the high priest Joshua son of Jehozadak,
Hag 1:2 “Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces declares this: These people say, ‘It is not time for us to come or to build the temple of Yehowah.’”
Hag 1:3 Then the Word of Yehowah came by the hand of Haggai the prophet,
Hag 1:4 “Is it a time for you yourselves to live in your finished houses, while this temple lies ruined?
Hag 1:5 So now Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces declares this: Consider your ways!
Hag 1:6 You have sown much seed, but bring in little harvest; you eat but do not have enough; you drink but cannot get drunk. You wear clothes but cannot warm yourselves, and the wage earner earns silver only to put it into a moneybag full of holes!
Hag 1:7 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces declares this: Consider your ways!
Hag 1:8 Go up to the mountain, bring timber and build my temple; then I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified!” declares Yehowah.
Hag 1:9 “You looked for much, but behold! You have brought little home, for I blew it away! Why?” asks Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces. “Because my temple lies in ruins, while every man takes pleasure in his own house.
Hag 1:10 Because of this, the heavens withhold the dew from you, and the earth withholds its produce.
Hag 1:11 I have summoned a drought upon the land and upon the mountains, upon the grain and upon the new wine, upon the oil and upon the harvest of the earth, upon men and upon beasts, and upon all the labor of your hands!”
Hag 1:12 Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and the high priest Joshua son of Jehozadak, along with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of Yehowah their Divine One and the words of Haggai the prophet, because Yehowah their Divine One had sent him, and the people feared the face of Yehowah.
Hag 1:13 Then Haggai, the messenger of Yehowah, spoke the message of Yehowah to the people, “I am with you!” Yehowah declares.

Hag 1:14 So Yehowah stirred up the spirit of the governor of Judah, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and the spirit of the high priest Joshua son of Jehozadak, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people, so that they went and worked on the temple of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, their Divine One,
Hag 1:15 on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of King Darius (c. 520 BC).

Haggai Chapter 2

Hag 2:1 On the twenty-first of the seventh month, the Word of Yehowah came by the hand of Haggai the prophet,
Hag 2:2 “Speak to the governor of Judah, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and to the high priest Joshua son of Jehozadak, and to the remnant of the people.
Hag 2:3 Ask, ‘Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not like nothing in your eyes?’
Hag 2:4 Now be strong, Zerubbabel!” declares Yehowah, “and be strong, high priest Joshua son of Jehozadak; and be strong, all you people in the land!” declares Yehowah, “and work, for I am with you!” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Hag 2:5 “By the promises contained in the covenant that I established with you when you came out of Egypt and my Ruach standing among you, do not fear!
Hag 2:6 For Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces declares this: In a little while, I will once again shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land!
Hag 2:7 I will shake every ethnicity, and every ethnicity will bring their precious things to me, and I will fill this temple with glory,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Hag 2:8 “The silver and gold are mine!” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Hag 2:9 “The glory of this temple will be greater in the future than at the beginning,” says Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, “and I will give peace in this place!” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Hag 2:10 On the twenty-fourth of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius I, Hystaspes (c. 520 BC), the Word of Yehowah came by Haggai the prophet,
Hag 2:11 “Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces says this: Ask the priests concerning the law,
Hag 2:12 ‘If a man carries meat that is set apart to Yehowah in the folds of his garment, and if he touches bread or stew, wine or oil, or any other food with his fold, does that food become set apart?’” The priests answered, “No.”
Hag 2:13 Then Haggai asked, “If someone who is unclean because of death touches any of these things, do they become unclean?” The priests answered, “Yes, they become unclean.”
Hag 2:14 So Haggai answered, “So it is with this people and this nation before me!” declares Yehowah. “And so it is with everything done by their hands: What they offer to me is unclean.
Hag 2:15 So now, think in your minds about the past leading up to this day. Before a stone was laid in the temple of Yehowah,

Hag 2:16 how was it then? When one came to a heap of grain expecting twenty measures, but there were only ten. When one came to the wine vat to draw out fifty measures, but there were only twenty?
Hag 2:17 I afflicted you and all the work of your hands with blight and mildew, but you still did not turn to me," declares Yehowah.
Hag 2:18 "Consider from this day forward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, from the day that the foundation of the temple of Yehowah was laid (c. 520 BC). Consider it!
Hag 2:19 Is there still seed in the storehouse? The vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have not produced! But from this day will I bless you!"
Hag 2:20 Then the Word of Yehowah came a second time to Haggai on the twenty-fourth of the month,
Hag 2:21 "Speak to the governor of Judah, Zerubbabel, 'I will shake the heavens and the earth.
Hag 2:22 For I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms and destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the ethnicities! I will overthrow the chariots and their riders; the cavalry will fall down, each one because of his brother's sword.
Hag 2:23 On that day,' declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, 'I will take you, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, as my servant,' declares Yehowah. 'I will set you like the seal on my ring, for it is you that I have chosen!'" declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.

Book of Zechariah

Zechariah Chapter 1

Zec 1:1 In the eighth month of the second year of Darius' reign (Darius I, Hystaspes, c. 520 BC), the Word of Yehowah came to Zechariah (Zekaryah) son of Berechiah son of Iddo, the prophet,
Zec 1:2 "Yehowah was exceedingly angry with your fathers!
Zec 1:3 Say to them, 'Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces says this: Turn to me!' declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, 'and I will return to you,' says Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Zec 1:4 'Do not be like your fathers to whom the prophets cried out previously, "Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces says this: Turn from your evil ways and wicked practices!" But they would not hear and did not pay attention to me,' declares Yehowah.
Zec 1:5 Your fathers, where are they? Where are the prophets, are they here forever?
Zec 1:6 But my words and my decrees that I commanded my servants the prophets, have they not overtaken your fathers? So they repented and said, 'Just as Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces planned to do to us what our ways and actions deserved, so he has dealt with us.'"
Zec 1:7 On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month of Shebat, in the second year of Darius' reign (c. 519 BC), the Word of Yehowah came to Zechariah son of Berechiah, son of Iddo the prophet,
Zec 1:8 "I saw in the night, and look! A man was riding on a red horse, and he was among the myrtle trees that are in the valley; and behind him there were red, sorrel, and white horses" (Zech. 6:3, 6; Rev. 6:8).
Zec 1:9 I asked, "What are these things, Lord?" Then the angel who talked with me said to me, "I will show you what these things are."
Zec 1:10 Then the man who stood among the myrtle trees answered, "These are those Yehowah has sent out to roam throughout the earth."
Zec 1:11 They answered the angel of Yehowah who stood among the myrtle trees, "We have been roaming throughout the earth; see, all the earth sits still and is at rest."
Zec 1:12 Then the angel of Yehowah asked, "Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, how long will you show no compassion to Jerusalem, and to the cities of Judah that have suffered indignation these seventy years?"

Zec 1:13 Yehowah answered the angel who had talked with me, with good words, words of comfort.
Zec 1:14 So the angel who had talked with me said to me, “Call out, ‘Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces declares this: I have been zealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great passion!
Zec 1:15 I am extremely angry with the ethnicities that are at ease. When I was only a little angry with them, they made the disaster worse.
Zec 1:16 Therefore, Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces says this: I have returned to Jerusalem with mercy. My temple will be built within her,’ declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, ‘and the measuring line will be stretched out over Jerusalem!’
Zec 1:17 Again call out, ‘Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces declares this: My cities will once again overflow with goodness, and Yehowah will again comfort Zion, and he will once again choose Jerusalem!’”
Zec 1:18 Then I lifted up my eyes and saw four horns!
Zec 1:19 I asked the angel who talked with me, “What are these?” He answered me, “These are the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.”
Zec 1:20 Then Yehowah showed me four craftsmen.
Zec 1:21 I asked, “What are these people coming to do?” He answered, “These are the horns that scattered Judah, so that no man would lift up his head. But these people are coming to drive them out, to cast down the horns of the ethnicities that lifted up any horn against the land of Judah to scatter her.”

Zechariah Chapter 2

Zec 2:1 Next, I lifted up my eyes and saw a man with a measuring line in his hand.
Zec 2:2 I asked, “Where are you going?” So he answered me, “To measure Jerusalem, to determine its width and length.”
Zec 2:3 Then the angel who had talked with me went away, and another angel went out to meet him.
Zec 2:4 The second angel said to him, “Run and speak to that young man, ‘Jerusalem will sit in the open country because of the multitudes of men and beasts within her.
Zec 2:5 For I,’ declares Yehowah, ‘will become for her a wall of fire around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.
Zec 2:6 Up! Up! Flee from the land of the north,’ declares Yehowah, ‘for I have scattered you like the four winds of the skies!’ declares Yehowah.
Zec 2:7 ‘Up! Escape to Zion, you who live with the daughter of Babylon!’”
Zec 2:8 For after Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces honored me, he sent me against the ethnicities that plundered you, for whoever touches you, touches the apple of his eye.
Zec 2:9 He declared, “I myself will shake my hand over them, and they will be plunder for their slaves.” Then you will know that Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces has sent me.
Zec 2:10 “Sing for joy, daughter of Zion, for I myself am about to come and encamp among you!” declares Yehowah.
Zec 2:11 Then great ethnicities will join themselves to Yehowah in that Day. He prophesies, “Then you will become my people; for I will encamp in the midst of you,” and you will know that Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces has sent me to you.
Zec 2:12 For Yehowah will inherit Judah as his rightful possession in the set-apart land and will once again choose Jerusalem for himself.
Zec 2:13 Be silent, all flesh, before Yehowah, for he has been roused from out of his Set-apart Place!

Zechariah Chapter 3

Zec 3:1 Then Yehowah showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of Yehowah, and Satan was standing at his right hand to accuse him of sin.
Zec 3:2 The angel of Yehowah said to Satan, “May Yehowah rebuke you, Satan; may Yehowah, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is this not a brand pulled from the fire?”
Zec 3:3 Joshua was dressed in filthy garments as he stood before the angel.
Zec 3:4 The angel spoke and ordered those who stood before him, “Remove the filthy garments from upon him.” Then he said to Joshua, “Look! I have caused your iniquity to pass from you, and I will dress you in fine clothing.”
Zec 3:5 He said, “Let them put a clean turban on his head!” So they set a clean turban on Joshua’s head and clothed him with clean garments, while the angel of Yehowah was standing by.
Zec 3:6 Next, the angel of Yehowah solemnly commanded Joshua,
Zec 3:7 “Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces declares this: If you will walk in my Ways, and if you will keep my commandments, then you will govern my temple and guard my courts, for I will allow you to go and come among these who stand before me.
Zec 3:8 Listen, Joshua the high priest, you and your companions who live with you! For these men are a sign, for I myself will bring up my servant the Branch.
Zec 3:9 Now look at the stone that I have set before Joshua. There are seven facets on this single stone, and I will engrave an inscription,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, “and I will remove the sin from this land in one day (Rev. 2:17).
Zec 3:10 In that Day,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, “each man will invite his neighbor to sit under his vine and under his fig tree.”

Zechariah Chapter 4

Zec 4:1 Then the angel who was talking with me turned and roused me like a man roused from his sleep.
Zec 4:2 He asked me, “What do you see?” I answered, “I see a menorah made entirely of gold, with a bowl on its top. It has seven lamps on it and seven lamp wicks at the top of each lamp.
Zec 4:3 Two olive trees are by it, one on the right side of the bowl and the other on the left side.”
Zec 4:4 So I spoke again to the angel who was talking with me. I asked, “What do these things mean, my master?”
Zec 4:5 The angel who was talking with me asked me, “Do you not know what these things mean?” I answered, “No, my master.”
Zec 4:6 So he explained to me, “This is the Word of Yehowah to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Ruach,” says Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Zec 4:7 “What are you, great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain, and he will bring out the top stone to shouts of ‘Grace! Grace!’ to it.”
Zec 4:8 The Word of Yehowah came to me,
Zec 4:9 “The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple, and his hands will bring it to completion. Then you will know that Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces has sent me to you.
Zec 4:10 Who has despised the day of small things? These people will rejoice and will see the plumb bob in the hand of Zerubbabel. These seven lamps are the eyes of Yehowah that roam over the whole earth.”
Zec 4:11 Then I asked the angel, “What are these two olive trees that stand on the left and the right of the menorah?”
Zec 4:12 Once more I asked him, “What are these two olive branches beside the two gold pipes that have golden oil pouring out of them” (Rom. 11:17; Jer. 11:16)?
Zec 4:13 Then he asked me, “Do you not know what these are?” I answered, “No, my master.”
Zec 4:14 So he answered, “These are the two sons of fresh olive oil who stand before the Lord of all the earth” (Rev. 11:4).

Zechariah Chapter 5

Zec 5:1 Then I turned and lifted my eyes, and I saw, behold, a flying roll!
Zec 5:2 The angel asked me, “What do you see?” I answered, “I see a flying roll, ten meters long and one and one-half meters wide.”
Zec 5:3 Then he declared to me, “This is the curse that goes out over the surface of the whole land, for every thief will be cut off from now on based on what it says on the one side, while everyone who swears a false oath will be cut off based on what it says on the other side, according to their words.
Zec 5:4 “I will send it out,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, “so it will enter into the house of the thief and into the house of the one that swears falsely by my name. This flying roll will destroy entire buildings, consuming timber and stones, and a deadly residue will remain.”
Zec 5:5 Then the angel who was speaking with me went out and ordered me, “Raise your eyes and see what is coming!”
Zec 5:6 I asked, “What is it?” He answered, “This is a flying container. This is what they look like in the whole land.”
Zec 5:7 Then I saw a round weight of lead, and inside the lead was a fire offering!
Zec 5:8 The angel proclaimed, “This is a wicked fire offering!” The lead weight and the wicked fire offering were put back in the container and covered.
Zec 5:9 Then I saw another container coming toward me, and it had wind in its wings, for it had wings like a stork’s wings. It had two fires coming out of it. It lifted the first container with the wicked fire offering and carried it up between earth and the heavens.
Zec 5:10 So I asked the angel who was talking to me, “Where are they taking the container with the wicked fire offering?”
Zec 5:11 He answered me, “To build a housing for it in the land of Shinar, then the container will be set there on its prepared base” (Dan. 12:11).

Zechariah Chapter 6

Zec 6:1 Then I turned and lifted my eyes, and I saw four chariots coming out from between two mountains; and the two mountains were made of bronze.
Zec 6:2 The first chariot had red horses, the second chariot had black horses,
Zec 6:3 the third chariot had white horses, and the fourth chariot had pinto horses (Rev. 6:8; Zech 1:8).
Zec 6:4 So I answered and asked the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my master?"
Zec 6:5 The angel answered me, "These are the four spirits of Heaven that go out from the place where they were standing before the Lord of all the earth.
Zec 6:6 The one with the black horses is going out to the north country; the white horses are going out to the west country; and the pintos are going out to the south country."
Zec 6:7 The red horses went out and sought to go and roam over the earth, so the angel ordered, "Go and roam over the earth!" And they left for all the earth.
Zec 6:8 Then he called out to me, "Look at the ones that are going out to the north country; they will appease my Ruach concerning the north country!"
Zec 6:9 So the Word of Yehowah came to me,
Zec 6:10 "Collect an offering from the exiles, from Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah, and go this same day and take it into the house of Josiah son of Zephaniah, who has come from Babylon.
Zec 6:11 Then take the silver and gold, make a crown and set it upon the head of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest (Ezra 3:2).
Zec 6:12 Speak to him, 'Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces declares this: See the Man, whose name is Branch! He will grow up where he is and will then build the temple of Yehowah!
Zec 6:13 It is he who will build the temple of Yehowah and will raise up its splendor; then he will sit and rule on his throne. He will be a Priest upon his throne, and the understanding of peace will exist between the two.
Zec 6:14 A crown will be placed in the temple of Yehowah to honor Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah and as a memorial to the generosity of the son of Zephaniah.
Zec 6:15 Then those who are far off will come and build the temple of Yehowah, so you will know that Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces has sent me to you; for this will happen, if you truly listen to the voice of Yehowah your Divine One!'"

Zechariah Chapter 7

Zec 7:1 When King Darius had been ruler for four years (c. 518 BC), on the fourth of the ninth month, Kislev, the Word of Yehowah came to Zechariah.
Zec 7:2 The people of Bethel had sent Sharezer and Regem Melech and their men to beg before the face of Yehowah.
Zec 7:3 They spoke to the priests who were at the temple of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces and to the prophets; they asked, “Should I mourn in the fifth month by means of a fast, as I have done these many years?”
Zec 7:4 So the Word of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces came to me,
Zec 7:5 “Speak to all the people of the land and to the priests, and ask, ‘When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and in the seventh month for these seventy years, were you truly fasting for me?
Zec 7:6 When you ate and drank, did you not eat and drink for yourselves?
Zec 7:7 Were these not the same words that Yehowah proclaimed by the mouth of the former prophets, when you still inhabited Jerusalem and the surrounding cities in prosperity and were settled in the Negev, and the foothills to the west?’”
Zec 7:8 The Word of Yehowah came to Zechariah,
Zec 7:9 “Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces declares this, ‘Judge with true justice, covenant faithfulness, and mercy. Let each man do this for his brother.
Zec 7:10 About the widow and orphan, the sojourning foreigner, and the poor person, do not oppress them, and let none of you plot any harm against another in your heart.’
Zec 7:11 But they refused to pay attention and set their shoulders stubbornly. They stopped up their ears, so they would not hear.
Zec 7:12 They made their hearts as hard as rock, so they would not hear the law or the words of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces. He had sent these messages to the people by his Ruach in earlier times, by the mouth of the prophets. But the people refused to listen, so Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces was extremely angry with them.
Zec 7:13 It happened that when he called, they did not listen. In the same way,” says Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, “they will call out to me, but I will not listen.
Zec 7:14 For I will scatter them with a whirlwind to all the ethnicities that they have not seen, and the land will be desolate after them. For no one will pass through the land or return to it, since the people have made their delightful land into a wasteland.”

Zechariah Chapter 8

Zec 8:1 The Word of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces came to me,
Zec 8:2 “Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces says this: I am passionate for Zion with great zeal, and I am passionate for her with great anger!
Zec 8:3 Yehowah says this: I will return to Zion and will live in the midst of Jerusalem, for Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the Mountain of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces will be called the Set-apart Mountain!
Zec 8:4 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces says this: Old men and old women will once again be in the streets of Jerusalem, and every person will need a trekking pole in his hand, because he has grown so old.
Zec 8:5 The streets of the city will be full of boys and girls playing in them.
Zec 8:6 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces asks this: If something seems impossible in the eyes of the remnant of this people in those days, should it also seem impossible in my eyes?” declares Yehowah.
Zec 8:7 “Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces says this: Behold, I am about to rescue my people from the land of the sunrise and from the land of the setting sun!
Zec 8:8 For I will bring them back, and they will live in the midst of Jerusalem, so they will again be my people, and I will be their Divine One in truth and in righteousness!
Zec 8:9 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces says this: You who now continue to hear the same words that came from the prophets’ mouths when the foundation of my temple was laid, this temple of mine, Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces: Strengthen your hands, so that the temple can be built.
Zec 8:10 For before those days, no crops were gathered in by anyone, there was no profit for either man or beast, and there was no peace from enemies for anyone going or coming. I had set every person each against his neighbor.
Zec 8:11 But now it will not be as in former days, I will be with the remnant of this people,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Zec 8:12 “For seeds of peace will be sown; the climbing vine will give its fruit, and the earth will give its produce; the skies will give their dew, for I will make the remnant of this people inherit all these things.
Zec 8:13 You were an example to the ethnicities of a curse, house of Judah and house of Israel. So I will rescue you, and you will be a blessing. Do not be afraid; let your hands be strong!
Zec 8:14 For Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces says this: Just as I planned to do harm to you when your ancestors provoked my anger,” says Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, “and did not relent,

Zec 8:15 so also I will plan in these days to do good again to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah! Do not fear!
Zec 8:16 These are the things that you must do: Speak truth, every person with his neighbor. Judge with truth, justice, and peace in your gates.
Zec 8:17 Do not plan to do evil within your heart against one another, and do not love false oaths, for these are the things I hate!" declares Yehowah.
Zec 8:18 Then the Word of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces came to me,
Zec 8:19 "Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces says this: The fasts of the fourth month, the fifth, the seventh, and the tenth will become times of joy, gladness, and happy appointment calendar festivals for the house of Judah! Therefore, love truth and peace!
Zec 8:20 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces says this: People will come again, even those who are living in many different cities.
Zec 8:21 The inhabitants of one city will go to another city and say, "Let us quickly go to beg before the face of Yehowah and to seek Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces! We ourselves are also going.
Zec 8:22 Many people and mighty ethnicities will come to seek Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces in Jerusalem and beg for the grace of Yehowah!
Zec 8:23 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces declares this: In those days, ten men from every multilingual ethnicity will grasp the tassel of a Jew's robe and say, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that the Almighty is with you'"" (Zeph. 3:9)!

Zechariah Chapter 9

Zec 9:1 This is a declaration of the Word of Yehowah concerning the land of Hadrach and Damascus. For the eye of Yehowah is on all mankind and also on all the tribes of Israel.
Zec 9:2 This declaration also concerns Hamath, which borders on Damascus, and it concerns Tyre and Sidon, though they are extremely wise.
Zec 9:3 “Tyre has built herself a stronghold and heaped up silver like dust and refined gold like mud in the streets.
Zec 9:4 Look! The Lord will dispossess her and destroy her strength on the sea, so she will be devoured by fire.
Zec 9:5 Ashkelon will see and be afraid! Gaza also will tremble greatly! Ekron, her hopes will be disappointed! The king will perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon will no longer be inhabited!
Zec 9:6 Illegitimate people will make their homes in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.
Zec 9:7 For I will remove their blood from their mouths and their abominations from between their teeth. Then they will become a remnant for our Divine One like a clan in Judah, and Ekron will become like the Jebusites.
Zec 9:8 I will camp around my land against enemy armed forces, so no one can pass through or return, for no oppressor will pass any more through it. For now I will watch over my land with my own eyes!
Zec 9:9 Shout with great joy, daughter of Zion! Shout with happiness, daughter of Jerusalem! Behold! Your king is coming to you with righteousness and is rescuing you. He is humble and is riding on a colt, on the foal of a jenny (Gen. 49:11; Mat. 21:5; Exo. 4:20).
Zec 9:10 Then I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem, and the bow will be cut off from battle; for he will speak peace to the ethnicities, and his dominion will be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!
Zec 9:11 As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the pit where there is no water.
Zec 9:12 Return to the stronghold, prisoners of hope! Even today, I am declaring that I will return double to you,
Zec 9:13 for I have bent Judah as my bow. I have filled my quiver with Ephraim. I have roused your sons, Zion, against your sons, Greece, and have made you, Zion, like a warrior’s sword!
Zec 9:14 Yehowah will appear to them, and his arrows will shoot out like lightning! For Lord Yehowah will blow the trumpet and will advance with hurricane-force winds from the south.

Zec 9:15 Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces will defend them, and they will devour them and defeat the stones of the slings. Then they will drink and shout like men drunk on wine, and they will be filled with wine like bowls, like the corners of the altar.
Zec 9:16 So Yehowah their Divine One will rescue them on that Day; they will be like the flock of his people, for they will be the jewels of a crown, raised up over his land.
Zec 9:17 How good and how beautiful they will be! The young men will flourish on grain and the virgins on new wine!”

Zechariah Chapter 10

Zec 10:1 “Ask for rain from Yehowah in the season of the spring rain, Yehowah who makes thunderstorms, and he gives rain showers to everyone and vegetation in the field.
Zec 10:2 For household idols speak falsely; the diviners envision a lie; they tell deceitful dreams and give empty comfort, so they wander like sheep and suffer, because there is no shepherd.
Zec 10:3 My wrath burns against the shepherds; it is the male goats, the leaders, that I will punish. Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces will also attend to his flock, the house of Judah, and make them like his warhorse in battle!
Zec 10:4 From them will come the Cornerstone; from them will come the Tent Peg; from them will come the War Bow; from them will come all leaders together.
Zec 10:5 They will be like warriors who trample their enemies into the mud of the streets in battle; they will make war, for Yehowah is with them, and they will shame the cavalry.
Zec 10:6 I will strengthen the house of Judah and save the house of Joseph; for I will restore them and have mercy on them. They will be as though I had not cast them off, for I am Yehowah their Divine One, and I will respond to them.
Zec 10:7 Then Ephraim will be like a warrior, and their hearts will rejoice as with wine; their children will see and rejoice. Their hearts will rejoice in Yehowah!
Zec 10:8 I will whistle for them and gather them, for I will rescue them, and they will become as great as they previously were!
Zec 10:9 I sowed them among the ethnicities, but they will remember me in distant countries, so they and their children will live and return.
Zec 10:10 For I will restore them from the land of Egypt and gather them from Assyria. I will bring them to the land of Gilead and Lebanon, until there is no more room for them.
Zec 10:11 I will pass through the sea of their affliction; I will strike the waves of that sea and will dry up all the depths of the Nile. The majesty of Assyria will be brought down, and the scepter of Egypt will go away from the Egyptians.
Zec 10:12 I will strengthen them in Yehowah, and they will walk in my name,” declares Yehowah.

Zechariah Chapter 11

Zec 11:1 “Open your doors, Lebanon, that fire may devour your cedars!
Zec 11:2 Lament, cypress trees, for the cedar trees have fallen! What was majestic has been devastated! Lament, you oaks of Bashan, for the strong forest has gone down.
Zec 11:3 The shepherds howl, for their glory has been destroyed! The voice of the young lions roar, for the pride of the Jordan River has been devastated!”
Zec 11:4 This is what Yehowah my Divine One declares, “Like a shepherd, watch over the flock destined for slaughter!
Zec 11:5 The ones who buy them slaughter them and are not punished, and the ones who sell them rejoice, ‘Blessed be Yehowah! I have become rich!’ For the shepherds working for the flocks’ owners have no pity on them.
Zec 11:6 For I will no longer pity the inhabitants of the land!” declares Yehowah. “See! I myself am about to turn over every person into the hand of his neighbor and into the hand of his king, and they will destroy the land, and none of them will I deliver from their hand.”
Zec 11:7 So I became the shepherd of the flock destined for slaughter, for those who dealt in sheep. I took two trekking poles; one trekking pole I called “Grace,” and the other I called “Unity.” In this Way, I shepherded the flock.
Zec 11:8 In one month, I destroyed the three shepherds, for I ran out of patience with them, and they hated me as well.
Zec 11:9 Then I declared to the owners, “I will not work as a shepherd for you any longer. The sheep that are dying, let them die; the sheep that are being destroyed, let them be destroyed. Let the sheep that remain each eat the flesh of its neighbor.”
Zec 11:10 So I took my trekking pole “Grace” and broke it, to break the covenant that I had made with all of my tribes.
Zec 11:11 On that day, the covenant was broken, and those who dealt in sheep, and who were watching me, knew that Yehowah had spoken.
Zec 11:12 I said to them, “If it seems good to you, pay me my wages. But if not, do not do it.” So they vowed to pay my wages, thirty silver coins.
Zec 11:13 Then Yehowah ordered me, “Deposit the silver in the treasury, the excellent price at which they valued you!” So I took the thirty silver coins and deposited them in the treasury in the temple of Yehowah (Mat. 26:14-15; 27:3-10).
Zec 11:14 Then I broke my second trekking pole “Unity,” to break the joint tenancy between Judah and Israel.
Zec 11:15 Yehowah declared to me, “Again, take the equipment of a foolish shepherd for yourself,

Zec 11:16 for see, I am about to set in place a shepherd in the land. He will not care for the perishing sheep. He will not seek out the sheep gone missing, nor heal the crippled sheep. He will not feed the sheep that are healthy, but will eat the flesh of the fattened sheep and will tear off their hooves.
Zec 11:17 Woe to the worthless shepherd who forsakes the flock! May the sword come against his arm and his right eye! May his arm wither away, and may his right eye become blind!”

Zechariah Chapter 12

Zec 12:1 This is a declaration of the Word of Yehowah concerning Israel, a declaration of Yehowah, who stretched out the skies and laid the foundation of the earth, who fashions the spirit of mankind within man,
Zec 12:2 “See, I am about to make Jerusalem into a cup causing all the people surrounding her to stagger about. It will also be like that for Judah during the siege against Jerusalem.
Zec 12:3 On that Day, I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all people. Anyone trying to lift that stone will be cut to shreds, and all the ethnicities of the earth will gather against that city.
Zec 12:4 On that Day,” declares Yehowah, “I will strike every horse with terror and every rider with madness. I will look with grace on the house of Judah and will strike every horse of the armed forces blind.
Zec 12:5 Then the leaders of Judah will say in their hearts, ‘The inhabitants of Jerusalem are our strength because of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, their Divine One.’
Zec 12:6 On that Day, I will make the leaders of Judah like firepots among wood and like a flaming torch among standing grain, for they will consume all the surrounding people on their right and on their left. Jerusalem will again live in her own place.”
Zec 12:7 Yehowah will save the tents of Judah first, so that the honor of the House of David and the honor of those who live in Jerusalem may not be greater than the rest of Judah.
Zec 12:8 On that Day, Yehowah will be the defender of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and on that Day, those who are weak among them will be like David, while the House of David will be like the Almighty, like the angel of Yehowah in front of them.
Zec 12:9 “On that Day, I will begin to destroy all the ethnicities that come against Jerusalem.
Zec 12:10 But I will pour out the Ruach of compassion and pleading on the House of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so they will look on me (Aleph Tav, H853), the One they have pierced (John 19:37; Rev. 1:7; Psa. 22:16). They will mourn for me, as one mourns for an only son; they will bitterly lament for me like those who lament the death of a firstborn son.
Zec 12:11 On that Day, the laments in Jerusalem will be like the laments at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.
Zec 12:12 The land will mourn, each clan separate from other clans. The clan of the House of David will be separate, and their wives will be separate from the

men. The clan of the house of Nathan will be separate, and their wives will be separate from the men.
Zec 12:13 The clan of the house of Levi will be separate, and their wives will be separate from the men. The clan of the Shimeites will be separate, and their wives will be separate from the men.
Zec 12:14 Every clan of the remaining clans, each clan will be separate, and the wives will be separate from the men.”

Zechariah Chapter 13

Zec 13:1 “On that Day, a fountain will be opened for the House of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for their sin and impurity.
Zec 13:2 On that Day,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, “I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, so that they will no longer be called to mind. I will also cause the false prophets and their unclean spirit to go out of the land.
Zec 13:3 If any man continues to prophesy, his father and mother who bore him will tell him, ‘You will not live, for you speak lies in the name of Yehowah!’ Then the father and mother who bore him will execute him by piercing when he prophesies.
Zec 13:4 On that Day, each prophet will be ashamed of his vision when he is about to prophesy. These prophets will no longer wear a hairy cloak, in order to deceive the people.
Zec 13:5 For each will proclaim, ‘I am not a prophet! I am a man who works the soil, for the land became my work, while I was still a young man!’
Zec 13:6 But someone will ask him, ‘What are these wounds between your arms?’ and he will answer, ‘I was wounded with those in my friends’ house.’”
Zec 13:7 “Sword! Rouse yourself against my Shepherd, the Man who stands close to me,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces. “Strike the Shepherd, and the flock will scatter! For I will turn my hand against the lowly ones.
Zec 13:8 Then it will come about that throughout all the land,” declares Yehowah, “that two thirds of it will be cut off! Those people will perish; only one-third will remain there.
Zec 13:9 I will bring that third through the fire and refine them as silver is refined; I will test them as gold is tested. They will call on my name, and I will answer them, ‘This is my people!’ and they will declare, ‘Yehowah is our Divine One!’”

Zechariah Chapter 14

Zec 14:1 “Behold! The Day of Yehowah is coming, when your plunder will be divided in your midst.
Zec 14:2 For I will gather every ethnicity against Jerusalem for battle, and the city will be captured. The houses will be plundered and the women raped. Half of the city will go out into captivity, but the remainder of the people will not be cut off from the city.
Zec 14:3 But Yehowah will go out and wage war against those ethnicities, as when he wages war on the day of battle.
Zec 14:4 On that Day, his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is beside Jerusalem to the east. The Mount of Olives will be split in half between the east and the west by an extremely great valley, and half of the mountain will go back toward the north and half toward the south.
Zec 14:5 Then you will flee down the valley between his mountains, for the valley between those mountains will reach to Azal. You will flee just as you fled from the earthquake (c. 795 BC; Amos 1:1) in the days of Uzziah, king of Judah (2 Chron. 26:16-21). Then Yehowah my Divine One will come, and all the set-apart ones will be with him.
Zec 14:6 On that Day, there will be no light but no cold or frost either.
Zec 14:7 On that Day, a Day known only to Yehowah, there will no longer be day or night, for dusk will be a time of light.
Zec 14:8 On that Day, living waters will flow out of Jerusalem (Rev. 22:1-2). Half of them will flow to the Dead Sea and half to the Mediterranean Sea, in summer and in winter.
Zec 14:9 Yehowah will be king over all the earth. On that Day, there will be Yehowah only and his name Oneness.
Zec 14:10 All the land will be like the Arabah, from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. Jerusalem will continue to be raised up and remain in its own place, from the Benjamin Gate to the place where the first gate was, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king’s winepresses.
Zec 14:11 The people will live in Jerusalem, and there will be no more complete destruction from Yehowah against them. Jerusalem will live in safety.
Zec 14:12 This will be the plague with which Yehowah will attack all the people that waged war against Jerusalem: Their flesh will rot away even as they are standing on their feet. Their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths.
Zec 14:13 On that Day, great fear from Yehowah will come among them. Each one will seize the hand of another, and the hand of one will be raised up against the hand of another.

Zec 14:14 Judah will also fight against Jerusalem. They will gather the wealth of all the surrounding ethnicities, gold, silver, and fine clothes in great abundance.
Zec 14:15 A plague will also be on the horses and the mules, the camels and the jack donkeys, and every animal in those camps will also suffer that same plague.
Zec 14:16 Then it will happen that all who remain in those ethnicities that came against Jerusalem will instead go up from year to year to worship the King, Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.
Zec 14:17 It will happen that if anyone from all the ethnicities of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, then Yehowah will not bring rain on them.
Zec 14:18 If the nation of Egypt does not go up, then they will not receive rain. A plague from Yehowah will attack the ethnicities that do not go up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.
Zec 14:19 This will be the punishment for Egypt and the punishment for every ethnicity that does not go up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles (Isa. 66:23).
Zec 14:20 But on that Day, the bells of the horses will say, “Set apart to Yehowah,” and the basins in the temple of Yehowah will be like the bowls before the altar.
Zec 14:21 For every pot in Jerusalem and Judah will be set apart to Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, and everyone who brings a sacrifice will eat from them and boil in them. On that Day, merchants will no longer be in the temple of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.”

Book of Malachi

Malachi Chapter 1

Mal 1:1 The declaration of the Word of Yehowah to Israel by the hand of Malachi.
Mal 1:2 “I have loved you,” declares Yehowah. “But you ask, ‘How have you loved us?’ Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?” asks Yehowah. “Yet I have loved Jacob,
Mal 1:3 but Esau I have hated. I have made his mountains an abandoned devastation, and I have made his inheritance a place for the jackals of the wilderness.”
Mal 1:4 If Edom says, “We are beaten down, but we will rebuild the ruins,” Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces will declare, “They may rebuild, but I will throw down again. Others will call them ‘The country of wickedness’ and, ‘The people whom Yehowah has cursed forever.’
Mal 1:5 Your own eyes will see this, and you will proclaim, ‘Yehowah is great beyond the borders of Israel!’”
Mal 1:6 “A son honors his father, and a servant honors his master. If I, then, am a Father, where is my honor? If I am a Master, where is the reverence for me?” asks Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces of you priests, who despise my name. “But you ask, ‘How have we despised your name?’
Mal 1:7 By offering polluted bread upon my altar. But you ask, ‘How have we polluted you?’ By saying that the table of Yehowah is contemptible.
Mal 1:8 When you offer blind animals for sacrifice, is that not evil? When you offer the lame and sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor! Will he accept you or will he lift up your face?” asks Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Mal 1:9 Now you keep asking the face of the Almighty, that he may be gracious to us. But Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces says that with such an offering in your hand, would he lift up any of your faces?
Mal 1:10 “Oh, if only there were one of you who would shut the temple gates, so that you might not light fires on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, “and I will not accept any offering from your hand.
Mal 1:11 For from the rising of the sun to its setting, my name will be great among the ethnicities, and in every place incense and pure offerings will be offered in my name. For my name will be great among the ethnicities,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.

Mal 1:12 “But you are profaning it when you say the table of the Lord is polluted, and that its fruit, its food, is to be despised.
Mal 1:13 You also say, ‘How tiresome this is,’ and you snort at it,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces. “You bring what has been taken by a wild animal or is lame or sick; and this you bring as your offering. Should I accept this from your hand?” asks Yehowah.
Mal 1:14 “May the deceiver be cursed who has a male animal in his flock and vows to give it to me, and yet sacrifices to me, the Lord, what is flawed! For I am a great King,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, “and my name will be honored among the ethnicities.”

Malachi Chapter 2

Mal 2:1 Now you priests, this command is for you.
Mal 2:2 “If you will not listen, and if you will not lay it on your heart to give glory to my name,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, “then I will send a curse on you, and I will curse your blessings. Indeed, I have cursed them, because you are not laying my command on your heart.
Mal 2:3 See, I am about to rebuke your descendants, and I will spread dung on your faces, the dung from your feasts, and you will be taken away with it.
Mal 2:4 You will know that I have sent this command to you, and that my covenant may continue to be with Levi,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Mal 2:5 “My covenant with him was life and peace, and I gave them to him; I gave him fear, and he feared me, and he stood in awe of my name.
Mal 2:6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and nothing false was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many away from sin.
Mal 2:7 For a priest’s lips should keep knowledge, and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is a messenger of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Mal 2:8 But you have turned away from the true Path. You have caused many to stumble with respect to the law. You have broken the covenant of Levi,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Mal 2:9 “So I also, I have made you contemptible and vile before all the people, because you have not kept my Ways, but have instead shown partiality with regard to the law.”
Mal 2:10 Is there not one father for us all? Has not one Almighty created us? Why are we faithless each man against his brother, profaning the covenant of our fathers?
Mal 2:11 Judah has been faithless. A disgusting thing has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem. For Judah has profaned the Set-apart Place of Yehowah which he loves and has married the daughter of a foreign deity.
Mal 2:12 May Yehowah cut off from the tents of Jacob the man who does this, the one who is awake and the one who answers, even if he is bringing an offering to Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Mal 2:13 You also do this: You cover the altar of Yehowah with tears, with weeping and sighing, because he still does not turn toward the offering or accept it with grace from your hand.
Mal 2:14 But you ask, “Why does he not?” Because Yehowah was a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have been faithless

(by not giving her a writ of divorce), even though she was your companion and your wife by covenant.
Mal 2:15 Did he not make them oneness, with a portion of his Ruach? Then why did he make you oneness? Because he was seeking an offspring from the Almighty. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be unfaithful to the wife of your youth.
Mal 2:16 “For I hate putting away” (without a written contract of divorce), says Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, “and the one who covers his garment (or wife) with violence,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces. “So guard yourselves in your spirit and do not be faithless” (Mat. 19:1-12; Deut. 24:1-4).
Mal 2:17 You have wearied Yehowah with your words. But you ask, “How have we wearied him?” By saying, “Everyone who does evil is good in the eyes of Yehowah, and he delights in them,” or “Where is the Mighty One of justice?”

Malachi Chapter 3

Mal 3:1 “See, I am about to send my messenger, and he will prepare the Way before me. Then the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, see, he will come,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Mal 3:2 But who will be able to endure the Day of his coming? Who will be able to stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire and like laundry soap.
Mal 3:3 He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi. He will refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings of righteousness to Yehowah.
Mal 3:4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to Yehowah, as in the days of old and as in ancient years.
Mal 3:5 “Then I will approach you for judgment. I will quickly become a witness against the sorcerers, the adulterers, the false witnesses, and against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, those who oppress the widow and the fatherless, against those who turn away the sojourning foreigner, and against those who do not honor me,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Mal 3:6 “For I, Yehowah, do not change; therefore, you sons of Jacob have not come to an end.
Mal 3:7 From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my ordinances and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces. “But you ask, ‘How will we return?’
Mal 3:8 Would a person rob the Almighty? Yet you are robbing me. But you ask, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In tithes and offerings.
Mal 3:9 You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation.
Mal 3:10 Bring the full tithes into the savings bank, so that there may be food in my temple (Deut. 14:22-29; 16:16-17; 28:12), and test me now in this,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, “if I do not open to you the windows of Heaven and pour out a blessing on you, until there is no more room for it all.
Mal 3:11 I will speak against those who destroy your crops, so that they do not destroy the harvest of your land. Your vines in the fields will not lose their fruit,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Mal 3:12 “All the ethnicities will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Mal 3:13 “Your words against me have been strong,” says Yehowah. “But you ask, ‘What have we said among ourselves against you?’

Mal 3:14 You have said, ‘It is useless to serve the Almighty. What profit is it that we have kept his requirements or walked mournfully before Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces?
Mal 3:15 So now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper, but they even test the Almighty and escape.’”
Mal 3:16 Then those who feared Yehowah spoke with one another. Yehowah paid attention and listened, and a Book of Remembrance was written before him about those who feared Yehowah and honored his name.
Mal 3:17 “They will be mine,” declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, “my own treasured possession, on the Day that I act. I will pity them, as a man pities his own son who serves him.
Mal 3:18 Turn around again, then you will distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who worships the Almighty, and one who does not worship him.

Malachi Chapter 4

Mal 4:1 For see, the Day is coming, burning like a furnace, when all the arrogant and all the evildoers will become stubble. The Day that is coming will burn them up," declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces, "so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.
Mal 4:2 But for you who fear my name, the Brilliance of righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. You will go out, and you will leap like calves from the feeding stall.
Mal 4:3 On that Day, you will trample down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the Day that I act," declares Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Mal 4:4 "Remember the law of my servant Moses, that I gave him at Horeb for all Israel, the statutes and the rulings.
Mal 4:5 See, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and fearful Day of Yehowah.
Mal 4:6 He will turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, so that I do not come and attack the earth with complete destruction."

Book of Matthew

Matthew Chapter 1

Mat 1:1 (Son Of Man Bible is released under a CC BY-SA 4.0 License. Original work is at door43.org) The Book of the genealogy of Yeshua Messiah, Son of David, son of Abraham.
Mat 1:2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers.
Mat 1:3 Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar (Levirate marriage), Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram.
Mat 1:4 Ram was the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon.
Mat 1:5 Salmon was the father of Boaz by Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth (Levirate marriage), Obed the father of Jesse.
Mat 1:6 Jesse was the father of King David of Israel, King David of Israel the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah.
Mat 1:7 Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa.
Mat 1:8 Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram an ancestor of Uzziah (1 Chron. 3:11-12).
Mat 1:9 Uzziah was the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah.
Mat 1:10 Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah.
Mat 1:11 Josiah was an ancestor of Jehoiachin and his brothers at the time of the deportation to Babylon.
Mat 1:12 After the deportation to Babylon, Jehoiachin was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel was an ancestor of Zerubbabel.
Mat 1:13 Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud, Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor.
Mat 1:14 Azor was the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud.
Mat 1:15 Eliud was the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob.
Mat 1:16 Jacob was the father of Joseph, the father of Miriam, by whom Yeshua was born, who is called Messiah.

Mat 1:17 All the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah fourteen generations.
Mat 1:18 The birth of Yeshua Messiah happened in the following way: Now as Miriam, mother of Yeshua, was betrothed to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant by Ruach ha'Kodesh.
Mat 1:19 Her husband, Joseph, was a righteous man, and he did not want her publicly stoned to death. So he decided to secretly divorce her (by putting her away with a contract of divorce, Mat. 5:31-32; 19:1-12; Mark 10:1-12; Deut. 24:1-4).
Mat 1:20 As he thought about these things, an angel of Yehowah appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Miriam as your wife, because the One who is conceived in her is conceived by Ruach ha'Kodesh.
Mat 1:21 She will give birth to a son, and you will call his name Yeshua (Strong's # H3467; H3444; H3442, Neh. 8:17), for he will save (Heb. yoshia) my people from their sins."
Mat 1:22 All this happened to fulfill what was spoken by Yehowah through the prophet,
Mat 1:23 "Behold, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call his name Immanuel," which translated is, "Almighty is with us" (Isa. 7:14).
Mat 1:24 Joseph woke up from his sleep and did as the angel of Yehowah commanded him, and he took his wife.
Mat 1:25 But he did not have sexual relations with her, until she gave birth to her firstborn son. Then he called his name Yeshua.

Matthew Chapter 2

Mat 2:1 After Yeshua was born (c. 3 BC) in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod the Great, Sages from the East arrived in Jerusalem asking,
Mat 2:2 “Where is he who was born King of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose in the East and have come to worship him” (Num. 24:17).
Mat 2:3 When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.
Mat 2:4 Herod the Great brought together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, and he asked them, “Where is the Messiah to be born?”
Mat 2:5 They answered him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what was written by the prophet,
Mat 2:6 ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the 1,000-resident cities of Judah, for from you will come a Ruler who will shepherd my people Israel’” (Micah 5:2).
Mat 2:7 Then Herod secretly called the Sages to ask them exactly what time the star had appeared.
Mat 2:8 He sent them to Bethlehem, commanding, “Go and search carefully for the young child. When you have found him, bring me word, so that I also may come and worship him.”
Mat 2:9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star that they had seen in the East went before them, until it came and stood still over where the young child was.
Mat 2:10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced delightfully with great joy!
Mat 2:11 They went into the house and saw the young child with Miriam his mother. They bowed down and worshiped him. They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
Mat 2:12 Yehowah warned them in a dream not to return to Herod the Great, so they departed to their own country by another way.
Mat 2:13 After they had departed, an angel of Yehowah appeared to Joseph in a dream and ordered, “Get up, take the young Child and his mother, and flee to Egypt. Remain there until I tell you, for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy him.”
Mat 2:14 That night Joseph rose, took the young Child and his mother, and departed into Egypt.
Mat 2:15 He remained there until the death of Herod the Great. This fulfilled what Yehowah had spoken through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my Son” (Hosea 11:1).
Mat 2:16 Then Herod the Great, when he saw that he had been mocked by the Sages, was extremely angry. He sent and murdered all the male children that

were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, who were two years old and under, according to the time that he had determined exactly from the Sages.
Mat 2:17 Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet,
Mat 2:18 “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and she refused to be comforted, because they were no more” (Jer. 31:15).
Mat 2:19 When Herod the Great died (c. 1 BC), behold, an angel of Yehowah appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and ordered,
Mat 2:20 “Get up and take the Child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child’s life are dead.”
Mat 2:21 Joseph rose, took the Child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.
Mat 2:22 But when he heard that Herod Archelaus was reigning over Judea in the place of his father Herod the Great, he was afraid to go there. After he was warned by Yehowah in a dream, he left for the region of Galilee
Mat 2:23 and went and lived in a city called Natsareth. This fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophets, that he would be called the Natsarim (Isa. 11:1, the Branch).

Matthew Chapter 3

Mat 3:1 In those days (c. 27 AD), John the Immerser came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,
Mat 3:2 “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near!”
Mat 3:3 For this is he who was spoken of by Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one calling out in the wilderness, ‘Make ready the Way of Yehowah, make his Paths straight!’ And turn yourselves to him” (Isa. 40:3).
Mat 3:4 Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.
Mat 3:5 Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan River went out to him.
Mat 3:6 They were immersed by him in the Jordan River (Lev. 15; Rom. 6:3-7; Heb. 6:2), as they confessed their sins.
Mat 3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to him for immersion, he proclaimed to them, “You offspring of poisonous snakes, who warned you to flee from the wrath of Yehowah?
Mat 3:8 Bear fruit worthy of repentance.
Mat 3:9 Do not think of saying among yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father.’ For I say to you, that Yehowah is able to raise up children for Abraham even out of these stones.
Mat 3:10 Already, the ax has been placed against the root of the trees. So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire.
Mat 3:11 I immerse you with water for repentance. But he who comes after me is mightier than I, and I am not worthy even to carry his sandals. He will immerse you with Ruach ha’Kodesh and heal you with fire.
Mat 3:12 His winnowing fork is in his hand to thoroughly clear off his threshing floor and to gather his wheat into the storehouse. But he will burn up the chaff with fire that can never be put out” (Luke 12:49-50).
Mat 3:13 Then Yeshua came from Galilee to the Jordan River to be immersed by John.
Mat 3:14 But John kept trying to stop him, imploring, “I need to be immersed by you, and do you come to me for immersion?”
Mat 3:15 Yeshua responded to him, “Permit it now, for it is right for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John immersed him.
Mat 3:16 After he was immersed, Yeshua came up immediately from the water, and behold, Heaven was opened to him. He saw Ruach ha’Kodesh of Yehowah coming down like a dove and resting upon him.
Mat 3:17 Behold, a voice came out of Heaven, “This is my beloved Son, in whom my soul delights.”

Matthew Chapter 4

Mat 4:1 Then Yeshua was led up by Ruach ha'Kodesh into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan.
Mat 4:2 When he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.
Mat 4:3 Satan came and tempted him, "Since you are the Son of Yehowah, command these stones to become bread."
Mat 4:4 But Yeshua answered him, "It is written, 'People will not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of Yehowah'" (Deut. 8:3; Luke 4:4).
Mat 4:5 Then Satan took him into the set-apart city and set him on the highest point of the temple building,
Mat 4:6 and tempted him, "Since you are the Son of Yehowah, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'Yehowah will command his angels to take care of you,' and, 'They will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not hit your foot against a stone.'"
Mat 4:7 Yeshua responded to him, "Again, it is written, 'You must not test Yehowah your Divine One.'"
Mat 4:8 Again, Satan took him up to a high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world along with all their splendor.
Mat 4:9 He tempted him, "All these things I will give you, if you bow down and worship me."
Mat 4:10 Then Yeshua commanded him, "Go away from here, Satan! For it is written, 'You will worship Yehowah your Divine One, and you will serve only him.'"
Mat 4:11 Then Satan left him, and behold, angels came and served him.
Mat 4:12 Now when Yeshua heard that John had been delivered up (nimsar) into prison (bemaasar), he withdrew into Galilee.
Mat 4:13 He left Natsareth and went and lived in Capernaum, which is by the Sea of Galilee (Lake Kinneret), in the territories of Zebulun and Naphtali.
Mat 4:14 This happened to fulfill what was said by Isaiah the prophet,
Mat 4:15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, beyond the Jordan River, Galilee of the ethnicities!
Mat 4:16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great Light, and to those who sat in the region and shadow of death, upon them has a Light arisen" (Isa. 9:1-2).
Mat 4:17 From that time, Yeshua began to preach, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven has come near!"

Mat 4:18 As Yeshua was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the Sea, for they were fishermen.
Mat 4:19 He invited them, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.”
Mat 4:20 Immediately, they left the nets and followed him.
Mat 4:21 As Yeshua was going on from there, he saw two other brothers (ahim aherim), Jacob son of Zebedee and John his brother. They were in the boat with Zebedee their father mending their nets. He called them,
Mat 4:22 and they immediately left the boat and their father, and followed him.
Mat 4:23 Yeshua went about in all of Galilee, teaching in their houses of assembly, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and sickness among the people.
Mat 4:24 The news about him went out into all of Syria, and the people brought to him all those who were sick, ill with various diseases and pains, those possessed by demons, and the epileptic and paralytic. Yeshua healed them (Acts 5:16).
Mat 4:25 Large crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan River.

Matthew Chapter 5

Mat 5:1 When Yeshua saw the crowds, he went up on the mountain. When he had sat down, his disciples came to him.
Mat 5:2 He opened his mouth and taught them,
Mat 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
Mat 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Mat 5:5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth (Psa. 37:9-11).
Mat 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Mat 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will obtain mercy.
Mat 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see Yehowah.
Mat 5:9 Blessed are those who pursue (radaph) peace, for they will be called children of Yehowah.
Mat 5:10 Blessed are those who have been persecuted (radaph) for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
Mat 5:11 Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and say all kinds of evil things against you falsely for my sake.
Mat 5:12 Rejoice and be ecstatic, for great is your reward in Heaven! For in this way people persecuted the prophets who lived before you.
Mat 5:13 You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt has lost its taste, how can it be made salty again? It is never again good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.
Mat 5:14 You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.
Mat 5:15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but rather on the menorah, and it shines for everyone in the house.
Mat 5:16 Let your lights shine before people in such a way that they see your good deeds and glorify your Father who is in Heaven.
Mat 5:17 Do not think that I have come to destroy the law or the prophets (aka Tanakh; Deut. 4:2; 12:32; Prov. 30:6; Acts 24:14). I have come not to destroy them, but to uphold (lekayem) them (Rom. 13:8-10; Gal. 5:14).
Mat 5:18 For truly, I say to you, that until heaven and earth pass away, not one yod or one kots (thorn or stroke of a yod) will in any way pass away from the law, until all things have been accomplished.
Mat 5:19 Therefore, whoever breaks the least one of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But whoever keeps them and teaches them will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Mat 5:20 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will in no way enter the Kingdom of Heaven (Mat. 18:3).
Mat 5:21 You have heard that it was said to them in ancient times, 'Do not murder,' and, 'Whoever murders will be in danger of the Judgment.'
Mat 5:22 And I say to you, that everyone who is angry with his brother without cause will be in danger of the Judgment; and whoever says to his brother, 'You idiot!' will be in danger of the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of hellfire.
Mat 5:23 Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has anything against you,
Mat 5:24 leave your gift there in front of the altar and go on your way. First, be reconciled with your brother and then come and offer your gift.
Mat 5:25 Agree with your accuser quickly, while you are with him on the way to court, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison.
Mat 5:26 Truly, I say to you, you will never come out from there, until you have paid the last brass penny you owe.
Mat 5:27 You have heard that it was said in ancient times, 'Do not commit adultery.'
Mat 5:28 And I say to you, that everyone who looks on a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
Mat 5:29 If your right eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw it away from you. For it is better for you that one of your body parts should perish, than that your whole body should be thrown into hell.
Mat 5:30 If your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away from you. For it is better for you that one of your body parts should perish, than that your whole body should go into hell.
Mat 5:31 It was also said, 'Whoever sends his wife away, let him give her a certificate of divorce' (A lawful putting away must have a written divorce contract to nullify the marriage contract. Deut. 24:1-4; Mat. 19).
Mat 5:32 And I say to you, that everyone who puts away his wife (without a written divorce contract), except for the cause of sexual immorality, makes her an adulteress. Whoever marries her after she has been put away (without a written divorce contract) commits adultery.
Mat 5:33 Again, you have heard that it was said to those in ancient times, 'Do not swear by my name a false oath, but carry out your oaths to Yehowah' (Lev. 19:12; Num 30:2; Exo. 20:7).
Mat 5:34 And I say to you, swear not in vain by anything, neither by Heaven, for it is the throne of Yehowah;

Mat 5:35 nor by the earth, for it is the footstool for his feet; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.
Mat 5:36 Neither swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.
Mat 5:37 But let your speech be, ‘Yes,’ or ‘No.’ Anything that is more than this is from the evil one.
Mat 5:38 You have heard that the law says, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’
Mat 5:39 And I say to you, do not resist one who is evil. Instead, whoever strikes you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also.
Mat 5:40 If anyone wishes to go to court with you and takes away your coat, let that person also have your cloak.
Mat 5:41 Whoever compels you to go one kilometer, go with him two.
Mat 5:42 Give to anyone who asks you, and do not turn away from anyone who wishes to borrow from you.
Mat 5:43 You have heard that the law says, ‘You must unconditionally selflessly love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’
Mat 5:44 And I say to you, unconditionally selflessly love your enemies and pray for those who slander and persecute you, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you,
Mat 5:45 so that you may be children of your Father who 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.
Mat 5:46 For if you unconditionally selflessly love those who unconditionally selflessly love you, what reward do you get? Do not even the tax collectors do the same thing?
Mat 5:47 If you greet only your brethren and sistren, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do the same thing?
Mat 5:48 Therefore, you must become completely mature, as your heavenly Father is completely mature.

Matthew Chapter 6

Mat 6:1 Take heed that you do not do your acts of righteousness before people to be seen by them, or else you will have no reward from your Father who is in Heaven.
Mat 6:2 So when you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before yourself as the hypocrites do in the houses of assembly and in the streets, so that they may have the praise of people (Deut. 15:11). Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.
Mat 6:3 But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,
Mat 6:4 so that your gift may be given in secret. Then your Father who sees in secret will reward you.
Mat 6:5 When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the houses of assembly and on the street corners, so that they may be seen by people. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.
Mat 6:6 But you, when you pray, enter your inner chamber. Shut the door and pray to Yehowah who is in secret. Then your Father who sees in secret will hear you.
Mat 6:7 When you pray, do not make useless repetitions as the ethnicities do, for they think that Yehowah will hear them because of their many words.
Mat 6:8 Therefore, do not be like them, for Yehowah knows what things you need before you ask him.
Mat 6:9 Therefore, pray like this: 'Our Father in Heaven, may your name be consecrated.
Mat 6:10 May your kingdom come. May your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Mat 6:11 Give us today our daily bread.
Mat 6:12 Forgive us our sin debts, as we also have forgiven those who sin against us.
Mat 6:13 Let us not enter into temptation, but deliver us from all evil. (For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.) Amein.'
Mat 6:14 For if you forgive people their sins, Yehowah will also atone your sin for you.
Mat 6:15 But if you do not forgive their sins, Yehowah will not make atonement for you.
Mat 6:16 Moreover, when you fast, do not have a mournful face as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces, so that they may appear to people as fasting. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.
Mat 6:17 But you, when you fast, comb your head and wash your face,

Mat 6:18 so that it would not appear to others that you are fasting **(Isa. 58)**.
Mat 6:19 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on the earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.
Mat 6:20 Instead, store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in and steal.
Mat 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
Mat 6:22 The eye is the lamp of the body. Therefore, if your eye is good, the whole body is filled with light.
Mat 6:23 But if your eye is wicked, your whole body is full of darkness. Therefore, if the light that is in you is actually darkness, how great is that darkness!
Mat 6:24 No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and unconditionally selflessly love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve Yehowah and avarice.
Mat 6:25 Therefore, I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. For is not life more than food and the body more than clothes?
Mat 6:26 Look at the birds in the air. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns, but your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not more valuable than they are?
Mat 6:27 Which one of you by being anxious can add one minute to his lifespan?
Mat 6:28 Why are you anxious about clothing? Think about the lilies in the fields, how they grow. They do not work, and they do not spin cloth.
Mat 6:29 Yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.
Mat 6:30 If Yehowah so clothes the grass in the fields, which exists today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you immature faithfuls?
Mat 6:31 Therefore, do not be anxious and ask, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What clothes will we wear?’
Mat 6:32 For the ethnicities search for these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need all of them.
Mat 6:33 But seek first the Kingdom of Yehowah and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you.
Mat 6:34 Therefore, do not be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Each day has enough evil of its own.

Matthew Chapter 7

Mat 7:1 Do not judge, and you will not be judged.
Mat 7:2 For with the judgment you judge, you will be judged, and with the measure that you measure, it will be measured out to you.
Mat 7:3 Why do you look at the splinter that is in your brother's eye, but you do not notice the log that is in your own eye?
Mat 7:4 How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,' while the log is in your own eye?
Mat 7:5 You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.
Mat 7:6 Do not give what is set apart to the dogs, and do not throw your pearls in front of the hogs (hazir). Otherwise, they may trample them underfoot and then turn (yahzeru) and tear you to pieces.
Mat 7:7 Ask Yehowah, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and it will be opened to you.
Mat 7:8 For everyone who asks, receives; everyone who seeks, finds; and to the person who knocks, it will be opened.
Mat 7:9 Or which one of you, if your son asks for a loaf of bread, will give him a stone?
Mat 7:10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?
Mat 7:11 Therefore, if you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will Yehowah in Heaven give good things to those who ask him?
Mat 7:12 Therefore, whatever things you want people to do to you, you should also do to them, for this is the law and the prophets (aka Tanakh).
Mat 7:13 Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many people who go through it.
Mat 7:14 But the gate is narrow and the Way is difficult that leads to life, and there are few who find it.
Mat 7:15 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but are truly ravenous wolves.
Mat 7:16 By their fruits you will know them. Do people gather grapes from a thorn bush or figs from thistles?
Mat 7:17 In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, but the bad tree produces bad fruit.
Mat 7:18 A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit.
Mat 7:19 Every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Mat 7:20 So then you will recognize them by their fruits.
Mat 7:21 Not everyone who cries to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but only those who do the will of my Father who is in Heaven.
Mat 7:22 Many people will ask me in that Day, ‘Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, in your name drive out demons, and in your name do many mighty deeds?’
Mat 7:23 Then will I openly declare to them, ‘I never knew you! Get away from me, you guilty violators of the law!’
Mat 7:24 Therefore, everyone who hears my words and obeys them will be like a wise man who built his house upon bedrock.
Mat 7:25 The rain came down, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall down, for it was built on the bedrock.
Mat 7:26 But everyone who hears my words and does not obey them will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand.
Mat 7:27 The rain came down, the floods came, the winds blew and struck that house, it fell, and its destruction was complete.”
Mat 7:28 It came about that when Yeshua finished preaching these words, the crowds were astonished by his teaching,
Mat 7:29 for he taught them as One who had authority and not as their scribes.

Matthew Chapter 8

Mat 8:1 When Yeshua had come down from the mountain, large crowds followed him.
Mat 8:2 Behold, a leper came to him and bowed before him, entreating, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”
Mat 8:3 Yeshua reached out his hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing. Be clean.” Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.
Mat 8:4 Yeshua told him, “See that you say nothing to any person. Go on your way, and show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony to them” (Lev. 14).
Mat 8:5 When Yeshua had entered into Capernaum, a centurion came to him, entreating him,
Mat 8:6 “Lord, my son lies in the house paralyzed and in terrible pain!”
Mat 8:7 Yeshua responded to him, “I will come and heal him.”
Mat 8:8 The centurion answered, “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, only say the word, and my son will be healed.
Mat 8:9 For I also am a man who is placed under authority, and I have soldiers under me. I order this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another one, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”
Mat 8:10 When Yeshua heard this, he was amazed and proclaimed to those who were following him, “Truly, I say to you, I have not found anyone with such faith in Israel.
Mat 8:11 I tell you, many will come from the East and the West, and they will recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, in the Kingdom of Heaven.
Mat 8:12 But the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.”
Mat 8:13 Yeshua spoke to the centurion, “Go! As you have believed, so may it be done for you.” And his son was healed at that hour and delivered of evil.
Mat 8:14 When Yeshua had come into Peter’s house, he saw Peter’s mother-in-law lying sick with a fever.
Mat 8:15 Yeshua touched her hand, and the fever left her. Then she rose up and started serving him.
Mat 8:16 When dusk had come, the people brought to Yeshua many who were controlled by demons. He drove out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick.
Mat 8:17 In this way was fulfilled that which had been spoken by Isaiah the prophet, “He himself took our sickness and bore our diseases.”
Mat 8:18 Now when Yeshua saw the crowd around him, he gave instructions to leave for the other side of the Sea of Galilee.

Mat 8:19 Then a scribe came to him and said, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.”
Mat 8:20 Yeshua replied to him, “Foxes have holes, and the birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.”
Mat 8:21 Another of the disciples said to him, “Lord, allow me first to go and bury my father.”
Mat 8:22 But Yeshua commanded him, “Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead.”
Mat 8:23 When Yeshua had entered a boat, his disciples followed him into it.
Mat 8:24 Behold, there arose a great storm on the Sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But Yeshua was asleep.
Mat 8:25 The disciples came to him and woke him up, shouting, “Save us, Lord; we are about to die!”
Mat 8:26 Yeshua asked them, “Why are you afraid, you immature faithfuls?” Then he rose up and rebuked the winds and the Sea. Then there was a great calm.
Mat 8:27 The men marveled and asked, “What sort of Person is this, that even the winds and the Sea obey him?”
Mat 8:28 When Yeshua had come to the other side to the country of the Girgashites (Josh. 24:11), a two-natured person controlled by demons met (paga) him, coming out of the tombs, extremely violent, so that no traveler could pass that way.
Mat 8:29 Behold, they cried out and asked, “What do we have to do with you, Yeshua, Son of Yehowah? Have you come here to torment us before the appointed time?”
Mat 8:30 Now a herd of many pigs was there feeding, not too far away from them.
Mat 8:31 The demons kept entreating (paga) Yeshua, “If you cast us out, send us away into that herd of pigs.”
Mat 8:32 Yeshua commanded them, “Go!” The demons came out and went into the pigs; and behold, the whole herd plunged down a cliff into the Sea, and they died in the water.
Mat 8:33 Those who had been tending the pigs ran away, and they went into the city and reported everything, especially what had happened to the two-natured person who had been controlled by demons.
Mat 8:34 Behold, all the city came out to meet Yeshua. When they saw him, they begged him to leave their region (Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39).

Matthew Chapter 9

Mat 9:1 Yeshua entered a boat, crossed over, and came into his hometown.
Mat 9:2 Behold, they brought to him a paralyzed man lying on a mat. Seeing their faith, Yeshua said to the paralyzed man, "Son, you have faith in Yehowah. Your sins have been forgiven."
Mat 9:3 Behold, some of the scribes said among themselves, "This man is blaspheming."
Mat 9:4 Yeshua knew their thoughts and asked, "Why are you thinking evil in your hearts (minds)?
Mat 9:5 For which is easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk?'
Mat 9:6 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins," He commanded the paralytic, "Get up, pick up your mat, and walk to your house."
Mat 9:7 Then the man rose up and went away to his house.
Mat 9:8 When the crowds saw (vayiru) this, they feared (vayiru) and glorified Yehowah, who had given such authority to people.
Mat 9:9 As Yeshua passed by from there, he saw a man named Matthew, who was sitting at the tax collector's office. He sommanded him, "Follow me." He rose up and followed him.
Mat 9:10 As Yeshua sat down to eat in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinful people came and dined with him and his disciples.
Mat 9:11 When the Pharisees saw it, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinful people?"
Mat 9:12 When Yeshua heard this, he answered, "People who are strong in body do not need a physician, only those who are sick.
Mat 9:13 You should go learn what this means, 'I desire compassion and not sacrifice.' For I came, not to call the righteous to repent but sinners."
Mat 9:14 Then the disciples of John came to Yeshua and asked, "Why do we and the Pharisees often fast, but your disciples do not fast?"
Mat 9:15 Yeshua answered them, "Can wedding attendants be sorrowful while the bridegroom is still with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.
Mat 9:16 No man puts a piece of new cloth on an old garment, for the patch will tear away from the garment, and a worse tear will be made.
Mat 9:17 Neither do people put new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst, the wine will be spilled, and the wineskins will be destroyed. Instead, they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both will be preserved" (Luke 5:36-39; Mark 2:18-22).

Mat 9:18 While Yeshua was teaching these things to them, behold, an official came and bowed down to him. He entreated, “Lord, my daughter has just now died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.”
Mat 9:19 Then Yeshua rose up and followed him, and so did his disciples.
Mat 9:20 Behold, a woman who had severe bleeding for twelve years came up behind Yeshua and touched the tassel of his garment.
Mat 9:21 For she had said to herself, “If only I touch his clothes, I will be made well.”
Mat 9:22 But Yeshua turned and saw her, and said, “Daughter, take courage in Yehowah; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was healed from that hour!
Mat 9:23 When Yeshua came into the official’s house, he saw the flute players and the crowds making much noise.
Mat 9:24 He said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead, but she is asleep.” But they laughed at him in mockery and asked, “Didn’t we see that she died?”
Mat 9:25 When the crowd had been put outside, Yeshua entered the room and took her by the hand, and the girl rose up alive!
Mat 9:26 The news about this spread into all that region.
Mat 9:27 As Yeshua passed by from there, two blind men followed him. They kept shouting, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!”
Mat 9:28 When Yeshua had come into the house, the blind men came to him. Yeshua asked them, “Do you believe that I can restore your sight to you?” They answered him, “Yes, Lord.”
Mat 9:29 Then Yeshua touched their eyes and said, “Let it be done to you according to your faith,”
Mat 9:30 and their eyes were opened! Then Yeshua strictly commanded them, “See that no one knows about this.”
Mat 9:31 But the two men went out and spread the news about this throughout that region.
Mat 9:32 As those two men were going away, behold, a mute man possessed by a demon was brought to Yeshua.
Mat 9:33 When the demon had been driven out by Yeshua, the mute man spoke! The crowds were astonished and exclaimed, “This has never been seen before in Israel!”
Mat 9:34 But the Pharisees were blaspheming, “By the ruler of the demons, he drives out demons.”
Mat 9:35 Yeshua went about all the cities and the villages. He continued teaching in their houses of assembly, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of disease and all kinds of sickness among the people.
Mat 9:36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were troubled and discouraged. They were like sheep without a shepherd.

Mat 9:37 He instructed his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.
Mat 9:38 Therefore, urgently pray to the Lord of the harvest, so that he may send out laborers into his harvest.”

Matthew Chapter 10

Mat 10:1 Yeshua called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to drive them out, and to heal all kinds of disease and all kinds of sickness.
Mat 10:2 Now the names of the twelve apostles were these: The first, Simon, whom he also called Peter, and Andrew his brother; Jacob son of Zebedee, and John his brother;
Mat 10:3 Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; Jacob son of Alphaeus (Clopas, Joseph's brother), and Lebbaeus, surnamed Thaddaeus;
Mat 10:4 Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who would betray him.
Mat 10:5 These Twelve Yeshua sent out. He instructed them, "Do not go to any place where foreigners live and do not enter any town of the Samaritans.
Mat 10:6 Go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel;
Mat 10:7 and as you go, preach, 'The Kingdom of Heaven has come near.'
Mat 10:8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, and cast out demons. By grace you have received, by grace you must give.
Mat 10:9 Do not carry any gold, silver, or copper in your money belt **(Hag. 1:9)**.
Mat 10:10 Do not take a backpack for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a trekking pole, for a laborer deserves his sustenance.
Mat 10:11 Whatever city or village you enter, find who is worthy in it and stay there until you leave.
Mat 10:12 As you enter into the house, greet it with peace, 'Peace be with you and in this house.'
Mat 10:13 If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace come back to you.
Mat 10:14 As for those who do not receive you or listen to your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet.
Mat 10:15 Truly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the Day of Judgment than for that city.
Mat 10:16 See, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be as wise as serpents and harmless as doves.
Mat 10:17 Watch out for people! They will deliver you up to the Sanhedrin, and they will whip you in their houses of assembly.
Mat 10:18 Then you will be brought before governors and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them and to the ethnicities.
Mat 10:19 When they deliver you up, do not be anxious about how or what you will speak, for what to say will be given to you by Yehowah in that hour.

Mat 10:20 For it is not you who will speak, but Ruach ha'Kodesh of your Father who will speak through you.
Mat 10:21 Brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rise up against their parents and cause them to be executed.
Mat 10:22 You will be hated by everyone because of my name. But whoever endures to the end, that person will be saved.
Mat 10:23 When they persecute you in this city, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Yehowah has come to the disciple.
Mat 10:24 A disciple is not greater than his teacher, nor a servant above his master.
Mat 10:25 It is enough for the disciple that he should be like his teacher and the servant like his master. If they have called the Master of the house Beelzebul (Exo. 8:20-23), how much worse would be the names they call the members of his household!
Mat 10:26 Therefore, do not fear them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, and nothing hidden that will not be known.
Mat 10:27 What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light, and what you hear softly in your ear, proclaim upon the housetops.
Mat 10:28 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul. Instead, fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.
Mat 10:29 Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge.
Mat 10:30 But even the hairs of your heads are all numbered.
Mat 10:31 Do not fear. You are more valuable than many sparrows.
Mat 10:32 Therefore, everyone who confesses me before people, I will also confess before Yehowah my Father who is in Heaven.
Mat 10:33 But he who denies me before people, I will also deny before Yehowah my Father.
Mat 10:34 Do not think that I came to bring peace upon the earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.
Mat 10:35 For I came to set an alienated man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law (Micah 7:6).
Mat 10:36 A man's enemies (haoyevim) will be loved ones (ahuvim).
Mat 10:37 He who loves (ahav) father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves (ahav) son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.
Mat 10:38 He who does not pick up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.
Mat 10:39 He who loves (ahav) his life will destroy it. But he who destroys his life for my sake will find it.

Mat 10:40 He who welcomes you welcomes me, and he who welcomes me also welcomes him who sent me.
Mat 10:41 He who welcomes a prophet, because he is a prophet, will receive a prophet's reward, and he who welcomes a righteous man, because he is a righteous man, will receive a righteous man's reward.
Mat 10:42 Whoever gives to one of these little ones, even a cup of cold water to drink, because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will in no way lose his reward."

Matthew Chapter 11

Mat 11:1 It came about that when Yeshua had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he departed from there to teach and preach in their cities.
Mat 11:2 Now when John heard in the prison about the deeds of Messiah, he sent a message by his disciples
Mat 11:3 and asked him, “Are you the One who is coming to save us, or should we look for another?”
Mat 11:4 Yeshua answered them, “Go and report to John what you see and hear:
Mat 11:5 Blind people are receiving sight, lame people are walking, lepers are being cleansed, deaf people are hearing again, dead people are being raised back to life, and needy people are being told the good news (Isa. 35:5-6; DSS 4Q521; Luke 7:19-23).
Mat 11:6 Blessed is anyone who is not offended by me.”
Mat 11:7 As these men went on their way, Yeshua began to preach to the crowds about John, “What did you go out in the desert to see, a reed being shaken by the wind?
Mat 11:8 But what did you go out to see, a man dressed in soft clothing? Really, those who wear soft clothing live in kings’ houses.
Mat 11:9 But what did you go out to see, a prophet? Yes, I say to you, and much more than a prophet.
Mat 11:10 This is he of whom it was written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger before your face, who will prepare your Way before you.’
Mat 11:11 I say to you, truly, among those born of women, no prophet is greater than John the Immerser. Yet the least important prophet in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he is (Jer. 31:34).
Mat 11:12 From the days of John the Immerser until now, the Kingdom of Heaven is breaking forth; citizens of the Kingdom are breaking free with it, and their king is leading them (Mic. 2:12-13; 2 Sam. 5:20; Gen. 38:29).
Mat 11:13 For all the prophets and the law (aka Tanakh) have been prophesying as a testimony confirming John;
Mat 11:14 and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who was to come.
Mat 11:15 He who has ears to hear, let him listen.
Mat 11:16 To what should I compare this generation? It is like children playing in the marketplace, who sit and call to one another,
Mat 11:17 ‘We played a flute for you, and you did not dance. We mourned, and you did not weep.’
Mat 11:18 For John came not eating bread or drinking wine, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’

Mat 11:19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, he is a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners' (Deut. 21:20)! But wisdom is justified by her deeds."
Mat 11:20 Then Yeshua began to rebuke the cities in which most of his mighty deeds were done, because they had not repented,
Mat 11:21 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! If the mighty deeds had been done in Tyre and Sidon which were done in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.
Mat 11:22 But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the Day of Judgment than for you.
Mat 11:23 You, Capernaum, do you think you will be exalted to Heaven? No, you will be brought down to the place of the dead. For if in Sodom there had been done the mighty deeds that were done in you, it would still have remained until today.
Mat 11:24 But I say to you, that it will be easier for the land of Sodom in the Day of Judgment than for you."
Mat 11:25 At that time Yeshua proclaimed, "I praise you, Father, Mighty One of Heaven and earth, because you concealed these things from the wise and understanding, and revealed them to immature children.
Mat 11:26 Yes, Father, for so it was well pleasing in your sight.
Mat 11:27 All things have been entrusted to me from my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
Mat 11:28 Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened, and I will give you rest.
Mat 11:29 Take my yoke on you and learn from me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
Mat 11:30 For my yoke is useful, and my burden is light" (Strong's H4853).

Matthew Chapter 12

Mat 12:1 At that time, Yeshua went on the Sabbath through the grainfields. His disciples were hungry and began to pluck heads of grain (Deut. 23:25), rub them in their hands, and eat them.
Mat 12:2 But when the Pharisees saw that, they complained to Yeshua, “See, your disciples do what is unlawful to do on the Sabbath.”
Mat 12:3 But Yeshua answered them, “Have you never read what David did, when he was hungry, and the men who were with him?
Mat 12:4 He went into the tabernacle of Yehowah and ate the bread of the presence, which was unlawful for him to eat and unlawful for those who were with him, but lawful only for the priests.
Mat 12:5 Have you not read in the law, that on the Sabbaths the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath but are guiltless?
Mat 12:6 But I say to you, that One greater than the temple is here.
Mat 12:7 If you had known what this meant, ‘I desire compassion and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the innocent (Hos. 6:6).
Mat 12:8 For the Son of Yehowah is Lord of the Sabbath.”
Mat 12:9 Then Yeshua left from there and went into their house of assembly (Beit Kneset).
Mat 12:10 Behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. The Pharisees asked Yeshua, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbaths?” So that they might accuse him of sinning.
Mat 12:11 Yeshua answered them, “What man would there be among you, who, if he had just one sheep, and if this sheep fell into a deep hole on the Sabbath, would not grasp hold of it and lift it out?
Mat 12:12 How much more valuable, then, is a man than a sheep! Therefore, it is lawful to do well on the Sabbaths.”
Mat 12:13 Then Yeshua ordered the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and it was restored to health just like the other hand.
Mat 12:14 But the Pharisees went out and plotted against him. They were seeking how they might put him to death.
Mat 12:15 As Yeshua perceived this, he withdrew from there. Many people followed him, and he healed them all.
Mat 12:16 He commanded them not to make him known to others,
Mat 12:17 that it might come true, what had been said through Isaiah the prophet,
Mat 12:18 “See, my Servant whom I have chosen; my Beloved One, in whom my soul delights. I will put my Ruach upon him, and he will announce judgment to the ethnicities.

Mat 12:19 He will not strive nor cry aloud; neither will anyone hear his voice in the streets.
Mat 12:20 He will not break any bruised reed; he will not extinguish any smoking flax, until he leads justice to victory,
Mat 12:21 and in his name the ethnicities will trust" (Isa. 42:1-4).
Mat 12:22 Then someone blind and mute, possessed by a demon, was brought to Yeshua. He healed him, with the result that the mute man spoke and saw.
Mat 12:23 All the crowds were amazed and asked, "Can this man be the Son of David?"
Mat 12:24 But when the Pharisees heard of this miracle, they blasphemed, "This man does not cast out demons except by Beelzebul, the prince of the demons."
Mat 12:25 But Yeshua knew their thoughts and responded to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is made desolate, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand.
Mat 12:26 If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?
Mat 12:27 And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons drive them out? For this reason they will be your judges.
Mat 12:28 But if I drive out demons by the Ruach of Yehowah, then the Kingdom of Yehowah has come upon you.
Mat 12:29 How can anyone enter the house of the strong man and steal his belongings without first tying up the strong man? Then he will steal his belongings from his house.
Mat 12:30 The one who is not with me is against me, and the one who does not gather with me scatters.
Mat 12:31 Therefore, I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but blasphemy of Ruach ha'Kodesh will not be forgiven people.
Mat 12:32 Whoever speaks any word against the Son of Man, that will be forgiven him. But whoever speaks against Ruach ha'Kodesh, that will not be forgiven him, neither in this age, nor in the age to come.
Mat 12:33 Make a tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit.
Mat 12:34 You offspring of vipers, since you are evil, how can you say good things? For out of the superabundance of the heart (mind) the mouth speaks.
Mat 12:35 The good person from the good treasure of the heart produces what is good, and the evil person from the evil treasure of the heart produces what is evil.
Mat 12:36 I say to you, that in the Day of Judgment, people will give an account to Yehowah for every idle word they will have said.
Mat 12:37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Mat 12:38 Then certain scribes and Pharisees answered Yeshua, “Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.”
Mat 12:39 But Yeshua replied to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign. But no sign will be given to it, except the sign of Jonah the prophet.
Mat 12:40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the stomach of the huge fish, so will the Son of the virgin be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.
Mat 12:41 The men of Nineveh will stand up at the Judgment with this generation of people and will condemn it. For they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and see, Someone greater than Jonah is here.
Mat 12:42 The Queen of the South (Sheba) will rise up at the Judgment with the men of this generation and condemn it. She came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and see, Someone greater than Solomon is here.
Mat 12:43 When an unclean spirit has gone away from a person, it passes through waterless places and looks for rest but does not find it.
Mat 12:44 Then it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ Having returned, it finds that house swept out and put in order.
Mat 12:45 Then it goes and takes along with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they all come in to live there. Then the final condition of that person becomes worse than the first. It will be just like that with this evil generation.”
Mat 12:46 While Yeshua was still speaking to the crowds, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with him.
Mat 12:47 Someone told him, “Look, your mother and your brothers stand outside, seeking to speak with you.”
Mat 12:48 But Yeshua answered and asked him who told him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brethren and sistren and my relatives?”
Mat 12:49 Then he stretched out his hand toward his disciples and said, “See, here are my mother and my brethren and sistren!
Mat 12:50 For whoever does the will of my Father who is in Heaven, that person is my brother, sister, and mother.”

Matthew Chapter 13

Mat 13:1 On that day, Yeshua went out of the house and sat beside the Sea of Galilee.
Mat 13:2 A large crowd gathered around him, so he got into a boat and sat in it, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.
Mat 13:3 Then Yeshua spoke many things to them in parables, "Behold, a farmer went out to sow seed.
Mat 13:4 As he sowed, some seeds fell beside the road, and the birds came and devoured them.
Mat 13:5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil. Immediately, they sprang up, because the soil had no depth.
Mat 13:6 But when the sun had risen, they were scorched, because they had no root, and they withered away.
Mat 13:7 Other seeds fell among the thorn bushes. The thorns grew up and choked them.
Mat 13:8 Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some one hundred times as much, some sixty, and some thirty.
Mat 13:9 He who has ears to hear, let him listen."
Mat 13:10 The disciples came and asked Yeshua, "Why do you talk to the crowd in parables?"
Mat 13:11 Yeshua answered them, "You have been given the privilege of understanding mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven, but to them it is not given.
Mat 13:12 Because whoever has, even more will be given, and he will have superabundance. But whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.
Mat 13:13 This is why I talk to them in parables: Though they are seeing, they do not see; and though they are hearing, they do not hear or understand.
Mat 13:14 To them, the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, that which says, 'While hearing you will hear, but you will in no way understand; while seeing you will see, but you will in no way perceive.
Mat 13:15 For this people's heart has become dull, and they are hard of hearing, and they have closed their eyes, so they should not see with their eyes, or hear with their ears, or understand with their hearts, so they would turn around, and I would heal them' (Isa. 6:9-10).
Mat 13:16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear.
Mat 13:17 Truly, I say to you, that many prophets and righteous men desired to see the things that you see, and did not see them. They desired to hear the things that you hear, and did not hear them.
Mat 13:18 Listen then to the parable of the farmer who sowed his seed.

Mat 13:19 He who sows is the preacher. The seed is the Word of Yehowah. When anyone hears the Word of Yehowah but does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the seed that was sown beside the road.
Mat 13:20 What was sown on rocky ground is the person who hears the Word of Yehowah and immediately receives it with joy,
Mat 13:21 yet he has no root in himself, and he endures for awhile. When tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, he quickly falls away.
Mat 13:22 What was sown among the thorn bushes, this is the person who hears the Word of Yehowah, but the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the Word of Yehowah, and it becomes unfruitful.
Mat 13:23 What was sown on the good soil, this is the person who hears the Word of Yehowah and obeys it. He bears fruit and makes a crop, yielding one hundred times as much as was planted, some sixty, and some thirty times as much."
Mat 13:24 Yeshua presented another parable to them, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who sowed good seed in his field.
Mat 13:25 But while people slept, his enemy came and also sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away.
Mat 13:26 When the blades sprouted and then produced their crop, then the weeds appeared also.
Mat 13:27 The servants of the landowner came and asked him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How does it now have weeds?'
Mat 13:28 He answered them, 'A man-faced enemy has done this.' The servants asked him, 'So do you want us to go and pull them out?'
Mat 13:29 The landowner answered, 'No. Because while you are pulling out the weeds, you might uproot the wheat with them.
Mat 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At the time of the harvest, I will say to the reapers, "First, pull out the weeds and tie them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."""
Mat 13:31 Then Yeshua presented another parable to them, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed which a farmer took and sowed in his field.
Mat 13:32 This seed is indeed the smallest of all other seeds. But when it has grown, it is greater than the garden plants. It becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."
Mat 13:33 Yeshua then told them another parable, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of flour, until all the dough had risen."
Mat 13:34 All these things Yeshua spoke to the crowds in parables, and he said nothing to them without a parable.

Mat 13:35 This was in order that what had been said through the prophet might come true, “I will open my mouth in parables. I will say things that were hidden from the foundation of the world.”
Mat 13:36 Then Yeshua left the crowds and went into the house. His disciples came to him and asked, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.”
Mat 13:37 Yeshua answered, “He who sows the good seed is the Son of the virgin.
Mat 13:38 The field is the world; and the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one,
Mat 13:39 and the enemy who sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.
Mat 13:40 Therefore, as the weeds are gathered up and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.
Mat 13:41 The Son of Yehowah will send out his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all the things that cause sin, and those who violate the law.
Mat 13:42 They will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.
Mat 13:43 Then will the righteous people shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him listen.
Mat 13:44 Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. A man found it and hid it. In his joy he goes and sells everything he possesses and buys that field.
Mat 13:45 Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a man who is a merchant looking for valuable pearls.
Mat 13:46 When he found one pearl of extremely high value, he went and sold everything that he possessed and bought it.
Mat 13:47 Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea, and that gathered creatures of every kind.
Mat 13:48 When it was filled, the fishermen drew it up on the beach. Then they sat down and gathered the good things into containers, but the worthless things they threw away.
Mat 13:49 It will be this way at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from among the righteous.
Mat 13:50 They will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.
Mat 13:51 Have you understood all these things?” The disciples answered him, “Yes, Lord.”
Mat 13:52 Then Yeshua taught them, “Therefore, every scribe who has become a disciple to the Kingdom of Heaven is like the head of a household, who draws out old and new things from his treasure.”
Mat 13:53 Then it came about that when Yeshua had finished these parables, he departed from that place.

Mat 13:54 Then Yeshua entered his own region and taught the people in their house of assembly. The result was that they were astonished and asked, “Where does this man get his wisdom and these miracles from?
Mat 13:55 Is not this man the craftsman’s son? Is not his mother called Miriam? Are not his brothers Jacob, Joseph II, Simon, and Judah?
Mat 13:56 Are not all his sisters with us? Where did he get all these things?”
Mat 13:57 They were offended by him. But Yeshua explained to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own family.”
Mat 13:58 He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.

Matthew Chapter 14

Mat 14:1 About that time, Herod Antipas the tetrarch heard the news about Yeshua.
Mat 14:2 He said to his sons, “This is John the Immerser; he has risen from the dead. Therefore, these powers are at work in him.”
Mat 14:3 For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison because of Herodias, his brother Herod Philip’s wife (Lev. 20:21).
Mat 14:4 For John had told him, “It is not lawful for you to have her as your wife.”
Mat 14:5 Herod Antipas would have executed him, but he feared the people, because they regarded him as a prophet.
Mat 14:6 But when Herod’s birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced in the midst and pleased Herod.
Mat 14:7 In response, he promised with an oath to give her whatever she should ask.
Mat 14:8 After being instructed by her mother, she requested, “Give me here, on a platter, the head of John the Immerser.”
Mat 14:9 The king was upset by her request, but because of his oath and because of all those at dinner with him, he ordered that it should be done.
Mat 14:10 He sent and beheaded John in the prison.
Mat 14:11 Then his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she took it to her mother.
Mat 14:12 Then his disciples came, took up the corpse and buried it. After this, they went and told Yeshua.
Mat 14:13 Now when Yeshua heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to an isolated place. When the crowds heard of it, they followed him on foot from the cities.
Mat 14:14 Then Yeshua came before them and saw the large crowd. He had compassion on them and healed their sick.
Mat 14:15 At dusk, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is late. Dismiss the crowds, so that they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”
Mat 14:16 But Yeshua told them, “They have no need to go away. You give them something to eat.”
Mat 14:17 They responded to him, “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish.”
Mat 14:18 Yeshua ordered, “Bring them to me.”
Mat 14:19 Then Yeshua ordered the crowd to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and the two fish. Looking up to Heaven, he blessed Yehowah, broke

the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowd.
Mat 14:20 They all ate and were filled. Then they took up what remained of the broken pieces of food, twelve baskets full (2 Kings 4:42-44; Lev. 24:5-6).
Mat 14:21 Those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children (Mark 6:30; Luke 9:10; John 6:1).
Mat 14:22 Immediately, he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he sent away the crowds.
Mat 14:23 After he had sent away the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When nightfall came, he was there alone.
Mat 14:24 But the boat was now a long way from land, being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was blowing against them.
Mat 14:25 In the fourth watch of the night, Yeshua approached them, walking on the Sea.
Mat 14:26 When the disciples saw him walking on the Sea, they were terrified and cried out in fear, “It is a ghost!”
Mat 14:27 But Yeshua spoke to them right away, “Be brave in Yehowah! It is I! Do not be afraid.”
Mat 14:28 Peter answered him, “Lord, since it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”
Mat 14:29 Yeshua ordered, “Come!” So Peter got out from the boat and walked on the water to go to Yeshua.
Mat 14:30 But when Peter saw the fierce wind, he became afraid. As he began to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”
Mat 14:31 Yeshua immediately stretched out his hand, took hold of Peter and asked him, “You immature faithful, why were you afraid?”
Mat 14:32 Then when Yeshua and Peter went into the boat, the wind ceased blowing.
Mat 14:33 Then the disciples in the boat worshiped Yeshua, “Truly, you are the Son of Yehowah.”
Mat 14:34 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.
Mat 14:35 When the men in that place recognized Yeshua, they sent messages everywhere into the surrounding area, and they brought to him everyone who was sick (halah).
Mat 14:36 They begged (hilah) him that they might just touch the tassel of his garment, and as many as touched it were healed.

Matthew Chapter 15

Mat 15:1 Then some Pharisees and scribes came to Yeshua from Jerusalem. They complained,
Mat 15:2 “Why do your disciples violate the traditions of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread.”
Mat 15:3 He answered them, “Then why do you violate the commandment of Yehowah for the sake of your traditions?
Mat 15:4 For Yehowah commanded, ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and, ‘He who speaks evil of his father or mother must surely be executed’ (Exo. 20:12, 21:17; Mark 7:10).
Mat 15:5 But you say, ‘Whoever says to his father or mother, “Whatever help you would have received from me is now a gift given to Yehowah,”’
Mat 15:6 that person does not need to honor his father and his mother. In this way, you have made void the Word of Yehowah for the sake of your deceitful traditions.
Mat 15:7 You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you when he said,
Mat 15:8 ‘This people comes near to me with their mouth and honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.
Mat 15:9 They worship me in vain, because they teach as their doctrines the commandments of people’” (Isa. 29:13).
Mat 15:10 Then he called the crowd to himself and taught them, “Listen and understand,
Mat 15:11 nothing that enters into the mouth defiles a person. Instead, what comes out of the mouth, this is what defiles a person.”
Mat 15:12 Then the disciples came and asked Yeshua, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this statement?”
Mat 15:13 Yeshua answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up.
Mat 15:14 Let them alone, they are blind guides. If a blind person guides another blind person, both will fall into a pit.”
Mat 15:15 Peter responded to Yeshua, “Explain this parable to us.”
Mat 15:16 Yeshua taught, “Are you also still without understanding?
Mat 15:17 Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is then excreted into the toilet?
Mat 15:18 But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart. They are the things that defile a person.
Mat 15:19 For from the heart proceed evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, and slander.

Mat 15:20 These are the things that defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a person” (Mark 7:14-23).
Mat 15:21 Then Yeshua went away from there and withdrew toward the regions of the cities of Tyre and Sidon.
Mat 15:22 Behold, a Canaanite woman came out from that region. She shouted out, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely tormented by a demon!”
Mat 15:23 But Yeshua answered her not a word. His disciples came and begged him, “Send her away, for she is shouting after us.”
Mat 15:24 But Yeshua answered, “I was not sent to anyone except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”
Mat 15:25 But she came and bowed down before him, entreating, “Lord, help me.”
Mat 15:26 He answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the puppies.”
Mat 15:27 She replied, “Yes, Lord, but even the puppy dogs eat some of the crumbs that fall from their masters’ tables.”
Mat 15:28 Then Yeshua answered her, “Woman, great is your faith; let it be done for you just as you wish.” At that hour her daughter was healed.
Mat 15:29 Yeshua left that place and went near to the Sea of Galilee. Then he went up a mountain and sat there.
Mat 15:30 Large crowds came to him. They brought with them lame, blind, mute, and crippled people, and many others who were sick. They presented them at the feet of Yeshua, and he healed them.
Mat 15:31 So the crowd marveled when they saw the mute persons speak, the crippled made well, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. They glorified the Mighty One of Israel!
Mat 15:32 Yeshua called his disciples to him and said, “I have compassion on the crowd, because they have stayed with me for three days already and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away without eating, or they may faint on the way.”
Mat 15:33 The disciples asked him, “Where can we get enough loaves of bread in such a deserted place to satisfy so large a crowd?”
Mat 15:34 Yeshua asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They answered, “Seven, and a few small fish.”
Mat 15:35 Then Yeshua ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground.
Mat 15:36 He took the seven loaves and the fish, and after giving thanks to Yehowah, he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples. The disciples gave them to the crowd.

Mat 15:37 The people all ate and were satisfied. Then they gathered up seven baskets full of the broken pieces that were left over (2 Kings 4:42-44; Lev. 24:5-6).
Mat 15:38 Those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.
Mat 15:39 Then Yeshua sent the crowds away, climbed into the boat, and went into the region of Magdala.

Matthew Chapter 16

Mat 16:1 The Pharisees and Sadducees came and tested him by asking him to show them a sign from Heaven.
Mat 16:2 But Yeshua answered them, "When it is dusk, you say, 'Tomorrow it will be fair weather, for the sky is red.'
Mat 16:3 When it is daybreak, you say, 'Today it will be foul weather, for the sky is red and overcast.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.
Mat 16:4 An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet." Then Yeshua left them and went away.
Mat 16:5 When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.
Mat 16:6 Yeshua warned them, "Take heed and beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."
Mat 16:7 The disciples reasoned among themselves, "It is because we took no bread."
Mat 16:8 Yeshua was aware of this and asked, "You immature faithfuls, why do you reason among yourselves and say that it is because you have taken no bread?
Mat 16:9 Do you not yet perceive or remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered up?
Mat 16:10 Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you took up (2 Kings 4:42-44; Lev. 24:5-6)?
Mat 16:11 How is it that you do not understand that I was not speaking to you about bread? Take heed and beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."
Mat 16:12 Then they understood that he was not telling them to beware of yeast in bread, but to beware of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees (Luke 12:1).
Mat 16:13 Now when Yeshua came to the regions near Caesarea Philippi (modern Banias), he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"
Mat 16:14 They answered, "Some say John the Immerser; some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."
Mat 16:15 Yeshua asked them, "But who do you say that I AM?"
Mat 16:16 Answering, Simon Peter declared, "You are Messiah, the Son of living Yehowah!"
Mat 16:17 Yeshua answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar Yonah, for flesh and blood have not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in Heaven.

Mat 16:18 I also say to you that you are a pebble (even), and upon this rock (of redeemed sinners) I will build (evneh) my congregation. The gates of the place of the dead will not prevail against her.
Mat 16:19 I will give to you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you will forbid on earth will be forbidden in Heaven, and whatever you will permit on earth will be permitted in Heaven."
Mat 16:20 Then he commanded his disciples that they should tell no one that he is Yeshua the Messiah.
Mat 16:21 From that time, Yeshua started to tell his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and scribes, be killed, and be raised back to life on the third day.
Mat 16:22 Then Peter took him aside and rebuked him, "May this be far from you, Lord; may Yehowah never let this happen to you!"
Mat 16:23 But Yeshua turned his back to Peter and rebuked him, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me, for you do not care for the words of Yehowah but for the things of people."
Mat 16:24 Then Yeshua taught his disciples, "If anyone wants to follow me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.
Mat 16:25 For whoever wants to save his life will destroy it, and whoever destroys his life for my sake will find it.
Mat 16:26 For what does it profit a person if he gains the whole world but forfeits his life? What can a person give in exchange for his life?
Mat 16:27 For Yehowah will come in the glory of his Father with his angels (Deut 33; 1 Thes. 4:14). Then he will reward everyone according to what he has done.
Mat 16:28 Truly, I say to you, there are some of you who are standing here who will not taste death, until they see the Son of Yehowah coming in his kingdom."

Matthew Chapter 17

Mat 17:1 Six days later, Yeshua took with him Peter, Jacob, and John his brother, and brought them up a high mountain by themselves.
Mat 17:2 He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as brilliant as the light.
Mat 17:3 Behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah talking with him.
Mat 17:4 Peter spoke to Yeshua, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you desire, I will make here three shelters (sukkot), one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."
Mat 17:5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, there was a voice out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son, in whom my soul delights. Listen to him" (Deut. 18:15; Isa. 42:1).
Mat 17:6 When the disciples heard it, they fell on their face and were deathly afraid.
Mat 17:7 Then Yeshua came, touched them, and ordered, "Get up and do not be afraid."
Mat 17:8 Then they looked up but saw no one except Yeshua only.
Mat 17:9 As they were coming down the mountain, Yeshua commanded them, "Report this vision to no one, until the Son of Yehowah has risen from the dead."
Mat 17:10 His disciples asked him, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"
Mat 17:11 Yeshua answered, "Elijah will indeed come and restore all things.
Mat 17:12 But I tell you, Elijah has already come, but they did not recognize him. Instead, they did whatever they wanted to him. In the same way, the Son of Yehowah will also suffer at their hands."
Mat 17:13 Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them about John the Immerser.
Mat 17:14 When they had come to the crowd, a man came to him, knelt before him,
Mat 17:15 and entreated, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is epileptic and suffers severely. For he often falls into the fire or the water.
Mat 17:16 I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him."
Mat 17:17 Yeshua answered, "Unbelieving and corrupt generation, how long will I have to stay with you? How long must I bear with you? Bring him here to me."
Mat 17:18 Yeshua rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was healed from that hour.
Mat 17:19 Then the disciples came to Yeshua privately and asked, "Why could we not cast it out?"

Mat 17:20 Yeshua answered them, “Because of your weak faith. For I truly say to you, if you have faith even as a grain of mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.
Mat 17:21 But this element of Satan does not go out except with prayer and fasting.”
Mat 17:22 While they stayed in Galilee, Yeshua prophesied to his disciples, “The Son of Yehowah will be delivered into the hands of people,
Mat 17:23 and they will kill him, and the third day he will be raised up.” The disciples became extremely upset.
Mat 17:24 When they had come to Capernaum, the men who collected the half-weight offering came to Peter and complained, “Your teacher did not pay the half-weight offering” (Exo. 30:11-16; Exo. 38:25-26; 2 Kings 12:4-16).
Mat 17:25 He replied, “Truly.” But when Peter went into the house, Yeshua asked him first, “What do you think, Simon? The kings on earth, from whom do they receive tax or tribute? From their own children or from foreigners?”
Mat 17:26 When Peter answered, “From foreigners,” Yeshua instructed him, “Then the children are exempt from paying.
Mat 17:27 But so that we do not cause the offering collectors to sin, go to the Sea, throw in a hook, and draw in the fish that comes up first. When you have opened its mouth, you will find a silver coin. Take it and give it to the offering collectors for me and you.”

Matthew Chapter 18

Mat 18:1 At that same time, the disciples came to Yeshua and asked, “Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?”
Mat 18:2 Yeshua called to himself a little child, set him among them,
Mat 18:3 and taught, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn around and become like little children, you will in no way enter the Kingdom of Heaven (Mat. 5:20).
Mat 18:4 Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.
Mat 18:5 Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name receives me.
Mat 18:6 But whoever causes one of these little ones who believes in me to sin, it would be better for him that a donkey’s millstone should be hung about his neck, and that he should be sunk into the depths of the sea.
Mat 18:7 Woe to the world because of offenses! For it is necessary that offenses come, but woe to the person through whom that offense comes!
Mat 18:8 If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away from you. It is better for you to enter into the Garden of Eden maimed or lame than to be thrown into the eternal fire having two hands or two feet.
Mat 18:9 If your eye causes you to stumble (takhshileha), pluck it out and throw (tashlikheha) it away from you. It is better for you to enter into the Garden of Eden with one eye than to be thrown into the eternal fire having both eyes.
Mat 18:10 See that you do not despise any of these little ones. For I say to you, that in Heaven their angels always look on the face of my Father who is in Heaven.
Mat 18:11 For the Son of Man came to save that which was lost.
Mat 18:12 What do you think? If anyone has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine in the mountains and go off seeking the one that went astray?
Mat 18:13 If he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray.
Mat 18:14 In the same way, it is not the will of your Father in Heaven that one of these little ones should perish.
Mat 18:15 If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you will have gained your brother.
Mat 18:16 But if he does not listen to you, take one or two others along with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word might be verified.
Mat 18:17 And if he refuses to listen to them, tell the matter to the congregation elders (Beit Din). If he also refuses to listen to the congregation elders (Beit Din), let him be to you as a foreigner and a tax collector.

Mat 18:18 Truly, I say to you, whatever things you forbid on earth will be forbidden in Heaven; and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in Heaven.
Mat 18:19 Again, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father who is in Heaven.
Mat 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in their midst."
Mat 18:21 Then Peter came and asked him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Until seven times?"
Mat 18:22 Yeshua answered him, "I do not tell you seven times but until seventy times seven.
Mat 18:23 Therefore, the Kingdom of Heaven is similar to a human king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.
Mat 18:24 As he began the settling, one servant was brought to him who owed him ten thousand silver coins.
Mat 18:25 But since he had not the means to repay, his master commanded him to be sold, together with his wife, children, and everything that he had, and payment to be made.
Mat 18:26 So the servant fell down on his knees, asking for grace, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'
Mat 18:27 So the master of that servant, since he was moved with compassion (hamal), released him and forgave (mahal) him all the debt.
Mat 18:28 But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants, who owed him one hundred silver coins. He grasped him, took him by the throat and demanded, 'Pay me what you owe!'
Mat 18:29 But his fellow servant fell down and entreated him, 'Have patience with me, and I will repay you.'
Mat 18:30 But the first servant refused. Instead, he went and threw him into prison, until he should pay him what he owed.
Mat 18:31 When his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were extremely upset. They came and told their master everything that had happened.
Mat 18:32 Then that servant's master called him and said to him, 'You wicked servant, I forgave you all that debt, because you entreated me for grace.
Mat 18:33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant, even as I had mercy on you?'
Mat 18:34 His master was angry and handed him over to the torturers, until he would pay all that was owed.
Mat 18:35 So also my heavenly Father will do to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother or sister from your good heart."

Matthew Chapter 19

Mat 19:1 It came about that when Yeshua had finished these words, he departed from Galilee, and came to the region of Judea that is beyond the Jordan River.
Mat 19:2 Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.
Mat 19:3 Pharisees came to him, testing him, asking him, "Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife (without a written contract of divorce) for any cause?"
Mat 19:4 Yeshua answered, "Have you not read that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female?
Mat 19:5 He who made them also said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and join to his wife, and the two will become one flesh?'
Mat 19:6 So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what Yehowah has joined together, let no one tear apart (without a Writ of Divorce)."
Mat 19:7 They asked him, "Why then did Moses command us to give a certificate of divorce and then to send her away" (lawful divorce, Deut. 24:1-4)?
Mat 19:8 Yeshua answered them, "For your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to put away your wives (but only lawful with a written contract of divorce), but from the beginning it was not that way.
Mat 19:9 I say to you, whoever puts away his wife (without a written contract of divorce), except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and the man who marries a woman who is put away (without a written contract of divorce) commits adultery" (Mal. 2:16; 1 Cor. 7).
Mat 19:10 The disciples responded to Yeshua, "If that is the case of a man with his wife, it is not obligatory to marry."
Mat 19:11 But Yeshua replied to them, "Not everyone can accept this teaching, but only those who are allowed to accept it.
Mat 19:12 For there are eunuchs who were that way from their mother's womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven. He who is able to receive this teaching, let him receive it."
Mat 19:13 Then some little children were brought to him, so that he would lay his hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them.
Mat 19:14 But Yeshua said, "Permit the little children and do not forbid them to come to me, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such ones."
Mat 19:15 He placed his hands on the children, and then he went away from there.
Mat 19:16 Behold, a man came to Yeshua and asked, "Good Teacher, what good thing must I do that I may have eternal life?"

Mat 19:17 Yeshua answered him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? Only One is good, Yehowah, but if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”
Mat 19:18 The man asked him, “Which commandments?” Yeshua answered, “Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not bear false witness,
Mat 19:19 honor your father and your mother, and unconditionally selflessly love your neighbor as yourself.”
Mat 19:20 The young man said to him, “All these things I have obeyed from my childhood. What do I still need?”
Mat 19:21 Yeshua answered him, “If you wish to be completely mature, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in Heaven; and come, follow me.”
Mat 19:22 But when the young man heard what Yeshua said, he went away sorrowful, for he had many possessions.
Mat 19:23 Yeshua taught his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it is difficult for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.
Mat 19:24 Again, I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of Yehowah.”
Mat 19:25 When the disciples heard it, they were quite astonished and asked, “Who then can save us?”
Mat 19:26 Yeshua looked at them and answered, “With people this is impossible, but with Yehowah all things are possible.”
Mat 19:27 Then Peter responded to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?”
Mat 19:28 Yeshua answered them, “Truly, I say to you, in the Restoration when the Son of Yehowah sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
Mat 19:29 Every one who has left houses, brothers, sisters, father, mother, wife, children, or farmland for my name’s sake, will receive one hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.
Mat 19:30 But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

Matthew Chapter 20

Mat 20:1 For the Kingdom of Heaven is like a landowner who went out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard.
Mat 20:2 After he had agreed with the workers for one silver coin a day, he sent them into his vineyard.
Mat 20:3 He went out again about 9 am and saw other workers standing idle in the marketplace.
Mat 20:4 To them he said, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went to work.
Mat 20:5 Again he went out about 12 pm and again at 3 pm, and did the same.
Mat 20:6 Once more about 5 pm he went out and found others standing idle. He asked them, 'Why do you stand here idle all the day long?'
Mat 20:7 They answered him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.'
Mat 20:8 When dusk came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning from the last to the first.'
Mat 20:9 When the workers who had been hired at 5 pm came, each of them received a silver coin.
Mat 20:10 When the first workers came, they thought that they would receive more, but they also received one silver coin each.
Mat 20:11 When they received their wages, they complained about the landowner.
Mat 20:12 They said, 'These last workers have worked only one hour, but you have made them equal to us, we who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'
Mat 20:13 But the owner answered and said to one of them, 'Friend, I do you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for one silver coin?
Mat 20:14 Take what belongs to you and go your way. I choose to give to these last hired workers just the same as to you.
Mat 20:15 Do I not have the right to do as I want with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?'
Mat 20:16 So the last will be first and the first last. Many are called, but few are chosen."
Mat 20:17 As Yeshua was going up to Jerusalem, he took the Twelve aside, and on the way he explained to them,
Mat 20:18 "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Yehowah will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes. They will condemn him to death
Mat 20:19 and will deliver him to the ethnicities for them to mock, to flog, and to crucify him. But on the third day he will be raised up."

Mat 20:20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Yeshua with her sons. She bowed down before him and asked for something from him.
Mat 20:21 Yeshua asked her, “What do you wish?” She answered him, “Command that these my two sons may sit, one at your right hand and one at your left hand, in your kingdom.”
Mat 20:22 But Yeshua responded, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and to be immersed with the immersion I will be immersed with?” They answered him, “We are able.”
Mat 20:23 He told them, “My cup you will indeed drink, and you will be immersed with the immersion I will be immersed with. But to sit at my right hand and at my left hand is not mine to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.”
Mat 20:24 When the other ten disciples heard this, they were extremely angry with the two brothers.
Mat 20:25 But Yeshua called them to himself and taught, “You know that the rulers of the ethnicities subjugate them, and their important men exercise authority over them.
Mat 20:26 But it must not be this way among you. Instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,
Mat 20:27 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your servant,
Mat 20:28 just as the Son of Yehowah did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
Mat 20:29 As they went out from Jericho, a great crowd followed him.
Mat 20:30 There were two blind men sitting by the road. When they heard that Yeshua was passing by, they shouted, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!”
Mat 20:31 The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be quiet, but they cried out even more loudly, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!”
Mat 20:32 Then Yeshua stood still, called to them, and asked, “What do you wish me to do for you?”
Mat 20:33 They answered him, “Lord, that our eyes may be opened.”
Mat 20:34 Then Yeshua, being moved with compassion, touched their eyes. Immediately, they received their sight and followed him.

Matthew Chapter 21

Mat 21:1 As Yeshua and his disciples approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Yeshua sent two disciples,
Mat 21:2 directing them, "Go into the next village, and you will immediately find a jenny donkey tied up there and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me.
Mat 21:3 If anyone says anything to you about that, you will say, 'The Lord has need of them for his work,' and that person will immediately send them with you."
Mat 21:4 Now this came about that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled,
Mat 21:5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'See, your King is coming to you, humble and riding on a colt, on a foal of a jenny'" (Gen. 49:11; Zech. 9:9; Exo. 4:20).
Mat 21:6 Then the disciples went and did just as Yeshua had instructed them.
Mat 21:7 They brought the jenny and the colt and put their coats on him, and Yeshua sat upon the coats.
Mat 21:8 Most of the crowd spread their coats on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them in the road.
Mat 21:9 Then the crowds that went before Yeshua, and those that followed him, were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of Yehowah our Savior! Hosanna in the highest!"
Mat 21:10 When Yeshua had come into Jerusalem, all the city was stirred and asked, "Who is this Yeshua?"
Mat 21:11 The crowds answered, "This Yeshua is the Prophet from Natsareth in Galilee!"
Mat 21:12 Then Yeshua entered the temple of Yehowah. He cast out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and turned over the tables of the money changers, and the seats of those who sold doves.
Mat 21:13 He proclaimed to them, "It is written, 'My temple will be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers!"
Mat 21:14 Then the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them.
Mat 21:15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the marvelous things that he did, and when they heard the children shouting in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" They became extremely angry.
Mat 21:16 They asked him, "Do you hear what these people are shouting?" Yeshua answered them, "Yes! But have you never read, 'Lord, out of the mouths of babes and nursing infants you have perfected praise?'"

Mat 21:17 Then Yeshua left them and went out of the city to Bethany and spent the night there.
Mat 21:18 Now at dawn, as he returned to the city, he was hungry.
Mat 21:19 Seeing a fig tree along the roadside, he went to it and found nothing on it except leaves. He cursed it, “May there be no fruit from you ever again,” and immediately the fig tree withered.
Mat 21:20 When the disciples saw it, they marveled and asked, “How did the fig tree immediately wither away?”
Mat 21:21 Yeshua answered them, “Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to this fig tree, but you will even say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and it will be done.
Mat 21:22 Whatever you ask for in prayer, believing, you will receive.”
Mat 21:23 When Yeshua had come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and asked, “By what authority do you do these things, and who gave you this ability?”
Mat 21:24 Yeshua answered them, “I also will ask you one question. If you tell me, I will tell you by what authority I do these things.
Mat 21:25 The immersion of John, from where did it come? From Heaven or from humans?” They discussed among themselves, “If we say, ‘From Heaven,’ he will ask us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’
Mat 21:26 But if we say, ‘From humans,’ we fear the crowd, because they all view John as a prophet.”
Mat 21:27 Then they answered Yeshua, “We do not know.” He also said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.
Mat 21:28 But what do you think? A man had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go work today in the vineyard.’
Mat 21:29 The son answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went.
Mat 21:30 Then the man went to the second son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will go, sir,’ but he did not go.
Mat 21:31 Which of the two sons did his father’s will?” They answered, “The first one.” Yeshua taught them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes will enter the Kingdom of Yehowah before you do.
Mat 21:32 For John came to you in the Way of righteousness, but you did not believe him. But the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. But you, even when you saw this, you did not repent afterward and believe him.
Mat 21:33 Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner. He planted a vineyard, set a hedge about it, dug a winepress in it, built a watchtower, and rented it out to vine growers. Then he went into another country.
Mat 21:34 When the time of the fruit harvest approached, he sent some servants to the vine growers to get his fruit.

Mat 21:35 But the vine growers took his servants, beat one, killed another, and stoned still another.
Mat 21:36 Again, the owner sent other servants, more than the first, but the vine growers treated them in the same way.
Mat 21:37 After that, the owner sent his own son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'
Mat 21:38 But when the vine growers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and take over the inheritance.'
Mat 21:39 So they took him, threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.
Mat 21:40 Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine growers?"
Mat 21:41 They answered him, "He will destroy those miserable men in the most severe way, and will then rent out the vineyard to other vine growers, men who will give him his share of crops at the harvest time."
Mat 21:42 Yeshua asked them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures, 'The Stone which the builders rejected has been made the chief Cornerstone. This was from Yehowah, and it is marvelous in our eyes' (Psa. 118:22-23)?
Mat 21:43 Therefore, I say to you, the Kingdom of Yehowah will be taken away from you, and will be given to ethnicities that produce its fruits.
Mat 21:44 Whoever falls on this Stone will be broken to pieces. But anyone on whom it falls will be crushed."
Mat 21:45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they understood he was speaking about them.
Mat 21:46 Seeking to arrest him, they were afraid of the crowd, because the people regarded him as the Prophet.

Matthew Chapter 22

Mat 22:1 Yeshua spoke to them again in parables,
Mat 22:2 “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a human king who prepared a marriage feast for his son.
Mat 22:3 He sent out his servants to call those who had been invited to come to the marriage feast, but they would not come.
Mat 22:4 Again, the king sent other servants, ordering, ‘Tell them who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and fowl have been killed, and all things are ready. Come to the marriage feast.”’
Mat 22:5 But they paid no attention and went away, one to his farm, another to his business.
Mat 22:6 The others seized the king’s servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them.
Mat 22:7 The king was angry, and he sent his armed forces, and they killed those murderers and burned their houses.
Mat 22:8 Then he commanded his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.
Mat 22:9 Therefore, go to the highway crossings and invite as many people to the marriage feast as you can find.’
Mat 22:10 The servants went out to the highways and gathered together all the people they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.
Mat 22:11 But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes.
Mat 22:12 The king asked him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without wedding clothes?’ But he was speechless.
Mat 22:13 Then the king ordered the servants, ‘Bind this man hand and foot, take him away and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and the grinding of teeth.’
Mat 22:14 For many people are called, but few are chosen.”
Mat 22:15 Then the Pharisees went and planned how they might entrap Yeshua in his own talk.
Mat 22:16 Then they sent to him their disciples, together with the Herodians. They said to Yeshua, “Teacher, we know that you are truthful, and that you teach the Way of Yehowah in truth. You care for no one’s opinion, and you do not show partiality between people.
Mat 22:17 So tell us, what do you think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

Mat 22:18 But Yeshua understood their wickedness and responded, “Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?
Mat 22:19 Show me the coin for the tax.” Then they brought a silver coin to him.
Mat 22:20 Yeshua asked them, “Whose image and name are these?”
Mat 22:21 They answered him, “Caesar’s.” Then Yeshua told them, “Then give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to Yehowah the things that belong to Yehowah.”
Mat 22:22 When they heard it, they marveled. Then they left him and went away.
Mat 22:23 On that day, some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him. They inquired of him,
Mat 22:24 “Teacher, Moses commanded, ‘If a man dies, having no children, his brother must marry his wife and have children for his brother (Levirate marriage).
Mat 22:25 There were seven brothers. The first married and then died. Having left no children, he left his wife to his brother.
Mat 22:26 Then the second brother did the same thing, then the third, all the way to the seventh brother.
Mat 22:27 After them all, the woman died.
Mat 22:28 Now in the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven brothers? For they all had married her.”
Mat 22:29 But Yeshua answered them, “You are mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of Yehowah.
Mat 22:30 For in the resurrection, they neither marry nor are given in marriage. Instead, they are like the angels of Yehowah in Heaven.
Mat 22:31 But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by Yehowah,
Mat 22:32 ‘I AM the Mighty One of Abraham, the Mighty One of Isaac, and the Mighty One of Jacob?’ Yehowah is not the Mighty One of the dead but of the living.”
Mat 22:33 When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.
Mat 22:34 But when the Pharisees heard that Yeshua had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered themselves together.
Mat 22:35 One of them, a law interpreter, asked him a question, testing him,
Mat 22:36 “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?”
Mat 22:37 Yeshua answered him, “‘Unconditionally selflessly love Yehowah your Divine One with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind’ (Deut. 6:5; 10:12; 30:6).
Mat 22:38 This is the great and first commandment.
Mat 22:39 And a second commandment is like it, ‘Unconditionally selflessly love your neighbor as yourself’ (Lev. 19:18, 34; Deut. 10:18-19).

Mat 22:40 By these two commandments derive the whole law and the prophets" (aka Tanakh).
Mat 22:41 Now while the Pharisees were still gathered together, Yeshua asked them a question,
Mat 22:42 "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They answered him, "The Son of David."
Mat 22:43 Yeshua asked them, "How then does David in the Ruach call him Lord,
Mat 22:44 'Yehowah invited my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool"' (Psa. 110:1)?
Mat 22:45 If David then calls the Messiah 'Lord,' how is he David's son?"
Mat 22:46 No one was able to answer him a word, and no man dared ask him any more questions from that day on.

Matthew Chapter 23

Mat 23:1 Then Yeshua preached to the crowds and to his disciples,
Mat 23:2 “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat.
Mat 23:3 Therefore, whatever he commands you to do, do these things and observe them. But do not imitate their deeds, for they say things but then do not do them.
Mat 23:4 Yes, they bind heavy burdens that are difficult to carry, and then they put them on people’s shoulders. But they themselves will not move a finger to carry them.
Mat 23:5 They do all their deeds to be seen by people. For they make their tefillin wide, and they lengthen the tekhelet (blue string in the tassel; Num. 15:38) of their garments.
Mat 23:6 They love the chief places at feasts and the chief seats in the houses of assembly,
Mat 23:7 and special greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by people.
Mat 23:8 But you must not be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have only one Teacher, Messiah, and you are all brethren and sistren.
Mat 23:9 And call no man on earth your father, for you have only one Father, and he is in Heaven.
Mat 23:10 Neither must you be called ‘teacher,’ for you have only one Teacher, Messiah.
Mat 23:11 But he who is greatest among you will be your servant.
Mat 23:12 Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.
Mat 23:13 But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You shut the Kingdom of Heaven against people. For you do not enter it yourselves, and neither do you allow those about to enter to do so.
Mat 23:14 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows’ houses, while you make a show of long prayers. You will therefore receive greater condemnation.
Mat 23:15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you go over sea and land to make one convert, and when he has become one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you.
Mat 23:16 Woe to you, you blind guides, you who say, ‘Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing. But whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound to his oath.’
Mat 23:17 You blind fools! Which is greater, the gold or the temple that makes the gold set apart?

Mat 23:18 And, ‘Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing. But whoever swears by the gift that is on it, he is bound to his oath.’
Mat 23:19 You blind people! Which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift set apart?
Mat 23:20 Therefore, he who swears by the altar, swears by it and by everything on it.
Mat 23:21 The one who swears by the temple, swears by it and by the One who lives in it,
Mat 23:22 and the one who swears by Heaven, swears by the throne of Yehowah and by him who sits on it.
Mat 23:23 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill, and cumin, but you have left undone the weightier matters of the law, justice, mercy, and faith. But these you ought to have done and not to have left the other undone.
Mat 23:24 You blind guides, you who strain out a gnat but swallow a camel!
Mat 23:25 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.
Mat 23:26 You blind Pharisee! Clean first the inside of the cup and plate, so that the outside may become clean also **(Luke 11:41)**.
Mat 23:27 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which on the outside look beautiful, but on the inside are full of dead men’s bones and everything unclean.
Mat 23:28 In the same way, you also outwardly appear righteous to people, but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.
Mat 23:29 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the tombs of the righteous.
Mat 23:30 You say, ‘If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been participants with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.’
Mat 23:31 Therefore, you testify against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets.
Mat 23:32 You also fill up the measure of your fathers.
Mat 23:33 You serpents, you offspring of vipers, how will you escape the judgment of hell?
Mat 23:34 Therefore see, I am sending you prophets, wise disciples, and scribes. Some of them you will kill and crucify; and some you will whip in your houses of assembly and drive them out from city to city.
Mat 23:35 The result is, that upon you will come all the righteous blood that has been shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel, to the blood of Zechariah, righteous son, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar.

Mat 23:36 **Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.**
Mat 23:37 **Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those who are sent to you numerous times! How often did I long to gather your children together, just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!**
Mat 23:38 **See, your temple is left to you desolate.**
Mat 23:39 **For I say to you, you will not see me from now on until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of Yehowah'" (Psa. 118:26; Luke 13:35)!**

Matthew Chapter 24

Mat 24:1 Yeshua went out from the temple and was going on his way. His disciples came to him to point out to him the buildings of the temple.
Mat 24:2 But he answered them, “Do you not see all these things? Truly, I say to you, not one stone will be left on another that will not be demolished.”
Mat 24:3 As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately and asked, “Tell us, when will these things happen? What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”
Mat 24:4 Yeshua answered them, “Be careful that no one leads you astray.
Mat 24:5 For many will come in my name. They will say, ‘I AM Messiah,’ and will lead many people astray.
Mat 24:6 You will hear of wars and intelligence reports concerning wars. See that you are not troubled, for these things must happen; but the end is not yet.
Mat 24:7 For ethnicity will rise against ethnicity, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines, plagues, and earthquakes in various places.
Mat 24:8 But all these things are only the beginning of birth pains.
Mat 24:9 Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you. You will be hated by all ethnicities for my name’s sake.
Mat 24:10 Then most will stumble, betray one another, and hate one another.
Mat 24:11 Many false prophets will rise up and lead many people astray.
Mat 24:12 Because lawlessness will be multiplied, the unconditional selfless love of many people will grow cold.
Mat 24:13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved.
Mat 24:14 This good news of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all ethnicities. Then the end will come.
Mat 24:15 Therefore, when you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the set-apart place” (let the reader understand; Dan. 11:31; 9:27; 12:11; 2 Thes. 2:3-4; Zech. 5:11),
Mat 24:16 “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains,
Mat 24:17 let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house,
Mat 24:18 and let him who is in the field not return to take his cloak.
Mat 24:19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing infants in those days!
Mat 24:20 Pray to Yehowah that your flight will not occur in the winter or on a Sabbath.
Mat 24:21 For then there will be Great Tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever will be again.

Mat 24:22 Unless those days are shortened by Yehowah, no flesh would be saved alive. But for the sake of the elect of Yehowah, those days will be shortened.
Mat 24:23 Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or ‘There is the Messiah!’ Do not believe it.
Mat 24:24 For false messiahs and false prophets will come and show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect of Yehowah.
Mat 24:25 See, I have told you ahead of time.
Mat 24:26 Therefore, if they say to you, ‘Look, he is in the wilderness,’ do not go out there. Or, ‘See, he is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it.
Mat 24:27 For as the lightning bursts out from the east and flashes all the way to the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Yehowah.
Mat 24:28 Wherever a dead body is, there the vultures will gather (Luke 17:37; Eze. 39:17-20; Rev. 19:17-20).
Mat 24:29 But immediately after the Tribulation of those days (Mark 13:24), the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly powers will be shaken.
Mat 24:30 Then the sign of the Son of Yehowah will appear in the sky, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of the virgin coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory (Deut. 33; Dan. 7:13).
Mat 24:31 Then he will send his angels with a megaloud sound of a trumpet (1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thes. 4:16; Rev. 11:15; Lev. 23:24; Isa. 27:13), and they will gather together the elect of Yehowah from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.
Mat 24:32 Learn a lesson from the fig tree. As soon as the branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near.
Mat 24:33 So also, when you see all these things, you should know that he is near, at the gates.
Mat 24:34 Truly, I say to you, this period of time will not pass, until all of these things will have happened (Gen. 6:3; Lev. 25:8; Dan. 9:24).
Mat 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.
Mat 24:36 But concerning that Day and hour, no one knows, not even the angels of Heaven, nor the Son, but only the heavenly Father (Mark 13:32).
Mat 24:37 As the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of the virgin.
Mat 24:38 For as in those days before The Flood, they were eating (human flesh) and drinking (human blood), marrying (Nephilim) and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,
Mat 24:39 and they knew nothing, until The Flood came and took them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Yehowah.
Mat 24:40 Then two men will be in a field, one will be taken, and one will be left.

Mat 24:41 Two women will be grinding with a mill, one will be taken, and one will be left.
Mat 24:42 Therefore, be on your guard, for you do not know at what hour the Lord will come.
Mat 24:43 But know this, that if the head of the household had known in what time of night the thief was coming, he would have been on guard and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.
Mat 24:44 Therefore, you must also be ready, for the Son of Yehowah will come at an hour that you do not expect.
Mat 24:45 So who is the faithful and wise servant whom his Master has set over his household, in order to give them their food at the right time?
Mat 24:46 Blessed is that servant whom his Master will find doing that when he comes.
Mat 24:47 Truly, I say to you, that the Master will set him over everything that he owns.
Mat 24:48 But if an evil servant says in his heart, 'My Master delays his coming,'
Mat 24:49 and begins to beat his fellow servants, and eats and drinks with drunkards;
Mat 24:50 then the Master of that servant will come on a day that the servant does not expect, and at an hour that he does not know.
Mat 24:51 His Master will remove him from his supervision and make his fate the same as that of the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

Matthew Chapter 25

Mat 25:1 Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.
Mat 25:2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise.
Mat 25:3 For when the foolish virgins took their lamps, they did not take any oil with them.
Mat 25:4 But the wise virgins took containers of oil along with their lamps.
Mat 25:5 Now while the bridegroom was delayed, they all got sleepy and slept.
Mat 25:6 But at midnight there was a cry, 'Look, the bridegroom comes! Go out and meet him!'
Mat 25:7 Then all those virgins rose up and lit their lamps.
Mat 25:8 The foolish entreated the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, because our lamps are going out.'
Mat 25:9 But the wise answered, 'Since there will not be enough for us and you, go instead to those who sell and buy some for yourselves.'
Mat 25:10 While they went away to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him to the wedding, and the door was shut **(Gen. 7:16; Rev. 19:7).**
Mat 25:11 Afterward, the other virgins also came and cried, 'Master, master, open for us!'
Mat 25:12 But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.'
Mat 25:13 Watch therefore, for you do not know the Day or the hour at which the Son of Man comes.
Mat 25:14 For it is like when a man was about to go into another country. He called his own servants and gave over to them his wealth in gold.
Mat 25:15 To one of them he gave 5 gold coins, to another he gave 2 gold coins, and to yet another he gave 1 gold coin. Each one received an amount according to his own ability, and that man went on his journey.
Mat 25:16 The one who received the 5 gold coins went at once and invested them and made another 5 coins.
Mat 25:17 Likewise, the one who had received 2 gold coins made another 2 coins.
Mat 25:18 But the servant who had received 1 gold coin went away, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master's money.
Mat 25:19 Now after a long time, the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them.
Mat 25:20 The servant who had received 5 gold coins came, and he brought another 5 coins. He reported, 'Master, you gave me 5 gold coins. See, I have made 5 coins more.'

Mat 25:21 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful over a few things. I will put you in charge over many things. Enter into the joy of your master!’
Mat 25:22 The servant who had received 2 gold coins came and reported, ‘Master, you gave me 2 gold coins. See, I have made 2 more.’
Mat 25:23 His master replied to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful over a few things. I will put you in charge over many things. Enter into the joy of your master!’
Mat 25:24 Then the servant who had received 1 gold coin came and complained, ‘Master, I know that you are a strict man. You reap where you did not sow, and you harvest where you did not scatter.
Mat 25:25 I was afraid, so I went away and hid your gold coin in the ground. See, you have here what belongs to you.’
Mat 25:26 But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown and harvest where I have not scattered.
Mat 25:27 Therefore, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming, I would have received back my own gold with interest.
Mat 25:28 Therefore, take away the coin from him and give it to the servant who has 10 gold coins.
Mat 25:29 For to everyone who possesses, more will be given, even more abundantly. But from anyone who does not possess anything, even what he does have will be taken away.
Mat 25:30 Throw the worthless servant into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth’ **(Luke 19:11-27)**.
Mat 25:31 When the Son of Yehowah comes in his glory and all the set-apart angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne **(Deut. 33; Dan. 7:13)**.
Mat 25:32 Before him will be gathered all the ethnicities, and he will separate the people one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
Mat 25:33 He will place the sheep on his right hand but the goats on his left.
Mat 25:34 Then the King will say to those on his right hand, ‘Come, you who have been blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
Mat 25:35 For I was hungry, and you gave me food; I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink; I was a sojourning foreigner, and you took me in;
Mat 25:36 I was naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you cared for me; I was in prison, and you came to me.’
Mat 25:37 Then the righteous will respond with questions, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you a drink?
Mat 25:38 When did we see you a sojourning foreigner and take you in? Or naked and clothe you?
Mat 25:39 When did we see you sick or in prison and come to you?’

Mat 25:40 Then the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, what you did for one of the least of these brethren and sistren of mine, you did it for me.’
Mat 25:41 Then he will say to those on his left hand, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire that has been prepared for the Devil and his angels,
Mat 25:42 because I was hungry, but you did not give me food; I was thirsty, but you did not give me a drink;
Mat 25:43 I was a sojourning foreigner, but you did not take me in; naked, but you did not clothe me; sick and in prison, but you did not care for me.’
Mat 25:44 Then they will also respond with a question, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a sojourning foreigner, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not serve you?’
Mat 25:45 Then he will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, what you did not do for one of the least poor ones who belong to me, you did not do for me.’
Mat 25:46 These will go away into eternal fiery punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

Matthew Chapter 26

Mat 26:1 It came about that when Yeshua had finished all these words, he prophesied to his disciples,
Mat 26:2 “You know that after two days, the Passover is coming, and the Son of Yehowah will be delivered up to be crucified.”
Mat 26:3 Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people were gathered together in the palace of the high priest, who was named Caiaphas.
Mat 26:4 They plotted together to arrest Yeshua stealthily and execute him.
Mat 26:5 For they were saying, “Not during the appointment calendar festival, so that a riot does not arise among the people.”
Mat 26:6 Now while Yeshua was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper,
Mat 26:7 as he was reclining at the table, a woman came to him having an alabaster jar of expensive precious ointment, and she poured it upon his head.
Mat 26:8 But when his disciples saw it, they became angry and complained, “What is the reason for this waste?
Mat 26:9 This could have been sold for a large amount and given to the poor.”
Mat 26:10 But Yeshua, knowing this, rebuked them, “Why are you troubling this woman? For she has done a beautiful thing for me.
Mat 26:11 You always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me (Deut. 15:10-11).
Mat 26:12 For when she poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial.
Mat 26:13 Truly, I say to you, wherever this good news is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her.”
Mat 26:14 Then one of the Twelve, who was named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests,
Mat 26:15 and asked, “What are you willing to give me to deliver him to you?” According to their agreement, they paid him thirty silver coins (Zech. 11:12-13).
Mat 26:16 From that moment, he sought an opportunity to deliver him to them.
Mat 26:17 And at the beginning of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Yeshua and asked, “Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover” (Exo. 12:6-8)?
Mat 26:18 He answered, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, “My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.”’”
Mat 26:19 The disciples did as Yeshua directed them, and they prepared the Passover.
Mat 26:20 When dusk came, he reclined with the Twelve.

Mat 26:21 As they were eating, he prophesied, “Truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray me.”
Mat 26:22 They were extremely sorrowful, and each one began to ask him, “Surely not I, Lord?”
Mat 26:23 He answered, “The one who dips his hand with me in the bowl is the one who will betray me.
Mat 26:24 The Son of Yehowah will go, just as it is written about him. But woe to that man by whom the Son of the virgin is betrayed! It would be better for that man if he had not been born.”
Mat 26:25 Judas, who would betray him, asked, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He answered him, “You have said it yourself.”
Mat 26:26 As they were eating, Yeshua took unleavened bread, blessed Yehowah, and broke it. He gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat. This represents my body.”
Mat 26:27 He took a cup, gave thanks to Yehowah, and gave it to them, and said, “Drink it, all of you.
Mat 26:28 For this represents my blood of the New Covenant that is poured out for many for the atonement (Heb. kaparah, #H3722; Lev. 17:10-14; Gen. 9:4) of sins.
Mat 26:29 And I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom” (Nazirite vow; Num. 6).
Mat 26:30 When they had sung the Hallel, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
Mat 26:31 Then Yeshua prophesied to them, “All of you will fall away tonight because of me, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’
Mat 26:32 But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”
Mat 26:33 But Peter responded to him, “Even if all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.”
Mat 26:34 Yeshua replied to him, “Truly, I say to you, this night before the Temple Herald shouts, you will deny (kaphar) me three times.”
Mat 26:35 Peter responded to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny (kaphar) you.” All the other disciples said the same thing.
Mat 26:36 Then Yeshua went with them to a village (kephar) called Gethsemane and said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”
Mat 26:37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him and began to become sorrowful and troubled.
Mat 26:38 Then he said to them, “My soul is deeply sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch with me.”
Mat 26:39 He went a little farther, fell on his face, and prayed (Lam. 3:29), “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet, not as I will, but as you will.”

Mat 26:40 He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “What, could you not watch with me for one hour?
Mat 26:41 Watch and pray that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”
Mat 26:42 He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cup cannot pass away unless I drink it, your will be done.”
Mat 26:43 He came again and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.
Mat 26:44 So leaving them again, he went away and prayed a third time, speaking his own words.
Mat 26:45 Then Yeshua came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Look, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Yehowah is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.
Mat 26:46 Arise, let us go. Look, the one who is betraying me is near!”
Mat 26:47 While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came. A large crowd came with him from the chief priests and elders of the people. They came with swords and clubs.
Mat 26:48 Now the man who was going to betray Yeshua had given them a signal, “Whomever I kiss, he is the One. Seize him.”
Mat 26:49 Immediately, he came up to Yeshua and said, “May Yehowah save you, Rabbi!” And he kissed him.
Mat 26:50 Yeshua replied to him, “Friend, do what you have come to do.” Then they came, laid hands on Yeshua, and seized him.
Mat 26:51 Behold, one of those who was with Yeshua stretched out his hand, drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.
Mat 26:52 Then Yeshua responded to him, “Put your sword back in its scabbard, for all those who take up the sword will perish by the sword.
Mat 26:53 Do you think that I could not call upon my Father, and he would send me more than twelve legions of angelic warriors?
Mat 26:54 But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled, that this must happen?”
Mat 26:55 At that time, Yeshua spoke to the crowd, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to seize me like a robber? I sat daily in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me.
Mat 26:56 But all this has happened, so that the writings of the prophets will be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples left him and fled.
Mat 26:57 Those who had seized Yeshua led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and elders had gathered together.
Mat 26:58 But Peter followed him from a distance to the courtyard of the high priest. He went inside and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.
Mat 26:59 Now the chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false testimony against Yeshua, so that they might execute him.

Mat 26:60 They did not find any, even though many false witnesses came forward. But later, two false witnesses came forward
Mat 26:61 and testified, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of Yehowah and rebuild it in three days.’”
Mat 26:62 The high priest stood up and asked him, “Do you have no answer? What is it that they are testifying against you?”
Mat 26:63 But Yeshua was silent. The high priest ordered him, “I command you (per Lev. 5:1) by living Yehowah, tell us whether or not you are the Messiah, the Son of living Yehowah.”
Mat 26:64 Yeshua replied to him, “You have said it yourself. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of the virgin sitting at the right hand of Yehowah (Psa. 110:1), and coming on the clouds of Heaven.”
Mat 26:65 Then the high priest tore his clothes and exclaimed, “He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we still need witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy.
Mat 26:66 What do you think?” They answered, “He is worthy of execution.”
Mat 26:67 Then they spat in his face, and beat him, and struck him with the palms of their hands,
Mat 26:68 and said, “Prophesy to us, you Messiah. Who is it that struck you?”
Mat 26:69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him and said, “You were also with Yeshua of Galilee.”
Mat 26:70 But he denied it in front of them all, “I do not know what you are talking about.”
Mat 26:71 When he went out to the gateway, another servant girl saw him and said to those there, “This man was also with Yeshua the Natsari.”
Mat 26:72 He again denied it with an oath, “I do not know the man!”
Mat 26:73 After a little while, those who were standing by came and said to Peter, “Surely, you are also one of them, for the way you speak gives you away.”
Mat 26:74 Then he began to curse and swear, “I do not know the man,” and immediately the Temple Herald shouted.
Mat 26:75 Peter remembered the words that Yeshua had prophesied, “Before the Temple Herald shouts, you will deny me three times.” Then he went outside and wept bitterly.

Matthew Chapter 27

Mat 27:1 Now when dawn came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Yeshua to execute him.
Mat 27:2 They bound him, led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.
Mat 27:3 Then when Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Yeshua had been condemned, he repented and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and elders,
Mat 27:4 and confessed, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” But they responded, “What is that to us? See to that yourself.”
Mat 27:5 Then he threw down the silver coins in the temple, departed, and went out and hanged himself (on his sword, Acts 1:18; 1 Sam. 31:4-5; 1 Chron. 10:4-5; 2 Sam. 17:23).
Mat 27:6 The chief priests took the silver coins and said, “It is not lawful to put this into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.”
Mat 27:7 They discussed the matter together and with the money bought the potter’s field in which to bury sojourning foreigners.
Mat 27:8 For this reason that field has been called the “Field Of Blood” to this day.
Mat 27:9 Then that which had been spoken by Zechariah the prophet was fulfilled, “They took the thirty silver coins, the price set on him by the people of Israel,
Mat 27:10 and they gave it for the potter’s field, as Yehowah had directed me” (Zech. 11:12-13).
Mat 27:11 Now Yeshua stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Yeshua answered him, “As you say.”
Mat 27:12 But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.
Mat 27:13 Then Pilate asked him, “Do you not hear all the charges against you?”
Mat 27:14 But he did not answer even one word, so Pilate was greatly amazed.
Mat 27:15 Now at the appointment calendar festival, it was the custom of Pilate to release one prisoner chosen by the Jews.
Mat 27:16 At that time, they had a notorious prisoner named Yehoshua Bar Rabban.
Mat 27:17 So when they were gathered together, Pilate asked them, “Who do you want me to release for you? Yehoshua Bar Rabban, or Yeshua who is called Messiah?”
Mat 27:18 He knew that they had handed Yeshua over to him because of envy.

Mat 27:19 While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man. For I have suffered much today, because of a dream I had about him.”
Mat 27:20 Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Yehoshua Bar Rabban and have Yeshua executed.
Mat 27:21 The governor asked them, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” They shouted, “Yehoshua Bar Rabban!”
Mat 27:22 Pilate asked them, “What should I do with Yeshua who is called Messiah?” They all answered, “Crucify him!”
Mat 27:23 Then he asked, “Why, what crime has he committed?” But they cried out even louder, “Crucify him!”
Mat 27:24 So when Pilate saw that he could not do anything, but instead a riot was starting, he took water, washed his hands in front of the crowd, and said, “I am innocent of the blood of this innocent man. See to it yourselves.”
Mat 27:25 All the people shouted, “May his blood be on us and on our children!”
Mat 27:26 Then he released Yehoshua Bar Rabban to them, but he scourged Yeshua and handed him over to be crucified.
Mat 27:27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Yeshua into the government headquarters and gathered the whole company of soldiers.
Mat 27:28 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him.
Mat 27:29 They made a crown of thorns, put it on his head, and placed a trekking pole in his right hand. They knelt down before him and mocked him, “Hail, King of the Jews!”
Mat 27:30 They spat on him, and they took the trekking pole and repeatedly struck him on the head.
Mat 27:31 When they had mocked him, they took the robe off him, put his own garments on him, and led him away to crucify him.
Mat 27:32 As they came out of the city, they found a man from Cyrene named Simon, whom they forced to go with them, so that he might carry his crossbeam.
Mat 27:33 They came to a place called Gulgoleth, which means “The Place of a Skull.”
Mat 27:34 They gave him sour wine to drink mixed with an analgesic. But when he tasted it, he would not drink (Psa. 69:21).
Mat 27:35 When they had crucified him, they divided up his garments by casting lots, that it might be fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet, “They divided my garments among themselves, and for my clothes they cast lots” (Psa. 22:18).
Mat 27:36 And they sat and kept guard over him.
Mat 27:37 Above his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Yeshua, the King of the Jews.”
Mat 27:38 Two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right of him and one on the left.

Mat 27:39 Those who passed by insulted him, shaking their heads,
Mat 27:40 “You who were going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! Since you are the Son of Yehowah, come down from the cross!”
Mat 27:41 In the same way, the chief priests were mocking him, along with the scribes and elders,
Mat 27:42 “He saved others, but he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel. Let him come down off the cross, and then we will believe in him.
Mat 27:43 He trusts in Yehowah, let Yehowah rescue him now, if Yehowah consents to release him. For he even said, ‘I AM the Son of Yehowah.’”
Mat 27:44 In the same way, the robbers who were crucified with him also spoke insults to him.
Mat 27:45 Now from 12 pm, darkness came over the whole land until 3 pm.
Mat 27:46 About 3 pm, Yeshua cried with a loud voice and asked, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” which means, “My Divine One, my Divine One, why have you deserted me?”
Mat 27:47 When some of those who were standing there heard it, they said, “He is calling for Elijah.”
Mat 27:48 Immediately, one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with diluted sour wine, put it on a trekking pole, and gave it to him to drink.
Mat 27:49 The centurion said, “Leave him alone. Let us see whether Elijah comes to save him.”
Mat 27:50 Then Yeshua cried out again with a loud voice and released his spirit (c. 30 AD).
Mat 27:51 Behold, the earth shook, the temple was broken on two sides, up and down, the lintel stone fell and broke to pieces, causing the curtain to split in two from top to bottom, and the rocks split apart.
Mat 27:52 The tombs were opened, and the bodies of many set-apart people who had died were raised.
Mat 27:53 They came out of the tombs after his resurrection, entered the set-apart city, and appeared to many.
Mat 27:54 Now when the centurion and those who were watching Yeshua saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they became deathly afraid, and proclaimed, “Truly, this was the Son of Yehowah.”
Mat 27:55 Many women who had followed Yeshua from Galilee to care for him were there looking on from a distance.
Mat 27:56 Among them were Miriam Magdalene, Miriam the mother of Jacob and Joseph II, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.
Mat 27:57 When it was dusk, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Yeshua.

Mat 27:58 He approached Pilate and asked for the body of Yeshua (Deut. 21:22-23). Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.
Mat 27:59 Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,
Mat 27:60 and laid it in his own new tomb that he had cut into the rock. Then he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb and went away.
Mat 27:61 Miriam Magdalene and the other Miriam (Yeshua's mother) were there, sitting opposite the tomb.
Mat 27:62 The next day, which was the day after the Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees were gathered together with Pilate.
Mat 27:63 They requested, "Sir, we remember that when that deceiver was alive, he said, 'After three days I will rise again.'
Mat 27:64 Therefore, command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, otherwise his disciples may come and steal him, and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last deception will be worse than the first."
Mat 27:65 Pilate ordered them, "Take a guard. Go and make it as secure as you can."
Mat 27:66 So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and placing the guard.

Matthew Chapter 28

Mat 28:1 But after the Sabbaths, at dawn of the first (Omer day 1, Sunday) of the Sabbaths (counting to Pentecost), Miriam Magdalene and the other Miriam (Yeshua's mother) came to see the tomb.
Mat 28:2 Behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of Yehowah descended from Heaven, came and overturned the stone, and sat on it.
Mat 28:3 His appearance was like lightning and his clothing as white as snow.
Mat 28:4 The guards shook with fear and became like dead men.
Mat 28:5 The angel addressed the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Yeshua, who has been crucified.
Mat 28:6 He is not here, but is risen, just as he said. Come see the place where the Lord lay.
Mat 28:7 Go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead. See, he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him.' See, I have told you."
Mat 28:8 The women quickly left the tomb with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples.
Mat 28:9 But as they were going to report to his disciples, behold, Yeshua met and greeted them, "May Yehowah save you!" The women came, took hold of his feet and worshiped him.
Mat 28:10 Then Yeshua ordered them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee. There they will see me."
Mat 28:11 Now while the women were going, behold, some of the guards went into the city and told the chief priests all the things that had happened.
Mat 28:12 When the priests had met with the elders and discussed the matter with them, they gave a large amount of money to the soldiers,
Mat 28:13 and told them, "Say to others, 'The disciples of Yeshua came by night and stole his body while we were sleeping.'
Mat 28:14 If this report reaches the governor, we will persuade him and take any worries away from you."
Mat 28:15 So the soldiers took the money and did as they had been instructed. This report spread widely among the Jews and continues even today.
Mat 28:16 But the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain which Yeshua had directed them.
Mat 28:17 When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some doubted.
Mat 28:18 Yeshua came to them and spoke to them, "Yehowah has given me all authority in Heaven and on earth.
Mat 28:19 Therefore, as you are going, disciple all the ethnicities (Acts 15:21; Luke 16:29), immersing (tevilah) them into the name of the Father, of the Son, and of Ruach ha'Kodesh.

Mat 28:20 **Teach them to guard all the things that I have commanded you. See, I AM with you always, even to the end of the age.”** **Amein.**

Book of Mark

Mark Chapter 1

Mar 1:1 This is the beginning of the good news of Yeshua Messiah, the Son of Yehowah.
Mar 1:2 As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Look, I am sending my messenger before your face, the one who will prepare your Way.
Mar 1:3 The voice of one calling out in the wilderness, ‘Make ready the Way of Yehowah; make his paths straight.’”
Mar 1:4 John came, immersing in the wilderness and preaching an immersion of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
Mar 1:5 The whole country of Judea and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. They were immersed by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.
Mar 1:6 John was wearing a coat of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and he was eating locusts and wild honey.
Mar 1:7 He proclaimed, “Someone is coming after me who is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy even to stoop down to untie the strap of his sandals.
Mar 1:8 I immersed you with water, but he will immerse you with Ruach ha’Kodesh.”
Mar 1:9 It happened in those days that Yeshua came from Natsareth in Galilee, and he was immersed by John in the Jordan River (c. 27 AD).
Mar 1:10 As Yeshua came up out of the water, he saw the heavens split open and the Ruach coming down on him like a dove.
Mar 1:11 And a voice came out of Heaven, “You are my beloved Son, in whom my soul delights.”
Mar 1:12 Then the Ruach compelled him to go out into the wilderness.
Mar 1:13 He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and the angels served him.
Mar 1:14 Now after John was arrested, Yeshua came into Galilee proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of Yehowah,
Mar 1:15 “The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of Yehowah is near. Repent and believe in the good news.”
Mar 1:16 And walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the Sea, for they were fishermen.
Mar 1:17 Yeshua commanded them, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.”
Mar 1:18 And immediately, they left the nets and followed him.

Mar 1:19 As Yeshua was walking on a little farther, he saw Jacob son of Zebedee and John his brother; they were in the boat mending the nets.
Mar 1:20 He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and they followed him.
Mar 1:21 And they came into Capernaum, and on the Sabbath, Yeshua went into the house of assembly and taught.
Mar 1:22 They were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as Someone who has authority and not as the scribes.
Mar 1:23 Just then a man in their house of assembly who had an unclean spirit cried out,
Mar 1:24 “Leave us alone! What do we have to do with you, Yeshua the Natsari? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are. You are the Set-apart One of Yehowah!”
Mar 1:25 Yeshua rebuked the demon, “Be quiet and come out of him!”
Mar 1:26 And the unclean spirit threw him down and went out from him while crying out with a loud voice.
Mar 1:27 And all the people were amazed, so they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching with authority? He even commands the unclean spirits and they obey him!”
Mar 1:28 And the news about him immediately went out everywhere into the whole region of Galilee.
Mar 1:29 And after coming out of the house of assembly, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, along with Jacob and John.
Mar 1:30 Now Simon’s mother-in-law was lying sick with a fever, and at once they told Yeshua about her.
Mar 1:31 So he came, took her by the hand, and raised her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she started serving them.
Mar 1:32 That evening, after the sun had set, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed by demons.
Mar 1:33 The whole city gathered together at the door.
Mar 1:34 He healed many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, but he did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew him (Acts 5:16).
Mar 1:35 He rose up early before dawn, while it was still dark; he left and went out into a solitary place, and there he prayed.
Mar 1:36 Simon and those who were with him searched for him.
Mar 1:37 They found him, and they said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.”
Mar 1:38 He replied, “Let us go elsewhere, out into the surrounding towns, so that I may preach there also. That is why I came out here.”
Mar 1:39 He went throughout all of Galilee, preaching in their houses of assembly and casting out demons.

Mar 1:40 A leper came to him. He was entreating him; he knelt down and begged him, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.”
Mar 1:41 Moved with compassion, Yeshua reached out his hand and touched him, saying to him, “I am willing. Be clean.”
Mar 1:42 Immediately, the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.
Mar 1:43 Yeshua strictly warned him and sent him away at once.
Mar 1:44 He told him, “Be sure to say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”
Mar 1:45 But he went out and began to tell everyone and spread the word so much, that Yeshua could no longer freely enter into any town. So he stayed out in solitary places, and people came to him from everywhere.

Mark Chapter 2

Mar 2:1 When he came back to Capernaum after a few days, it was heard that he was at home.
Mar 2:2 And so many were gathered there that there was no more space, not even at the door, and Yeshua spoke the word to them.
Mar 2:3 Then some men came to him who were bringing a paralyzed man; four people were carrying him.
Mar 2:4 When they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above where he was. And when they had dug a hole in it, they lowered the bed on which the paralyzed man lay.
Mar 2:5 Seeing their faith, Yeshua said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."
Mar 2:6 Now some of the scribes were sitting there, and they reasoned in their hearts,
Mar 2:7 "How can this man speak this way? He blasphemes! Who can forgive sins but Yehowah alone?"
Mar 2:8 And Yeshua immediately knew in his spirit what they were thinking among themselves. He asked them, "Why are you thinking this in your hearts?
Mar 2:9 What is easier to say to the paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take up your bed and walk?'
Mar 2:10 But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins," he commanded the paralytic,
Mar 2:11 "I say to you, get up, take up your mat and go to your house."
Mar 2:12 He rose up and immediately took up the mat, and went out of the house in front of everyone, so that they were all amazed, and they gave glory to Yehowah, "We never saw anything like this!"
Mar 2:13 He went out again by the Sea, and all the crowd came to him, and he taught them.
Mar 2:14 As he passed by, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's office, and he commanded him, "Follow me." He rose up and followed him.
Mar 2:15 And when Yeshua was having a meal in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinful people were dining with Yeshua and his disciples, for there were many, and they followed him.
Mar 2:16 When the scribes, who were Pharisees, saw that Yeshua was eating with the sinful people and tax collectors, they asked his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinful people?"

Mar 2:17 When Yeshua heard this, he answered them, “People who are strong in body do not need a physician; only people who are sick need one. I did not come to call righteous people but sinful people.”
Mar 2:18 John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And some people came and asked him, “Why do John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?”
Mar 2:19 Yeshua answered them, “Can the wedding attendants fast while the bridegroom is still with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.
Mar 2:20 But the days will come, when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and in those days, they will fast.
Mar 2:21 No man sews a piece of new cloth on an old garment, otherwise the patch will tear away from it, the new from the old, and there will be a worse tear.
Mar 2:22 No man puts new wine into old wineskins, otherwise the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be lost. Instead, put new wine into fresh wineskins” (Luke 5:36-39; Mat. 9:14-17).
Mar 2:23 On the Sabbath, Yeshua went through some grainfields, and his disciples began to pick heads of grain (Deut. 23:25).
Mar 2:24 And the Pharisees asked him, “Look, why are they doing something that is not lawful on the Sabbath?”
Mar 2:25 He asked them, “Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry, he and the men who were with him,
Mar 2:26 how he went into the tabernacle of Yehowah when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the presence, which is unlawful for anyone to eat except the priests, and he even gave some to those who were with him?”
Mar 2:27 Yeshua taught, “The Sabbath was made for mankind, not mankind for the Sabbath.
Mar 2:28 Therefore, the Son of Man is Lord, even of the Sabbath.”

Mark Chapter 3

Mar 3:1 And again he walked into the house of assembly and there was a man with a withered hand.
Mar 3:2 Some people watched him closely, to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they could formally charge him.
Mar 3:3 Yeshua ordered the man with the withered hand, "Get up and stand here in the middle of everyone."
Mar 3:4 Then he asked the people, "Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbaths or to do harm; to save a life, or to kill?" But they were silent.
Mar 3:5 He looked around at them with anger, he was grieved by their hardness of heart, and he commanded the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored, as healthy as the other one.
Mar 3:6 The Pharisees went out and immediately began to plot with the Herodians as to how they might execute him.
Mar 3:7 Then Yeshua, with his disciples, went to the Sea, and a great crowd of people followed from Galilee, from Judea,
Mar 3:8 from Jerusalem, from Idumea, beyond the Jordan River, and around Tyre and Sidon. When they heard about the things he was doing, an extremely large crowd came to him.
Mar 3:9 And he asked his disciples to have a small boat ready for him because of the crowd, so that they would not crush him.
Mar 3:10 For he healed many, so that everyone who had afflictions eagerly approached him in order to touch him.
Mar 3:11 Whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of Yehowah!"
Mar 3:12 He strictly ordered them not to make him known.
Mar 3:13 He went up on the mountain, he called for those he wanted, and they came to him.
Mar 3:14 He appointed the Twelve, whom he named apostles, so that they might be with him, and he might send them to proclaim the message,
Mar 3:15 and to have authority to heal diseases and to cast out demons.
Mar 3:16 And he appointed the Twelve: Simon, to whom he gave the name Peter;
Mar 3:17 Jacob son of Zebedee, and John the brother of Jacob, to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder;
Mar 3:18 and Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, Jacob son of Alphaeus (Clopas), Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot,
Mar 3:19 and Judas Iscariot, who would betray him.
Mar 3:20 Then he went home, and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat bread.

Mar 3:21 When his family heard about it, they went out to seize him, for they exclaimed, “He is out of his mind!”
Mar 3:22 The scribes who came down from Jerusalem blasphemed, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and, “By the ruler of the demons he drives out demons.”
Mar 3:23 Yeshua called them to him and taught them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan?
Mar 3:24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.
Mar 3:25 If a household is divided against itself, that household will not be able to stand.
Mar 3:26 If Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he is not able to stand but has come to an end.
Mar 3:27 But no one can enter into the house of a strongman and steal his belongings without tying up the strongman first, and then he will plunder his house.
Mar 3:28 Truly, I say to you, all sins of the children of men will be forgiven, even all the blasphemies which they utter,
Mar 3:29 but whoever blasphemes against Ruach ha’Kodesh will never have forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin.”
Mar 3:30 Yeshua said this, because they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”
Mar 3:31 Then his mother and his brothers came and stood outside. They sent for him, summoning him.
Mar 3:32 And a crowd sat around him, and they told him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, and they are looking for you.”
Mar 3:33 He asked them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?”
Mar 3:34 He looked around at those who were sitting in a circle around him and stated, “See, here are my mother and my brothers!
Mar 3:35 For whoever does the will of Yehowah, that person is my brother, sister, and mother.”

Mark Chapter 4

Mar 4:1 Again, he began to teach beside the Sea. And a large crowd gathered around him, so he stepped into a boat in the Sea and sat down. The whole crowd was on the seashore.
Mar 4:2 And he taught them many things with instructional parables,
Mar 4:3 “Listen, the farmer went out to sow his seed.
Mar 4:4 As he sowed, some seed fell on the road, and the birds came and devoured them.
Mar 4:5 Other seed fell on the rocky ground, where it did not have much soil. Immediately, they sprang up, because they did not have deep soil.
Mar 4:6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and because they had no root, they dried up.
Mar 4:7 Other seed fell among the thorn bushes. The thorns grew up and choked them, and they did not produce any grain.
Mar 4:8 Other seed fell into good soil, and it produced grain while growing up and increasing, some brought forth thirty times as much, some sixty, and some a hundred.”
Mar 4:9 And he said, “Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear!”
Mar 4:10 When Yeshua was alone, those who were close to him and with the Twelve asked him about the parables.
Mar 4:11 He answered them, “To you is given the mystery of the Kingdom of Yehowah. But to those outside, everything is in parables,
Mar 4:12 so that when they look, yes they look but do not see, and so that when they hear, yes they hear but do not understand, or else they would turn around, and Yehowah would forgive them” (Isa. 6:9-10).
Mar 4:13 And he taught them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the other parables?
Mar 4:14 The farmer who sows his seed is the one who sows the word.
Mar 4:15 Some are the ones that fall beside the road, where the word was sown. And when they hear it, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.
Mar 4:16 And some are the ones that are sown on rocky ground, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy.
Mar 4:17 And they have no root in themselves but endure for a short time. Then tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, and immediately they stumble.
Mar 4:18 And others are the ones sown among the thorns. They hear the word,
Mar 4:19 but the cares of the world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires of other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

Mar 4:20 Then there are those who are the ones sown in the good soil. They hear the word, receive it, and produce fruit: some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundredfold."
Mar 4:21 Yeshua proclaimed to them, "Do you bring a lamp inside the house to put it under a basket, or under the bed? You bring it in, and you put it on a menorah.
Mar 4:22 For nothing is hidden that will not be known, and nothing is secret that will not come out into the open.
Mar 4:23 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!"
Mar 4:24 He taught them, "Pay attention to what you hear, for with the measure with which you measure, you will be measured, and it will be added to you.
Mar 4:25 Because whoever has, to him will be given more, and whoever has not, from him will be taken away even what he has."
Mar 4:26 And he taught, "The Kingdom of Yehowah is like a farmer who sows his seed on the ground.
Mar 4:27 He sleeps at night and gets up by day, and the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.
Mar 4:28 The earth bears grain by itself: first the blade, then the ear, then the mature grain in the ear.
Mar 4:29 And when the grain is ripe, he immediately sends out the sickle, because the harvest has come."
Mar 4:30 And he preached, "To what can we compare the Kingdom of Yehowah, or what parable can we use to explain it?
Mar 4:31 It is like a kernel of a mustard seed which, when it is sown, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth.
Mar 4:32 Yet, when it is sown, it grows and becomes greater than all the garden plants, and it forms large branches, so that the birds of the sky can make their nests in its shade."
Mar 4:33 With many parables like this he spoke the word to them, as much as they were able to understand,
Mar 4:34 and he did not speak to them without a parable. But when he was alone, he explained everything to his own disciples.
Mar 4:35 On that day, when dusk had come, he said to them, "Let us go over to the other side."
Mar 4:36 So they left the crowd, taking Yeshua with them, since he was already in the boat. Other boats were also with him.
Mar 4:37 And a violent windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already full.
Mar 4:38 But Yeshua himself was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him up, asking, "Teacher, do you not care that we are about to die?"

Mar 4:39 And woken up, he rebuked the wind and commanded the Sea, “Peace, be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm (Job 26:12).
Mar 4:40 And he asked them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still not have faith?”
Mar 4:41 They were filled with great fear and asked one another, “Who then is this, because even the wind and the Sea obey him?”

Mark Chapter 5

Mar 5:1 They came to the other side of the Sea, to the region of the Girgashites (Josh. 24:11).
Mar 5:2 And immediately when Yeshua was getting out of the boat, a man with an unclean spirit came to him from the tombs.
Mar 5:3 The man lived in the tombs. No one could restrain him anymore, not even with a chain.
Mar 5:4 He had been bound many times with shackles and with chains. He tore the chains apart, and his shackles were shattered. No one had the strength to subdue him.
Mar 5:5 Every night and day in the tombs and in the mountains, he cried out and cut himself with sharp stones.
Mar 5:6 When he saw Yeshua from a distance, he ran to him and bowed down before him.
Mar 5:7 He cried out with a loud voice, "What do I have to do with you, Yeshua, Son of Most High Yehowah? I beg you by Yehowah himself, do not torment me!"
Mar 5:8 For he had been commanding him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit."
Mar 5:9 And he asked him, "What is your name?" And he answered him, "My name is Legion, for we are many."
Mar 5:10 He begged him again and again not to send them out of the region.
Mar 5:11 Now a large herd of pigs was there feeding on the mountain,
Mar 5:12 and the demons begged him, "Send us into the pigs; let us enter into them."
Mar 5:13 So he allowed them; the unclean spirits came out and entered into the pigs, and they plunged down a cliff into the Sea, and about two thousand pigs drowned in the Sea.
Mar 5:14 And those who were feeding the pigs fled and reported what had happened in the city and in the countryside. Then many people went out to see what had happened.
Mar 5:15 Then they came to Yeshua, and they saw the formerly demon-possessed man who had had the Legion, sitting down, dressed, and in his right mind, and they were afraid.
Mar 5:16 Those who had seen what happened to the demon-possessed man told them what had happened to him and also concerning the pigs.
Mar 5:17 And they began to beg him to leave their region.
Mar 5:18 And when he was getting into the boat, the formerly demon-possessed man begged him that he may go with him.

Mar 5:19 But Yeshua did not allow it; moreover, he commanded him, "Go to your household and to your people, and tell them what Yehowah did for you, and what mercy he gave you."
Mar 5:20 So he went away and began to proclaim the great things that Yeshua had done for him in the Decapolis, and everyone was amazed (Mat. 8:28-34; Luke 8:26-39).
Mar 5:21 And when Yeshua had crossed over again to the other side, in the boat, a large crowd gathered around him, as he was beside the Sea.
Mar 5:22 And one of the leaders of the house of assembly, named Jairus, came, and when he saw him, fell at his feet.
Mar 5:23 He entreated again and again, "My little daughter is near death. I beg you, come and lay your hands on her, that she may be made well and live."
Mar 5:24 So he went with him, and a large crowd followed him and pressed close around him.
Mar 5:25 Now there was a woman whose blood had flowed for twelve years.
Mar 5:26 She had suffered much under the care of many doctors and had spent everything that she had, but instead of getting better she grew worse.
Mar 5:27 She had heard reports about Yeshua. So she came up behind him, when he was walking in the crowd, and she touched his cloak.
Mar 5:28 For she declared, "If I touch just his clothes, I will be healed."
Mar 5:29 When she touched him, the bleeding stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed from her affliction.
Mar 5:30 And immediately Yeshua noticed in himself that power had gone out from him. And he turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"
Mar 5:31 His disciples said to him, "You see this crowd pressed around you, and you ask, 'Who touched me?'"
Mar 5:32 But Yeshua looked around to see who had done it.
Mar 5:33 The woman, knowing what had happened to her, feared and trembled. She came, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth.
Mar 5:34 He comforted her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace and be healed from your disease."
Mar 5:35 While he was speaking, some people came from the leader of the house of assembly, announcing, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any longer?"
Mar 5:36 But when Yeshua overheard what they said, he encouraged the leader of the house of assembly, "Do not be afraid. Just believe."
Mar 5:37 He did not permit anyone to accompany him, except Peter, Jacob, and John, the brother of Jacob.
Mar 5:38 They came to the house of assembly leader's house, and he saw there people making a lot of noise; they were weeping and wailing loudly.

Mar 5:39 When he entered the house, he said to them, “Why are you upset and why do you weep? The child is not dead but sleeps.”
Mar 5:40 They laughed at him. But he put them all outside, took the father of the child, the mother, those who were with him, and he went in where the child was.
Mar 5:41 He took the hand of the child and commanded her, “Talitha koum,” which translated is to say, “Little girl, I say to you, get up.”
Mar 5:42 Immediately, the child rose up alive and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were greatly astonished.
Mar 5:43 He strictly ordered them that no one should know about this. And he told them to give her something to eat.

Mark Chapter 6

Mar 6:1 And he went out from there and came into his hometown, and his disciples followed him.
Mar 6:2 When the Sabbath came, he taught in the house of assembly. Many people heard him, and they were amazed. They asked, “Where did he get these teachings?” “What is this wisdom that has been given to him?” “What are these miracles that he does with his hands?”
Mar 6:3 “Is this not the craftsman, the son of Miriam, and the brother of Jacob, Joseph II, Judah, and Simon? Are his sisters not here with us?” And they were offended by Yeshua.
Mar 6:4 And Yeshua responded to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown, among his own relatives, and in his own household.”
Mar 6:5 He was unable to do any mighty work, except to lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them.
Mar 6:6 Their unbelief amazed him. And he went around the villages teaching.
Mar 6:7 And he called the Twelve and began to send them out, two by two, and he gave them authority over the unclean spirits,
Mar 6:8 and he instructed them to take nothing for their journey, except for only a trekking pole: no bread, no backpack, and no money in their belt,
Mar 6:9 but to wear sandals, and not to wear two tunics.
Mar 6:10 And he instructed them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that place.
Mar 6:11 And if any town will not receive you or listen to you, when you leave that place, shake the dust off your feet as a testimony to them. Truly, I say to you, it will be more endurable for Sodom and Gomorrah on Judgment Day than for that town.”
Mar 6:12 They went out and proclaimed that people should turn away from their sins.
Mar 6:13 They cast out many demons, and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.
Mar 6:14 King Herod Antipas heard this, for the name of Yeshua had become well known. Some were saying, “John the Immerser had been raised from the dead and because of this, these miraculous powers are at work in him.”
Mar 6:15 Some others said, “He is Elijah.” Still others said, “He is a prophet, like one of the prophets in ancient times.”
Mar 6:16 But when Herod heard this he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.”

Mar 6:17 For Herod Antipas sent to have John arrested, and he had him bound in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Herod Philip's wife, because he had married her.
Mar 6:18 For John told Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."
Mar 6:19 But Herodias held on to anger against him and wanted to execute him, but she could not,
Mar 6:20 for Herod feared John; he knew that he was a righteous and set-apart man, and he kept him safe. Listening to him made him greatly upset, yet he heard him gladly.
Mar 6:21 Then the opportunity came when Herod Antipas had his birthday, and he made a dinner for his officials, his commanders, and leaders of Galilee.
Mar 6:22 The daughter of Herodias herself came in and danced for them, and she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I will give it to you."
Mar 6:23 He swore to her, "Whatever you ask of me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom."
Mar 6:24 She went out and asked her mother, "What should I ask him for?" She answered, "The head of John the Immerser."
Mar 6:25 And immediately she entered with haste to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once, upon a platter, the head of John the Immerser."
Mar 6:26 Though this deeply grieved the king, he could not refuse her request, because of the oath he had made and because of his dinner guests.
Mar 6:27 So the king sent a soldier from his guard and commanded him to bring him John's head. The guard went and beheaded him in the prison.
Mar 6:28 He brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother.
Mar 6:29 And his disciples, hearing this, came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.
Mar 6:30 And the apostles, gathering together around Yeshua, told him all that they had done and taught.
Mar 6:31 And he told them, "Come away by yourselves into a deserted place and rest awhile." For many were coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.
Mar 6:32 So they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.
Mar 6:33 But they saw them leaving and many recognized them, and they ran there together on foot from all the towns, and they arrived there before them.
Mar 6:34 When they came ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.

Mar 6:35 When the hour was late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late.
Mar 6:36 Send them away, so that they may go into the nearby countryside and villages to buy something to eat for themselves.”
Mar 6:37 But he ordered them, “You give them something to eat.” They asked him, “Can we go and buy two hundred silver coins worth of bread and give it to them to eat?”
Mar 6:38 He asked them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” When they found out, they answered, “Five loaves and two fish.”
Mar 6:39 He commanded all the people to sit down in groups upon the green grass.
Mar 6:40 They sat down in groups; groups of hundreds and fifties.
Mar 6:41 He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to Heaven, he blessed Yehowah, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all.
Mar 6:42 They all ate until they were satisfied.
Mar 6:43 They took up broken pieces of bread, twelve baskets full, and also pieces of the fish (2 Kings 4:42-44; Lev. 24:5-6).
Mar 6:44 And there were five thousand men who ate the loaves (Mat. 14:13; Luke 9:10; John 6:1).
Mar 6:45 Immediately, he made his disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he sent the crowd away.
Mar 6:46 When they were gone, he went up the mountain to pray.
Mar 6:47 Dusk came, and the boat was now in the middle of the Sea, and he was alone on land.
Mar 6:48 And he saw that they were having great difficulty as they pulled against the oars, because the wind was against them. Around the fourth watch of the night, he came to them, walking on the Sea, and he wanted to pass by them.
Mar 6:49 But when they saw him walking on the Sea, they thought he was a ghost and cried out,
Mar 6:50 because they saw him and were terrified! And immediately, he spoke to them, “Be courageous! It is I! Do not be afraid!”
Mar 6:51 He climbed into the boat with them, and the wind ceased blowing. They were completely amazed and marveled.
Mar 6:52 For they had not understood what the loaves meant. Instead, their hearts were hardened.
Mar 6:53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and anchored the boat.
Mar 6:54 When they came out of the boat, they immediately recognized him.

Mar 6:55 And they ran through the whole region and began to bring the sick to him on mattresses, wherever they heard he was coming.
Mar 6:56 Wherever he entered into villages, or cities, or into the country, they would put the sick in the marketplaces, and they begged him to just let them touch the tassel of his garment. And as many as touched him were healed.

Mark Chapter 7

Mar 7:1 The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him.
Mar 7:2 And they saw that some of his disciples ate bread with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed, they complained.
Mar 7:3 For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat, unless they wash their hands, because they hold to the tradition of the elders.
Mar 7:4 When the Pharisees come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they bathe themselves. And there are many other rules which they strictly follow, including the washing of cups, pots, copper vessels, and the couches upon which they eat.
Mar 7:5 The Pharisees and the scribes asked Yeshua, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, for they eat their bread with unwashed hands?”
Mar 7:6 But he answered them, “Isaiah prophesied well about you hypocrites. He wrote, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.
Mar 7:7 Empty worship they offer me, teaching the rules of people as their doctrines’ (Isa. 29:13).
Mar 7:8 You abandon the commandment of Yehowah and hold fast to the tradition of people, such as washing pots and cups, and you do many other things like that.”
Mar 7:9 And he rebuked them, “How well you reject the commandment of Yehowah, so you may keep your tradition!
Mar 7:10 For Moses commanded, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘He who speaks evil of his father or mother must surely be executed’ (Exo. 20: 12, 21:17; Mat. 15:4; Lev. 20:9; Deut. 5:16).
Mar 7:11 But you say, ‘If a man says to his father or mother, “Whatever help you would have received from me is Corban,”’ that is to say, ‘Given to Yehowah,’
Mar 7:12 then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or his mother.
Mar 7:13 You are making the commandment of Yehowah void by your tradition which you have handed down. And many similar things you do.”
Mar 7:14 He called the crowd again and taught them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand.
Mar 7:15 There is nothing from outside of a person that can defile him when it enters into him. It is what comes out of the person that defiles him.
Mar 7:16 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!”
Mar 7:17 Now when Yeshua left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable.

Mar 7:18 Yeshua answered, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever enters into a person from outside cannot defile him,
Mar 7:19 because it cannot go into his heart, but it goes into his stomach and then passes out into the toilet, excreting all food?”
Mar 7:20 He taught, “It is that which comes out of the person that defiles him.
Mar 7:21 For from within a person, out of the heart, proceed evil thoughts, adultery, sexual immorality, murder,
Mar 7:22 theft, coveting, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, and folly.
Mar 7:23 All these evils come from within, and they are what defile a person” (Mat. 15:10-20).
Mar 7:24 He rose up from there and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. He came into a house, and he did not want anyone to know he was there, yet he could not be hidden.
Mar 7:25 But immediately, a woman, whose little daughter had an unclean spirit, heard about him, came and fell down at his feet.
Mar 7:26 Now the woman was not a Jewess but a Syrophoenician by descent. She begged him to cast out the demon from her daughter.
Mar 7:27 Yeshua replied to her, “Let the children first be fed. For it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the puppies.”
Mar 7:28 But she answered him, “Yes, Lord, but even the puppy dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”
Mar 7:29 He responded to her, “Because you have said this, you are free to go. The demon has gone out of your daughter.”
Mar 7:30 She went back to her house and found the child lying on the bed, and the demon was gone.
Mar 7:31 Then he went out again from the region of Tyre, and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee up into the region of the Decapolis.
Mar 7:32 And they brought to him someone who was deaf and had difficulty speaking, and they begged him to lay his hand on him.
Mar 7:33 He took him aside from the crowd privately, and he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting, he touched his tongue.
Mar 7:34 He looked up to Heaven, he sighed and spoke to him, “Ephphatha,” that is to say, “Be opened!”
Mar 7:35 And immediately, his hearing was opened, and the ligament of his tongue loosened, and he could speak clearly.
Mar 7:36 And he ordered them to tell no one. But the more he ordered them, the more abundantly they proclaimed it.
Mar 7:37 They were absolutely astonished, proclaiming, “He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!”

Mark Chapter 8

Mar 8:1 In those days, there was again a large crowd, and they had nothing to eat. Yeshua called his disciples and explained to them,
Mar 8:2 “I have compassion on the crowd, because they continue to be with me already for three days and have nothing to eat.
Mar 8:3 If I send them away to their home without eating, they may faint on the way. And some of them have come a long way.”
Mar 8:4 His disciples asked him, “Where can we get enough loaves of bread in such a deserted place to satisfy these people?”
Mar 8:5 He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They answered, “Seven.”
Mar 8:6 He ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground. He took the seven loaves, gave thanks to Yehowah, and broke them. He gave them to his disciples to set before them, and they set them before the crowd.
Mar 8:7 They also had a few small fish, and after he gave the blessing, he commanded the disciples to serve these as well.
Mar 8:8 They ate and were satisfied. And they picked up the remaining broken pieces, seven large baskets (2 Kings 4:42-44; Lev. 24:5-6).
Mar 8:9 There were about four thousand people. And he sent them away.
Mar 8:10 Immediately, he climbed into the boat with his disciples, and they went into the region of Dalmanutha.
Mar 8:11 Then the Pharisees came out and began to argue with him. They sought from him a sign from Heaven, to test him.
Mar 8:12 He sighed deeply in his Ruach and said, “Why does this generation seek for a sign? Truly, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation.”
Mar 8:13 Then he left them, climbed into a boat again, and went away to the other side.
Mar 8:14 Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread with them. They had no more than one loaf of bread in the boat.
Mar 8:15 He warned them, “Keep watch and be on guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod” (Antipas; Luke 12:1).
Mar 8:16 The disciples reasoned with each other, “It is because we have no bread.”
Mar 8:17 Yeshua was aware of this, and he asked them, “Why are you reasoning about not having bread? Do you not yet perceive? Do you not understand? Have your hearts become so dull?
Mar 8:18 You have eyes, do you not see? You have ears, do you not hear? Do you not remember?

Mar 8:19 When I broke the five loaves among the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces of bread did you take up?" They answered him, "Twelve."
Mar 8:20 "And when I broke the seven loaves among the four thousand, how many baskets full did you take up?" They answered him, "Seven" (2 Kings 4:42-44; Lev. 24:5-6).
Mar 8:21 He asked, "Do you not yet understand?"
Mar 8:22 They came to Bethsaida. The people there brought to him a blind man and begged Yeshua to touch him.
Mar 8:23 Yeshua took hold of the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the village. When he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?"
Mar 8:24 He looked up and answered, "I see people who look like walking trees."
Mar 8:25 Then he again laid his hands upon his eyes, and the man opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everyone clearly.
Mar 8:26 Yeshua sent him away to his home and ordered, "Do not enter the town nor tell it to anyone in the town."
Mar 8:27 Yeshua went out with his disciples into the villages of Caesarea Philippi (modern Banias). On the way, he asked his disciples, "Who do the people say that I am?"
Mar 8:28 They answered him, "John the Immerser. Others say, 'Elijah,' and others, 'One of the prophets.'"
Mar 8:29 He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are Messiah."
Mar 8:30 Yeshua warned them not to tell anyone about him.
Mar 8:31 And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and would be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and would be killed, and within three days rise up.
Mar 8:32 He said this clearly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.
Mar 8:33 But Yeshua turned and looked at his disciples, and then he rebuked Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are not setting your mind on the things of Yehowah but on the things of people."
Mar 8:34 Then he called the crowd and his disciples together, and he instructed them, "If anyone wants to follow me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.
Mar 8:35 For whoever wants to save his life will destroy it, and whoever destroys his life for my sake and for the good news, will save it.
Mar 8:36 What does it profit a person to gain the whole world and then forfeit his life?
Mar 8:37 What can a person give in exchange for his life?

Mar 8:38 **Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the set-apart angels.”**

Mark Chapter 9

Mar 9:1 And he prophesied to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some of you who are standing here who will not taste death, before they see the Kingdom of Yehowah come with power.”
Mar 9:2 And six days later, Yeshua took Peter, Jacob, and John with him up a high mountain, alone by themselves. Then he was transfigured before them.
Mar 9:3 His garments became radiantly brilliant, extremely white, whiter than any bleacher on earth could bleach them.
Mar 9:4 Then Elijah with Moses appeared to them, and they were talking with Yeshua.
Mar 9:5 Peter said to Yeshua, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here, so let us make three shelters (sukkot), one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”
Mar 9:6 For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified.
Mar 9:7 A cloud came and overshadowed them. Then a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”
Mar 9:8 Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them but only Yeshua.
Mar 9:9 As they were coming down the mountain, he commanded them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.
Mar 9:10 So they kept the matter to themselves, but they discussed among themselves what “to rise from the dead” could mean.
Mar 9:11 They asked him, “Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?”
Mar 9:12 He answered them, “Elijah does indeed come first to restore all things. Then why is it written that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be treated as one who is worthless?
Mar 9:13 But I say to you, that Elijah has come, and they did whatever they wanted to him, just as Scripture says about him.”
Mar 9:14 And when they came back to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes were arguing with them.
Mar 9:15 And when they saw him, the whole crowd was amazed and ran up to him to greet him.
Mar 9:16 He asked the scribes, “What are you arguing with them about?”
Mar 9:17 Someone in the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you. He has a spirit that makes him mute.
Mar 9:18 It seizes him, and it throws him down, and he foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and he becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive it out of him, but they could not.”
Mar 9:19 He responded to them, “Unbelieving generation, how long will I have to stay with you? How long will I bear with you? Bring him to me.”

Mar 9:20 They brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw Yeshua, it immediately threw him into a convulsion. The boy fell on the ground and foamed at the mouth.
Mar 9:21 Yeshua asked his father, “How long has he been like this?” The father answered, “Since childhood.
Mar 9:22 It has often thrown him into the fire or into the waters and tried to destroy him. If you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us.”
Mar 9:23 Yeshua replied to him, “If you are able to believe; all things are possible for the one who believes.”
Mar 9:24 Immediately, the father of the child cried out, “Lord, I believe! Help my unbelief!”
Mar 9:25 When Yeshua saw the crowd running to them, he rebuked the unclean spirit, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter into him again!”
Mar 9:26 It cried out, greatly convulsed the boy, and then came out. The boy looked like one who was dead, so that many said, “He is dead.”
Mar 9:27 But Yeshua took him by the hand, lifted him up, and the boy stood up.
Mar 9:28 When Yeshua came into the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?”
Mar 9:29 He answered them, “This kind cannot come out except by prayer and fasting.”
Mar 9:30 They went out from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know where they were,
Mar 9:31 for he was prophesying to his disciples, “The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will put him to death. When he has been executed, he will rise again the third day.”
Mar 9:32 But they did not understand this statement, and they were afraid to ask him.
Mar 9:33 And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you discussing along the way?”
Mar 9:34 But they were silent. For they had been arguing with one another along the way about who was the greatest.
Mar 9:35 He sat down and called the Twelve together, and he said to them, “If anyone wants to be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.”
Mar 9:36 He took a little child and placed him in their midst. He took him in his arms and taught them,
Mar 9:37 “Whoever receives such a child in my name, also receives me, and if someone receives me, he does not receive me alone, but also the One who sent me.”
Mar 9:38 John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we stopped him, because he does not follow us.”

Mar 9:39 But Yeshua taught, “Do not stop him, for there is no one who will do a mighty work in my name and can soon afterwards say anything bad about me.
Mar 9:40 Whoever is not against us is for us.
Mar 9:41 Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to Messiah, truly, I say to you, he will not lose his reward.
Mar 9:42 Whoever causes one of these little ones who believes in me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a large millstone tied around his neck and be thrown into the sea.
Mar 9:43 If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than to have two hands and to go into hell, into the unquenchable fire.
Mar 9:44 Where their maggot never dies, and the fire is never extinguished (Isa. 66:24).
Mar 9:45 If your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life lame than to have your two feet and be thrown into hell, into the unquenchable fire.
Mar 9:46 Where their maggot never dies, and the fire is never extinguished.
Mar 9:47 If your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out. It is better for you to enter into the Kingdom of Yehowah with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hellfire.
Mar 9:48 Where their maggot does not die, and the fire is not extinguished.
Mar 9:49 For everyone will be seasoned through fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt.
Mar 9:50 Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt within yourselves, and have peace with one another.”

Mark Chapter 10

Mar 10:1 Yeshua left that place, went to the region of Judea, and to the area beyond the Jordan River, and the crowds came to him again. He was teaching them again, as he was accustomed to do.
Mar 10:2 And Pharisees came to him to test him, and asked, “Is it lawful for a husband to put away his wife (without a written contract of divorce)?”
Mar 10:3 He answered, “What did Moses command you?”
Mar 10:4 They replied, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and then to send her away” (lawful divorce, Deut. 24:1-4).
Mar 10:5 Yeshua taught them, “It was because of your hard hearts that he wrote you this precept.”
Mar 10:6 “But from the beginning of creation, ‘Yehowah made them male and female.’
Mar 10:7 ‘For this reason a groom will leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife,
Mar 10:8 and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh.
Mar 10:9 Therefore, what Yehowah has joined together, let no human tear apart.”
Mar 10:10 When they were in the house, the disciples asked him again about this.
Mar 10:11 He answered them, “Whoever puts away his wife (without a written contract of divorce) and marries another woman commits adultery against her.
Mar 10:12 And if she puts away her husband (without a written contract of divorce) and marries another man, she commits adultery.”
Mar 10:13 And they brought their little children to him, so that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them.
Mar 10:14 But when Yeshua noticed it, he was quite displeased and taught them, “Permit the little children to come to me and do not forbid them, for the Kingdom of Yehowah belongs to those who are like them.
Mar 10:15 Truly, I say to you, whoever will not receive the Kingdom of Yehowah as a little child will definitely not enter it.”
Mar 10:16 Then he took the children into his arms and blessed them as he placed his hands on them.
Mar 10:17 And when he began his journey, a man ran up to him and knelt before him, and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”
Mar 10:18 And Yeshua answered, “Why do you call me good? No one is good, except One, Yehowah.

Mar 10:19 You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not testify falsely, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”
Mar 10:20 The man replied, “Teacher, all these things I have obeyed from the time I was a youth.”
Mar 10:21 Yeshua looked at him and unconditionally selflessly loved him. He commanded him, “One thing you lack. You must sell all that you have and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in Heaven. Then come, take up the cross, and follow me.”
Mar 10:22 But because of this statement he looked sad, and he went away distressed, because he owned many possessions.
Mar 10:23 Yeshua looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it is for those who are rich to enter the Kingdom of Yehowah!”
Mar 10:24 The disciples were astonished at his words. But Yeshua spoke to them again, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in wealth to enter into the Kingdom of Yehowah!
Mar 10:25 It is easier for a camel to go through a needle’s eye, than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Yehowah.”
Mar 10:26 They were greatly astonished and asked each other, “Then who can be saved?”
Mar 10:27 Yeshua looked at them and answered, “With people it is impossible but not with Yehowah. For all things are possible with Yehowah.”
Mar 10:28 Peter began to speak to him, “Look, we have left everything and have followed you.”
Mar 10:29 Yeshua taught, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house, or brothers, or sisters, or mother, or wife, or father, or children, or farmland, for my sake, and for the good news,
Mar 10:30 who will not receive a hundred times as much now in this time: houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and farmland, with persecutions, and in the age to come, eternal life.
Mar 10:31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”
Mar 10:32 They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Yeshua was going ahead of them. The disciples were amazed, and those who were following behind were afraid. Then Yeshua took the Twelve aside again and began to prophesy to them what would soon happen to him,
Mar 10:33 “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes. They will condemn him to death and deliver him to the ethnicities.
Mar 10:34 They will mock him, spit on him, whip him, and kill him. But on the third day he will rise.”

Mar 10:35 Jacob and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and entreated, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask you.”
Mar 10:36 He asked them, “What do you want me to do for you?”
Mar 10:37 They requested, “Allow us to sit with you in your glory, one at your right hand and the other at your left.”
Mar 10:38 But Yeshua replied to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup which I will drink or endure the immersion with which I will be immersed?”
Mar 10:39 They answered him, “We are able.” Yeshua said to them, “The cup that I will drink, you will drink. And with the immersion with which I am immersed, you also will be immersed.
Mar 10:40 But who is to sit at my right hand or at my left hand is not mine to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”
Mar 10:41 When the other ten disciples heard about this, they began to be extremely angry with Jacob and John.
Mar 10:42 Yeshua called them to himself and stated, “You know those who are considered rulers of the ethnicities dominate them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.
Mar 10:43 But it will not be this way among you. Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,
Mar 10:44 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be the slave of all.
Mar 10:45 For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
Mar 10:46 They came to Jericho. As he left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, the son of Timaeus, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, sat by the road.
Mar 10:47 When he heard that it was Yeshua the Natsari, he began to shout, “Yeshua, Son of David, have mercy on me!”
Mar 10:48 Many rebuked the blind man, telling him to be quiet. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”
Mar 10:49 Yeshua stopped and commanded him to be called. They called the blind man, “Be brave! Get up! He is calling for you.”
Mar 10:50 He threw aside his coat, sprang up, and came to Yeshua.
Mar 10:51 And Yeshua answered him and asked, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man requested, “Rabboni, I want to receive my sight.”
Mar 10:52 And Yeshua said to him, “Go. Your faith has healed you.” Immediately, he could see again, and he followed him in the Way.

Mark Chapter 11

Mar 11:1 Now as they came to Jerusalem, they were close to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, and Yeshua sent out two of his disciples,
Mar 11:2 and instructed them, "Go into the village opposite us. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it to me.
Mar 11:3 And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' you should answer, 'The Lord has need of it, and he will immediately send it back here.'"
Mar 11:4 They went away and found a colt tied at a door outside at the fork in the road, and they untied it.
Mar 11:5 And some people were standing there and asked them, "What are you doing, untying that colt?"
Mar 11:6 They spoke to them as Yeshua told them, and the people let them go their way.
Mar 11:7 The two disciples brought the colt to Yeshua and threw their coats on it, so Yeshua could ride it.
Mar 11:8 Many people spread their garments on the road, and others spread branches they had cut from the fields.
Mar 11:9 Those who went before him and those who followed, shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of Yehowah!
Mar 11:10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David, that comes in the name of Yehowah! Hosanna in the highest!"
Mar 11:11 Then Yeshua entered into Jerusalem and went into the temple and looked around at everything. Now the time being late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.
Mar 11:12 The next day, when they returned from Bethany, he was hungry.
Mar 11:13 And seeing from far away a fig tree that had leaves, he went to see if he could find any fruit on it. And when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs.
Mar 11:14 Yeshua spoke to it, "No one will ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it.
Mar 11:15 They came to Jerusalem, and he entered the temple and began to cast out the sellers and the buyers in the temple. He turned over the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons.
Mar 11:16 He did not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple that could be sold.
Mar 11:17 He rebuked them, "Is it not written, 'My temple will be called a house of prayer for all the ethnicities?' But you have made it a den of robbers" (Isa. 56:7; Jer. 7:11)!

Mar 11:18 The chief priests and the scribes heard what he had said, and they looked for a way to kill him. For they feared him, because the entire crowd was amazed at his teaching.
Mar 11:19 At dusk, they left the city.
Mar 11:20 As they walked by at dawn, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots.
Mar 11:21 Peter remembered and exclaimed, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered away!”
Mar 11:22 Yeshua taught them, “Have faith in Yehowah.
Mar 11:23 Truly, I say to you, that whoever says to this mountain, ‘Get up and cast yourself into the sea,’ and if he does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he said will happen, he will have what he says.
Mar 11:24 Therefore, I say to you: Everything you pray and ask for, believe that you receive it, and it will be yours.
Mar 11:25 When you stand and pray (The Amidah; Acts 3:1), you must forgive whatever you have against anyone, so that your Father who is in Heaven will also forgive you your transgressions.
Mar 11:26 But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in Heaven forgive your sins.”
Mar 11:27 They came to Jerusalem again. As Yeshua was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to him.
Mar 11:28 They asked him, “By what authority do you do these things? And who gave you the authority to do them?”
Mar 11:29 Yeshua answered them, “I will ask you one question. Tell me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things.
Mar 11:30 The immersion of John, was it from Heaven or from humans? Answer me.”
Mar 11:31 They discussed between themselves and argued, “If we say, ‘From Heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’
Mar 11:32 But if we say, ‘From humans,’” they were afraid of the people, for everyone was convinced that John was a prophet.
Mar 11:33 Then they answered Yeshua, “We do not know.” Then Yeshua replied to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

Mark Chapter 12

Mar 12:1 Then Yeshua began to teach them in parables, “A landowner planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, and dug a pit for a winepress. He built a watchtower and then leased the vineyard to vine growers. Then he went away on a journey.
Mar 12:2 At the right time, he sent a servant to the vine growers to receive from them some of the fruit of the vineyard.
Mar 12:3 But they took him, beat him, and sent him away with nothing.
Mar 12:4 Again, he sent to them another servant, they stoned him, which wounded him in the head, then sent him away, having treated him shamefully.
Mar 12:5 He sent yet another, and this one they killed. They treated many others in the same way, beating some and killing others.
Mar 12:6 He had still one more person to send, a beloved son. He was the last one he sent to them. He said, “They will respect my son.”
Mar 12:7 But the vine growers said to one another, “This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.”
Mar 12:8 They seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.
Mar 12:9 Therefore, what will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vine growers and will give the vineyard to others.
Mar 12:10 Have you not read this Scripture? ‘The Stone which the builders rejected has been made the chief Cornerstone.
Mar 12:11 This was from Yehowah, and it is marvelous in our eyes’” (Psa. 118:22-23).
Mar 12:12 They sought to arrest Yeshua, but they feared the crowd, for they knew that he had spoken this parable against them. So they left him and went away.
Mar 12:13 Then they sent some of the Pharisees and the Herodians to him to trap him with words.
Mar 12:14 When they came, they said to him, “Teacher, we know that you care for no one’s opinion, and you do not show partiality between people. You truly teach the Way of Yehowah. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not? Should we pay or not?”
Mar 12:15 But Yeshua knew their hypocrisy and answered them, “Why do you test me? Bring me a silver coin, so I can look at it.”
Mar 12:16 They brought one to Yeshua. He asked them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They answered, “Caesar’s.”
Mar 12:17 Yeshua taught, “Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to Yehowah the things that belong to Yehowah.” They marveled at him.
Mar 12:18 Then Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him. They inquired of him,

Mar 12:19 “Teacher, Moses wrote for us, ‘If a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife behind him, but no child, the man should take the brother’s wife, and have children for his brother’ (Levirate marriage; Deut. 25:5-10).
Mar 12:20 There were seven brothers; the first took a wife and then died, leaving no children.
Mar 12:21 Then the second took her and died, leaving no children. And the third likewise.
Mar 12:22 And the seven left no children. Last of all, the woman also died.
Mar 12:23 In the resurrection, when they rise again, whose wife will she be? For all seven brothers had her as their wife.”
Mar 12:24 Yeshua responded, “Is this not the reason you are mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of Yehowah?
Mar 12:25 For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are like angels in Heaven.
Mar 12:26 But concerning the dead that are raised, have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the account about the thorn bush, how Yehowah spoke to him, ‘I am the Mighty One of Abraham, the Mighty One of Isaac, and the Mighty One of Jacob’ (Exo. 3:6)?
Mar 12:27 He is not the Mighty One of the dead but the Mighty One of the living. You are quite mistaken.”
Mar 12:28 One of the scribes came and heard their discussion; he saw that Yeshua answered them well. He asked him, “What commandment is the most important of all?”
Mar 12:29 Yeshua answered, “The most important commandment is, ‘Hear, Israel, Yehowah our Divine One, Yehowah is Oneness.
Mar 12:30 You must unconditionally selflessly love Yehowah your Divine One with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength;’ this is the first commandment (Deut. 6:4-5; Exo. 20:2).
Mar 12:31 The second commandment is similar, ‘You must unconditionally selflessly love your neighbor as yourself’ (Lev. 19:18). There is no other greater commandment than these.”
Mar 12:32 The scribe replied, “Good, Teacher! You have truly said that Yehowah is Oneness, and that there is no other besides him.
Mar 12:33 To unconditionally selflessly love him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, with all the strength, and to unconditionally selflessly love one’s neighbor as oneself, is even more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”
Mar 12:34 When Yeshua saw that he had given a wise answer, he replied to him, “You are not far from the Kingdom of Yehowah.” After that, no one dared to ask Yeshua any more questions.

Mar 12:35 And Yeshua responded, while he was teaching in the temple; he asked, “How is it that the scribes say the Messiah is the Son of David?
Mar 12:36 David himself said in Ruach ha’Kodesh, ‘Yehowah invited my Lord, sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool’ (Psa. 110:1).
Mar 12:37 David himself calls him ‘Lord,’ so how can the Messiah be David’s son?” The large crowd gladly listened to him.
Mar 12:38 In his teaching, Yeshua warned, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk in long robes, and they like the greetings they receive in the marketplaces;
Mar 12:39 and they like to have the chief seats in the houses of assembly and chief places at feasts.
Mar 12:40 They also devour widows’ houses, and they pray long prayers for people to see. These men will receive greater condemnation.”
Mar 12:41 Then Yeshua sat down across from an offering box in the temple area; he was watching people as they dropped their money into the box. Many rich people put in large amounts of money.
Mar 12:42 Then a poor widow came and put in two brass coins, worth about a penny.
Mar 12:43 And he called his disciples and proclaimed to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them who contributed to the offering box.
Mar 12:44 For all of them gave out of their abundance. But this widow, out of her poverty, put in all of the money which she had to live on.”

Mark Chapter 13

Mar 13:1 As Yeshua was walking away from the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Teacher, look at the quality stones and wonderful buildings!”
Mar 13:2 He prophesied to him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left on another which will not be demolished.”
Mar 13:3 As he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, Jacob, John, and Andrew asked him privately,
Mar 13:4 “Tell us, when will these things happen? What will be the sign when all these things are about to happen?”
Mar 13:5 Yeshua answered them with this prophecy, “Be careful that no one leads you astray.
Mar 13:6 Many will come in my name and say, ‘I AM,’ and they will lead many astray.
Mar 13:7 When you hear of wars and intelligence reports of wars, do not worry; these things must happen, but the end is not yet.
Mar 13:8 For ethnicity will rise against ethnicity, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in many places, famines, and riots. These are the beginnings of birth pains.
Mar 13:9 Be on your guard. They will deliver you up to the Sanhedrin, and you will be beaten in houses of assembly. You will stand before both governors and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them.
Mar 13:10 But the good news must first be proclaimed to all the ethnicities.
Mar 13:11 When they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry about what you should say. For in that hour, what you should say will be given to you; it will not be you who speak but Ruach ha’Kodesh.
Mar 13:12 Brother will deliver up brother to death and a father his child. Children will rise up against their parents and cause them to be executed.
Mar 13:13 You will be hated by everyone because of my name. But whoever endures to the end, that person will be saved.
Mar 13:14 When you see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it should not be standing (let the reader understand; Zech. 5:11), let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains,
Mar 13:15 let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house or take anything out of it,
Mar 13:16 and let him who is in the field not return to take his cloak.
Mar 13:17 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing infants in those days!
Mar 13:18 Pray that your flight does not occur in the winter.

Mar 13:19 For there will be Tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning, when Yehowah created the world, until now, no, nor ever will be again.
Mar 13:20 Unless Yehowah had shortened the days, no flesh would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, those whom he chose, he cut short the days.
Mar 13:21 Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or ‘Look, there he is!’ Do not believe it.
Mar 13:22 For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and will give signs and wonders, so as to deceive, if possible, even the elect.
Mar 13:23 Be on guard! I have told you all these things ahead of time.
Mar 13:24 But after the Tribulation of those days **(Mat. 24:29)**, the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light,
Mar 13:25 the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly powers will be shaken.
Mar 13:26 Then they will see the Son of the virgin coming in the clouds with great power and glory.
Mar 13:27 Then he will send his angels, and he will gather together his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the sky.
Mar 13:28 Learn a lesson from the fig tree. As soon as the branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near.
Mar 13:29 So also, when you see these things happening, you know that he is near, close to the gates.
Mar 13:30 Truly, I say to you, this period of time will not pass, until all of these things occur.
Mar 13:31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.
Mar 13:32 But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in Heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father **(Mat. 24:36)**.
Mar 13:33 Be alert! Watch and pray, because you do not know what time it is.
Mar 13:34 It is like a homeowner who goes on a journey, he leaves his house and puts his servants in charge of the household, each one with his work, and he commands the watchman to stay awake.
Mar 13:35 Therefore, stay alert, because you do not know when the master of the house will come home; it could be at dusk, at midnight, when the watchman shouts, or at dawn.
Mar 13:36 Whether or not he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping.
Mar 13:37 What I say to you, I say to everyone: Watch!”

Mark Chapter 14

Mar 14:1 It was now two days before the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were considering how they might stealthily arrest Yeshua and then kill him.
Mar 14:2 For they were saying, “Not during the appointment calendar festival, so that a riot does not arise among the people.”
Mar 14:3 While Yeshua was in Bethany in the house of Simon the former leper, as he was reclining at the table, a woman came to him having an alabaster jar of extremely expensive myrrh of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured it on his head.
Mar 14:4 But there were some who were angry. They spoke among themselves, “What is the reason for this waste?
Mar 14:5 This perfume could have been sold for more than three hundred silver coins and given to the poor.” And they were rebuking her.
Mar 14:6 But Yeshua responded, “Leave her alone. Why are you troubling her? She has done a beautiful thing for me.
Mar 14:7 You always have the poor with you, and whenever you desire you can do good to them, but you will not always have me.
Mar 14:8 She has done what she could: In anticipation, she has anointed my body for burial.
Mar 14:9 Truly, I say to you, wherever the good news is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will be spoken of, in memory of her.”
Mar 14:10 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went away to the chief priests, so that he might deliver him over to them.
Mar 14:11 When the chief priests heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. He began looking for an opportunity to deliver him to them.
Mar 14:12 And the beginning of the season of Unleavened Bread came, when they repeatedly continuously sacrificed the Passover, his disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go to prepare, so you may eat the Passover” (Exo. 12:6-8)?
Mar 14:13 He sent two of his disciples and instructed them, “Go into the city, and a man bearing a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him.
Mar 14:14 Where he enters a house, follow him in and say to the owner of that house, ‘The Teacher asks, “Where is my guest room where I will eat the Passover with my disciples?”’
Mar 14:15 He will show you a large furnished upper room that is ready. Make the preparations for us there.”
Mar 14:16 The disciples left and went to the city. They found everything as he had prophesied to them, and they prepared the Passover.

Mar 14:17 When it was dusk, he came with the Twelve.
Mar 14:18 As they were reclining at the table and eating, Yeshua prophesied, “Truly, I say to you, one of you eating with me will betray me.”
Mar 14:19 They were all sorrowful, and one by one they asked him, “Surely not I?”
Mar 14:20 Yeshua answered them, “It is one of the Twelve, the one now dipping with me in the bowl.
Mar 14:21 For the Son of Yehowah will go the Way that the Scripture says about him. But woe to that man through whom the Son of the virgin is betrayed! It would have been better for him if he had not been born.”
Mar 14:22 As they were eating, Yeshua took unleavened bread, blessed Yehowah, and broke it. He gave it to them and said, “Take this. This represents my body.”
Mar 14:23 He took a cup, gave thanks to Yehowah, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it.
Mar 14:24 He said to them, “This represents my blood of the covenant, the blood that is poured out for many (Lev. 17:10-14; Gen. 9:4; Isa. 53:12).
Mar 14:25 Truly, I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine, until that Day when I drink it new in the Kingdom of Yehowah” (Nazirite vow, Num. 6).
Mar 14:26 When they had sung the Hallel, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
Mar 14:27 Yeshua prophesied to them, “Tonight, all of you will fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered.’
Mar 14:28 But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”
Mar 14:29 Peter replied to him, “Even if all fall away, I will not.”
Mar 14:30 Yeshua prophesied to him, “Truly, I say to you, today, this night, before the Temple Herald shouts twice, you will deny me three times.”
Mar 14:31 But Peter said more fervently, “If I must die with you, I will not ever deny you!” They all made the same promise.
Mar 14:32 They came to the village called Gethsemane, and Yeshua said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.”
Mar 14:33 He took Peter, Jacob, and John with him and began to be distressed and deeply troubled.
Mar 14:34 He said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, even to the point of death. Remain here and watch.”
Mar 14:35 Yeshua went a little farther, fell to the ground, and he prayed that if it were possible, this hour might pass from him (Lam. 3:29).
Mar 14:36 He prayed, “Abba, Father, all things are possible with you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not my will but yours.”
Mar 14:37 He came back and found them sleeping, and he asked Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch for one hour?
Mar 14:38 Watch and pray that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Mar 14:39 Again, he went away and prayed, and he used the same words.
Mar 14:40 Again, he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy, and they did not know what to say to him.
Mar 14:41 He came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come. Look! The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.
Mar 14:42 Get up; let us go. Look, the one who is betraying me is near!”
Mar 14:43 While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, and a large crowd was with him with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders.
Mar 14:44 Now his betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, he is the One. Seize him and lead him away under guard.”
Mar 14:45 When Judas arrived, immediately he came up to Yeshua and greeted him, “Rabbi!” And he kissed him.
Mar 14:46 Then they laid hands on him and seized him.
Mar 14:47 But one of them who stood by drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.
Mar 14:48 Yeshua said to them, “Do you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me?
Mar 14:49 When I was daily with you, and I was teaching in the temple, you did not arrest me. But this was done that the Scriptures might be fulfilled.”
Mar 14:50 And all those with Yeshua abandoned him and fled.
Mar 14:51 A young man, wearing only a linen garment that was wrapped around him, was following Yeshua. When the men seized him,
Mar 14:52 he left the linen garment and ran away naked.
Mar 14:53 They led Yeshua to the high priest. There were gathered with him all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes.
Mar 14:54 Now Peter followed him from a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest. He sat among the guards, who were near a heaping charcoal fire to keep warm.
Mar 14:55 Now the chief priests and the entire Jewish Sanhedrin were seeking testimony against Yeshua, so they might kill him. But they did not find any.
Mar 14:56 For many brought false testimony against him, but even their testimony did not agree.
Mar 14:57 Some stood up and brought false testimony against him; they said,
Mar 14:58 “We heard him prophesy, ‘I will destroy this temple made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.’”
Mar 14:59 Yet even their testimony did not agree.
Mar 14:60 The high priest stood up among them and asked Yeshua, “Have you no answer? What is it these men testify against you?”

Mar 14:61 But he was silent and answered nothing. Again, the high priest questioned him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed?”
Mar 14:62 Yeshua answered, “I AM (Ahayah, Exo. 3:14-15). And you will see the Son of Man (Bar Anasha; Dan. 7:13) when he sits at the right hand of power and comes with the clouds of Heaven.”
Mar 14:63 The high priest tore his garments and asked, “Do we still need witnesses?
Mar 14:64 You have heard the blasphemy. What is your decision?” And they all condemned him as One who deserved death.
Mar 14:65 Some began to spit on him, to cover his face, strike him, and say to him, “Prophesy!” The officers took him and beat him.
Mar 14:66 While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came to him.
Mar 14:67 She saw Peter as he stood by a heaping charcoal fire to keep warm, and she looked closely at him. Then she said, “You were also with Yeshua the Natsari.”
Mar 14:68 But he denied it, “I neither know nor understand what you are talking about.” Then he went out into the courtyard. And the Temple Herald shouted.
Mar 14:69 But the servant girl there saw him, and began to say again to those who stood there, “This man is one of them!”
Mar 14:70 But he denied it again. After a little while, those who stood there were saying to Peter, “Surely you are one of them, for you also are a Galilean, and your speech agrees.”
Mar 14:71 But he began to put himself under curses and to swear, “I do not know this man you are talking about!”
Mar 14:72 The Temple Herald immediately shouted a second time. Then Peter remembered the words that Yeshua had prophesied to him: “Before the Temple Herald shouts twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

Mark Chapter 15

Mar 15:1 And immediately at dawn, the chief priests met together with the elders, scribes, and the entire Jewish Sanhedrin. Then they bound Yeshua and led him away. They handed him over to Pontius Pilate.
Mar 15:2 Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “As you say.”
Mar 15:3 The chief priests were presenting many charges against Yeshua.
Mar 15:4 Pilate again asked him, “Do you give no answer? See how many charges they are bringing against you!”
Mar 15:5 But Yeshua no longer answered Pilate, and that amazed him.
Mar 15:6 Now at the time of the appointment calendar festival, Pilate usually released to them one prisoner, a prisoner they requested.
Mar 15:7 There with the rebels in prison, among the murderers held for their part in the rebellion, was a man named Yehoshua Bar Rabban.
Mar 15:8 The crowd came to Pilate and began to ask him to do for them as he had done in the past.
Mar 15:9 Pilate asked them, “Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?”
Mar 15:10 For he knew that it was because of envy that the chief priests had handed Yeshua over to him.
Mar 15:11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to cry out that Yehoshua Bar Rabban should be released instead.
Mar 15:12 Pilate asked them again, “What then should I do with the King of the Jews?”
Mar 15:13 They shouted again, “Crucify him!”
Mar 15:14 Pilate asked them, “What wrong has he done?” But they shouted more and more, “Crucify him!”
Mar 15:15 Pilate wanted to satisfy the crowd, so he released Yehoshua Bar Rabban to them. He scourged Yeshua and then handed him over to be crucified.
Mar 15:16 The soldiers led him inside the courtyard, which is the government headquarters, and they called together the whole cohort of soldiers.
Mar 15:17 They put a purple robe on Yeshua, and they twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on him.
Mar 15:18 They began to salute him and shout, “Hail, King of the Jews!”
Mar 15:19 They struck his head with a trekking pole, and they spat on him. They bent their knees before him to pretend to worship him.
Mar 15:20 When they had mocked him, they took off of him the purple robe and put his own garments on him, and then led him out to crucify him.

Mar 15:21 They forced a passerby who was coming in from the country to carry the crossbeam of Yeshua, a man named Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.
Mar 15:22 The soldiers brought Yeshua to the place called Gulgoleth, which translated means, “Place of a Skull.”
Mar 15:23 They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not drink it.
Mar 15:24 They crucified him and divided up his garments by casting lots to determine what piece each soldier would take.
Mar 15:25 It was 9 am when they crucified him.
Mar 15:26 On a sign they wrote the charge against him, “The King of the Jews.”
Mar 15:27 With him they crucified two robbers, one on the right of him and one on his left.
Mar 15:28 And the Scripture was fulfilled that says, ‘He was counted with the lawless ones.’
Mar 15:29 Those who passed by insulted him, shaking their heads, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days,
Mar 15:30 save yourself and come down from the cross!”
Mar 15:31 In the same way, the chief priests were mocking him with each other, along with the scribes, “He saved others, but he cannot save himself.
Mar 15:32 Let Messiah, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.” And those who were crucified with him also taunted him.
Mar 15:33 At 12 pm, darkness came over the whole land until 3 pm.
Mar 15:34 At 3 pm, Yeshua cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” which is translated, “My Divine One, my Divine One, why did you abandon me” (Psa. 22:1)?
Mar 15:35 Some of those standing by heard his words and exclaimed, “Look, he is calling for Elijah!”
Mar 15:36 Someone ran, put sour wine on a sponge, put it on a trekking pole, and gave it to him to drink. The man said, “Let us see if Elijah comes to take him down.”
Mar 15:37 Then Yeshua cried out with a loud voice and died (c. 30 AD).
Mar 15:38 The temple was broken on two sides, up and down. Then the temple lintel stone fell and broke to pieces, causing the curtain to split in two from the top to the bottom.
Mar 15:39 And when the centurion who stood and faced Yeshua saw that he was dead in this way, he proclaimed, “Truly, this man was the Son of Yehowah.”
Mar 15:40 There were also women who looked on from a distance. Among them were Miriam Magdalene, Miriam, the mother of Jacob the younger (son of Clopas) and of Joseph II, and Salome.

Mar 15:41 When he was in Galilee they followed him and served him. Many other women also came up with him to Jerusalem.
Mar 15:42 When dusk had come, because it was the Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath,
Mar 15:43 Joseph of Arimathea came there. He was a respected member of the Sanhedrin, who was waiting for the Kingdom of Yehowah. He boldly went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Yeshua.
Mar 15:44 Pilate was amazed that Yeshua was already dead; he called the centurion and asked him if Yeshua was dead.
Mar 15:45 When Pilate learned from the centurion that Yeshua was dead, he gave the body to Joseph.
Mar 15:46 Joseph had bought a linen cloth. He took him down from the cross, wrapped him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of a rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.
Mar 15:47 Miriam Magdalene and Miriam the mother of Joseph II saw the place where Yeshua was buried.

Mark Chapter 16

Mar 16:1 When the Sabbath was over, Miriam Magdalene, Miriam the mother of Jacob, and Salome had bought spices, that they might come and anoint the body of Yeshua.
Mar 16:2 At daybreak during the first (Omer day 1, Sunday) of the Sabbaths (counting to Pentecost), they went to the tomb at sunrise.
Mar 16:3 They were asking one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?”
Mar 16:4 When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been overturned, for it was extremely large.
Mar 16:5 They entered the tomb and saw a young man dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side, and they were astonished.
Mar 16:6 He said to them, “Do not be afraid. You seek Yeshua the Natsari, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. Look at the place where they had laid him.
Mar 16:7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.”
Mar 16:8 They went out and ran from the tomb; they were trembling and amazed. They said nothing to anyone, because they were so afraid.
Mar 16:9 At dawn of the first week (Omer day 1, Sunday, counting to Shavuot), after he arose, he appeared first to Miriam Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons.
Mar 16:10 She went and told those who were with him, while they were mourning and weeping.
Mar 16:11 They heard that he was alive, and that he had been seen by her, but they did not believe.
Mar 16:12 After these things, he appeared in a different form to two of them, as they were walking out into the country (Luke 24:15-16).
Mar 16:13 They went and told the rest of the disciples, but they did not believe them.
Mar 16:14 Yeshua later appeared to the Eleven as they were reclining at the table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who saw him after he rose from the dead.
Mar 16:15 He commanded them, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to the entire creation.
Mar 16:16 He who believes and is immersed will be saved, and he who does not believe will be condemned.
Mar 16:17 These signs will go with those who believe: In my name they will cast out demons. They will speak multilingually.

Mar 16:18 They will pick up snakes with their hands, and if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will get well.”
Mar 16:19 After the Lord had spoken to them, he was taken up into Heaven and sat down at the right hand of Yehowah.
Mar 16:20 The disciples left and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word by the signs that went with them. Amein.

Book of Luke

Luke Chapter 1

Luk 1:1 Many have tried to set in order a narrative about those matters that have been fulfilled among us,
Luk 1:2 just as they handed them to us, who from the beginning have been eyewitnesses and servants of the word.
Luk 1:3 So to me also it seemed good, having accurately investigated the course of all these things from the beginning, to write a chronological account for you, most excellent Theophilus.
Luk 1:4 This is so that you might know the truth about the things that you were taught.
Luk 1:5 In the days of Herod the Great, king of Judea, there was a certain priest named Zechariah, from the division of Abijah (1 Chron. 24:10). His wife was from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.
Luk 1:6 They were both righteous before Yehowah, obeying all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord without craftiness.
Luk 1:7 But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both quite old by this time.
Luk 1:8 Now, it came about that Zechariah was in the presence of Yehowah carrying out the priestly duties in the order of his division.
Luk 1:9 According to the customary way of choosing which priest would serve, he had been chosen by lot to enter into the temple of Yehowah to burn incense.
Luk 1:10 The whole crowd of people was praying outside at the hour when the incense was burned.
Luk 1:11 Now an angel of Yehowah appeared to him and stood at the right side of the incense altar.
Luk 1:12 When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified and fear fell on him.
Luk 1:13 But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son. You will call his name John.
Luk 1:14 You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.
Luk 1:15 For he will be great in the sight of Yehowah. He must never drink wine or beer (Nazirite vow, Num. 6), and he will be filled with Ruach ha’Kodesh from his mother’s womb.
Luk 1:16 And many of the people of Israel will be turned to Yehowah their Divine One.

Luk 1:17 He will go before the face of Yehowah in the Ruach and power of Elijah. He will do this to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, so that the disobedient will walk in the wisdom of the just, to make ready for Yehowah a people prepared for him" (Mal. 4:5-6).
Luk 1:18 Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I know this? For I am an old man and my wife is too old."
Luk 1:19 The angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of Yehowah. I was sent to speak to you, to bring you this good news.
Luk 1:20 And behold, you will be mute, unable to speak, until the day these things take place. This is because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled at the appointed time."
Luk 1:21 Now the people were waiting for Zechariah. They were surprised that he was spending so much time in the temple.
Luk 1:22 But when he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized that he had seen a vision while he was in the temple. He kept on making signs to them and remained mute.
Luk 1:23 It came about that when the days of his service were over, he went to his house.
Luk 1:24 After these days, his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden. She said,
Luk 1:25 "This is what Yehowah has done for me, when he looked at me with grace, in order to take away my shame before people."
Luk 1:26 In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from Yehowah to a town in Galilee named Natsareth,
Luk 1:27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph. He belonged to the House of David, and the virgin's name was Miriam.
Luk 1:28 The angel came to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! Yehowah is with you. Blessed are you among women."
Luk 1:29 When she saw him, she was confused by his words, and she wondered what kind of greeting this could be.
Luk 1:30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Miriam, for you have found grace with Yehowah.
Luk 1:31 And see, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son. You will call his name 'Yeshua'.
Luk 1:32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. Yehowah Almighty will give him the throne of his ancestor David.
Luk 1:33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and there will be no end to his kingdom."
Luk 1:34 Miriam asked the angel, "How will this happen, since I have not had sex with any man?"

Luk 1:35 The angel answered her, “Ruach ha’Kodesh will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will come over you. So the set-apart One to be born will be called the Son of Yehowah.
Luk 1:36 And see, your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age. This is the sixth month for her, she who was called barren.
Luk 1:37 For nothing spoken by Yehowah will be impossible” (Gen. 18:14).
Luk 1:38 Miriam responded, “See, I am the female servant of Yehowah. Let it be for me according to your message.” Then the angel left her.
Luk 1:39 Then Miriam arose in those days and quickly went into the hill country, to a town in Judea.
Luk 1:40 She went into the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.
Luk 1:41 Now it happened, that when Elizabeth heard Miriam’s greeting, the baby in her womb jumped, and Elizabeth was filled with Ruach ha’Kodesh.
Luk 1:42 She raised her voice and spoke loudly, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!
Luk 1:43 And why has it happened to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?
Luk 1:44 For see, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb jumped for joy!
Luk 1:45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of the things that were told her from Yehowah.”
Luk 1:46 Miriam sang, “My soul praises Yehowah,
Luk 1:47 and my spirit has rejoiced in Yehowah my Savior!
Luk 1:48 For he has looked at the low condition of his female servant. For see, from now on all generations will call me blessed.
Luk 1:49 For he who is mighty has done great things for me, and his name is set apart.
Luk 1:50 His mercy lasts from generation to generation for those who fear him.
Luk 1:51 He has displayed strength with his arm; he has scattered those who were proud about the thoughts of their hearts.
Luk 1:52 He has thrown down princes from their thrones, and he has raised up those of low condition.
Luk 1:53 He has filled the hungry with good things, but the rich he has sent away empty.
Luk 1:54 He has given help to Israel his servant, so as to remember to show mercy,
Luk 1:55 as he said to our fathers, to Abraham and his descendants forever.”
Luk 1:56 Miriam stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then returned to her house.
Luk 1:57 Now the time had come for Elizabeth to deliver her baby, and she gave birth to a son.

Luk 1:58 Her neighbors and her relatives heard that Yehowah had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.
Luk 1:59 Now it happened on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child. They would have called him “Zechariah,” after the name of his father.
Luk 1:60 But his mother answered, “No. He will be called John.”
Luk 1:61 They replied to her, “There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name.”
Luk 1:62 They made signs to his father as to how he wanted him to be named.
Luk 1:63 His father asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” They all were astonished at this.
Luk 1:64 Immediately, his mouth was opened, and his tongue was freed. He spoke and praised Yehowah!
Luk 1:65 Fear came on all who lived around them. All these matters were talked about throughout all the hill country of Judea.
Luk 1:66 And all who heard them stored them in their hearts, asking, “What then will this child become?” For the hand of Yehowah was with him.
Luk 1:67 His father Zechariah was filled with Ruach ha’Kodesh and prophesied,
Luk 1:68 “Praised be Yehowah, Mighty One of Israel, for he has come to help, and he has accomplished redemption for his people!
Luk 1:69 He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,
Luk 1:70 as he spoke by the mouth of his set-apart prophets who were in ancient times.
Luk 1:71 He will bring salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.
Luk 1:72 He will do this to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his set-apart covenant,
Luk 1:73 the oath that he spoke to Abraham our father.
Luk 1:74 He swore to grant to us that we, having been delivered out of the hand of our enemies, would serve him without fear,
Luk 1:75 in consecration and righteousness before him all our days.
Luk 1:76 Yes, and you child, will be called a prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare his Paths,
Luk 1:77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.
Luk 1:78 This will happen because of the tender mercy of Yehowah, because of which the dawning Light from on high will come to help us,
Luk 1:79 to shine on those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. He will do this to guide our feet into the Path of peace.”
Luk 1:80 Now the child grew and became strong in Ruach, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

Luke Chapter 2

Luk 2:1 Now in those days (c. 3 BC), it came about that Caesar Augustus sent out a decree ordering that registration of loyalty oaths be procured from all the people living in the world.
Luk 2:2 This was the first registration of loyalty oaths to Caesar collected while P. Sulpicius Quirinius was the imperial representative in Syria.
Luk 2:3 So everyone went to his hometown to register his loyalty oath to Caesar.
Luk 2:4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Natsareth, to Judea, to the City of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David.
Luk 2:5 He went there to register along with Miriam, his pregnant wife.
Luk 2:6 Now it came about that while they were there, the time came for her to deliver her baby.
Luk 2:7 She gave birth to her firstborn son (c. 3 BC), and she wrapped him in long strips of cloth and laid him in a feeding trough, because there was no space for them in the caravansary.
Luk 2:8 There were shepherds in that region who were camping in the fields, guarding their flock at night.
Luk 2:9 An angel of Yehowah appeared to them, and the glory of Yehowah shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.
Luk 2:10 Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, because I bring you the good news that will bring great joy to all the people.
Luk 2:11 Today, a Savior was born for you in the City of David! He is Lord Messiah!
Luk 2:12 This is the sign that will be given to you: You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a feeding trough.”
Luk 2:13 Suddenly, there was together with the angel, a large heavenly military force praising Yehowah,
Luk 2:14 “Glory to Yehowah in the highest, and may there be peace on earth among people with whom he is pleased!”
Luk 2:15 It came about that when the angels had gone away from them into Heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this matter that has happened, which Yehowah has made known to us.”
Luk 2:16 They hurried there and found Miriam and Joseph, and saw the baby lying in the feeding trough.
Luk 2:17 After they had seen him, they made known what had been said to them about this child.
Luk 2:18 All who heard it were amazed at what was spoken to them by the shepherds.

Luk 2:19 But Miriam kept thinking about all the things she had heard, treasuring them in her heart.
Luk 2:20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising Yehowah for everything that they had heard and seen, just as it had been spoken to them.
Luk 2:21 When it was the end of the eighth day, when he was circumcised, he was named Yeshua, the name he had been given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.
Luk 2:22 When the required number of days for her purification had passed, according to the Law of Moses (Lev. 12; Gal. 4:4; Exo. 13:2, 12), Joseph and Miriam brought him up to the temple in Jerusalem to present him to Yehowah.
Luk 2:23 As it is written in the Law of Yehowah, "Every male who opens the womb will be set apart to Yehowah."
Luk 2:24 So they offered a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of Yehowah, "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."
Luk 2:25 Behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and reverent. He was looking for the Consolation of Israel, and Ruach ha'Kodesh was upon him.
Luk 2:26 It had been revealed to him by Ruach ha'Kodesh that he would not see death before he had seen the Messiah of Yehowah.
Luk 2:27 Led by the Ruach, Simeon came into the temple. When the parents brought in the infant Yeshua, to do for him according to the custom of the law,
Luk 2:28 he took him into his arms and praised Yehowah,
Luk 2:29 "Now let your servant depart in peace, Absolute Master, according to your spoken word.
Luk 2:30 For my eyes have seen your salvation (Yeshua; # H3442; H3091),
Luk 2:31 which you have prepared in the presence of all people:
Luk 2:32 A light for revelation to the ethnicities and glory to your people Israel."
Luk 2:33 Joseph and his mother were amazed at the things which were spoken concerning him.
Luk 2:34 Simeon blessed them and said to Miriam his mother, "Behold, this Child is appointed for the downfall and rising up of many people in Israel, and for a sign that is rejected (Luke 11:30),
Luk 2:35 and a sword will pierce your own soul, so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."
Luk 2:36 A prophetess named Anna was there. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher. She was quite elderly. She had lived with her husband for seven years after her virginity,
Luk 2:37 and was a widow about eighty-four years old. She never left the temple but was serving with fastings and prayers, night and day.

Luk 2:38 At that moment, she came near to them and began giving thanks to Yehowah, and she spoke about the child to everyone who had been waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.
Luk 2:39 When they had finished everything they were required to do according to the Law of Yehowah, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Natsareth.
Luk 2:40 The child grew and became strong in Ruach, increasing in wisdom, and the grace of Yehowah was upon him.
Luk 2:41 His parents went every year to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover.
Luk 2:42 When he was twelve years old (c. 9 AD), they again went up to Jerusalem at the customary time for the appointment calendar festival.
Luk 2:43 After they had stayed the full number of days for the feast, they began to return home. But the boy Yeshua stayed behind in Jerusalem, and Joseph and his mother did not know it.
Luk 2:44 They assumed that he was with the group that was traveling with them, so they traveled a day's journey. Then they started looking for him among their relatives and friends.
Luk 2:45 When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem and started looking for him there.
Luk 2:46 It came about that after three days, they found him in the temple, sitting in the middle of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.
Luk 2:47 All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.
Luk 2:48 When they saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us this way? Listen, your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."
Luk 2:49 He asked them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be engaged in my Father's business?"
Luk 2:50 But they did not understand what he meant by those words.
Luk 2:51 Then he went back home with them to Natsareth and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.
Luk 2:52 But Yeshua continued to grow in wisdom and stature, and increased in grace with Yehowah and people.

Luke Chapter 3

Luk 3:1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar (c. 27 AD), while Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod Antipas was tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Herod Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene,
Luk 3:2 during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the Word of Yehowah came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.
Luk 3:3 He went into all the region around the Jordan River, preaching an immersion of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
Luk 3:4 As it is written in the Book of the Words of Isaiah the prophet, "A voice of one calling out in the wilderness, 'Make ready the Way of Yehowah, make his Paths straight.
Luk 3:5 Every valley will be filled, and every mountain and hill will be made low, and the crooked roads will be made straight, and the uneven places will be built into roads,
Luk 3:6 and all flesh will see the salvation of Yehowah'" (Isa. 40:3-5).
Luk 3:7 So John proclaimed to the crowds who were coming out to be immersed by him, "You offspring of vipers! Who warned you to run away from the wrath that is coming?
Luk 3:8 Therefore, produce fruits that are worthy of repentance and do not begin to say within yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father,' for I tell you that Yehowah is able to raise up children for Abraham from these stones.
Luk 3:9 Even now the ax is set against the root of the trees. So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire."
Luk 3:10 Then the crowds kept asking him, "What then are we to do?"
Luk 3:11 He answered them, "If someone has two tunics, he should share it with a person who has none, and the one having food should do the same."
Luk 3:12 Tax collectors also came to be immersed, and they asked him, "Teacher, what must we do?"
Luk 3:13 He answered them, "Do not collect more money than you have been ordered to collect."
Luk 3:14 Some soldiers also asked him, "And what about us? What must we do?" He told them, "Do not take money from anyone by force and do not accuse anyone falsely. Be content with your wages."
Luk 3:15 Now as the people were eagerly expecting the Messiah to come, everyone was wondering in their hearts concerning John, whether or not he might be the Messiah.
Luk 3:16 John answered them all, "As for me, I immerse you with water, but Someone is coming who is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy even to

untie the strap of his sandals. He will immerse you with Ruach ha'Kodesh and with fire.
Luk 3:17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to thoroughly clear off his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his storehouse. But he will burn up the chaff with fire that can never be put out."
Luk 3:18 With many other exhortations also, John preached the good news to the people.
Luk 3:19 When Herod Antipas the tetrarch had been reproved for marrying Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, and for all the other evil things that Herod had done,
Luk 3:20 he added this to them all, that he locked John up in prison.
Luk 3:21 Now it came about, when all the people were immersed, Yeshua also was immersed. And while he was praying, Heaven opened,
Luk 3:22 and Ruach ha'Kodesh in bodily form came down on him like a dove, and a voice came from Heaven, "You are my Son, whom I love. In whom my soul delights."
Luk 3:23 When Yeshua began his ministry (c. 27 AD), he was about thirty years old. He was the son, as it was assumed, of Joseph, the son of Heli,
Luk 3:24 the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph.
Luk 3:25 Joseph was the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai,
Luk 3:26 the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Joseph, the son of Judah.
Luk 3:27 Judah was the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Salathiel, the son of Neri,
Luk 3:28 the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er,
Luk 3:29 the son of Joseph, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi.
Luk 3:30 Levi was the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim,
Luk 3:31 the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David,
Luk 3:32 the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon.
Luk 3:33 Nahshon was the son of Amminadab, the son of Aram, the son of Arni, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah,
Luk 3:34 the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor,

Luk 3:35 the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah.
Luk 3:36 Shelah was the son of Kainan (see LXX at Gen. 10:24; 1 Chron. 1:18, 24; Gen. 11:12-13), the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech,
Luk 3:37 the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Kenan,
Luk 3:38 the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of Yehowah.

Luke Chapter 4

Luk 4:1 Then Yeshua, being full of Ruach ha'Kodesh, returned from the Jordan River, and was led by the Ruach into the wilderness,
Luk 4:2 where for forty days, he was tempted by the Devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of that time he was hungry.
Luk 4:3 The Devil tempted him, "Since you are the Son of Yehowah, command this stone to become bread."
Luk 4:4 Yeshua answered him, "It is written, 'People do not live on bread alone but on every Word of Yehowah'" (Deut. 8:3; Mat. 4:4).
Luk 4:5 Then the Devil was leading Yeshua up to a high mountain, and he showed him all the kingdoms of the world in an instant of time.
Luk 4:6 The Devil tempted him, "I will give to you all this authority and all their splendor, for they have been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want.
Luk 4:7 So then, if you will bow down and worship me, all of it will be yours."
Luk 4:8 But Yeshua answered him, "Get behind me Satan! It is written, 'You will worship Lord Yehowah, and you will serve only him'" (Deut. 6:13; 10:20).
Luk 4:9 Then the Devil led Yeshua to Jerusalem and put him on the highest point of the temple building and tempted him, "Since you are the Son of Yehowah, throw yourself down from here.
Luk 4:10 For it is written, 'He will give orders to his angels regarding you, to protect you,'
Luk 4:11 and, 'They will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"
Luk 4:12 And Yeshua answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put Lord Yehowah to the test'" (Deut. 6:16).
Luk 4:13 When the Devil had finished testing Yeshua, he went away and left him until an opportune time.
Luk 4:14 Then Yeshua returned to Galilee in the power of the Ruach, and news about him spread throughout the entire surrounding region.
Luk 4:15 And he began to teach in their houses of assembly, and he was praised by all!
Luk 4:16 He came into Natsareth, where he had been raised. And as was his custom, he entered the house of assembly on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read aloud.
Luk 4:17 The Scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him (Heb. 1:1; 1 Tim. 4:13). He opened the Scroll and found the place where it was written,
Luk 4:18 "The Ruach of Yehowah is upon me, because he anointed me to tell the good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim

freedom (deror, H1865, Lev. 25:10) to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed,
Luk 4:19 to proclaim the year of the grace of Yehowah" (Isa. 61:1-2a; c. 27 AD).
Luk 4:20 Then he rolled up the Scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the house of assembly were fixed on him.
Luk 4:21 He began to speak to them, "Today, this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."
Luk 4:22 Everyone there spoke well of him, and they were amazed at the gracious words which were coming out of his mouth. And they asked, "Is this not the son of Joseph?"
Luk 4:23 He responded to them, "Surely you will say this proverb to me, 'Doctor, heal yourself. Whatever we heard that you did in Capernaum, do the same in your hometown.'"
Luk 4:24 But he taught, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is received in his own hometown.
Luk 4:25 But in truth, I tell you that there were many widows in Israel during the time of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, and a great famine came upon all the land (c. 918 BC).
Luk 4:26 But Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to Zarephath in Sidon, to a widow living there.
Luk 4:27 And there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet, but none of them were cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."
Luk 4:28 All the people in the house of assembly were filled with rage when they heard these things.
Luk 4:29 They rose up, forced him out of the town, and led him to the cliff of the mountain on which their town was built, so they might throw him headfirst off the cliff.
Luk 4:30 But he passed through the middle of them, and he went to another place.
Luk 4:31 Then he went down to Capernaum, a city in Galilee, and he began to teach them on the Sabbaths.
Luk 4:32 They were astonished at his teaching, because he spoke with authority.
Luk 4:33 Now in the house of assembly there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice,
Luk 4:34 "Ah, leave us alone! What do we have to do with you, Yeshua the Natsari? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Set-apart One of Yehowah!"
Luk 4:35 Yeshua rebuked the demon, "Do not speak and come out of him!" When the demon had thrown the man down in the middle of them, he came out of him and did not harm him in any way.

Luk 4:36 All the people were quite amazed, and they kept talking about it with one another. They said, “What kind of words are these? He commands the unclean spirits with authority and power, and they come out.”
Luk 4:37 So news about him began to spread into every part of the surrounding region.
Luk 4:38 Then Yeshua left the house of assembly and entered into the house of Simon. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering with a high fever, and they pleaded with him on her behalf.
Luk 4:39 So he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately, she rose up and started serving them.
Luk 4:40 When the sun was setting, people brought to Yeshua everyone who was sick with various kinds of diseases. He laid his hands on every one of them and healed them.
Luk 4:41 Demons also came out from many of them, crying out, “You are Messiah the Son of Yehowah!” Yeshua rebuked the demons and would not let them speak, because they knew that he was Messiah.
Luk 4:42 When daybreak came, he went out into a solitary place. Crowds of people were looking for him and came to the place where he was. They tried to keep him from going away from them.
Luk 4:43 But he explained to them, “I must also preach the good news of the Kingdom of Yehowah to many other cities, because this is the reason I was sent here.”
Luk 4:44 Then he continued to preach in the houses of assembly throughout Galilee.

Luke Chapter 5

Luk 5:1 Now it happened, while the people were crowding around Yeshua and listening to the Word of Yehowah, that he was standing by the Sea of Galilee.
Luk 5:2 He saw two boats pulled up at the lakeshore. The fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets.
Luk 5:3 Yeshua got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put it out in the water a short distance from the land. Then he sat down and taught the people out of the boat.
Luk 5:4 When he had finished speaking, he ordered Simon, "Take the boat out into the deeper water and let down your nets for a catch."
Luk 5:5 Simon answered, "Teacher, we worked all night and caught nothing, but at your word, I will let down the nets."
Luk 5:6 When they had done this, they gathered quite a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking.
Luk 5:7 So they motioned to their partners in the other boat that they should come and help them. They came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.
Luk 5:8 But Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell down at the knees of Yeshua, confessing, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, Lord."
Luk 5:9 For he was amazed, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken.
Luk 5:10 This included Jacob and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Yeshua prophesied to Simon, "Do not be afraid, because from now on you will catch people."
Luk 5:11 When they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.
Luk 5:12 It came about that while he was in one of the cities, a man full of leprosy was there. When he saw Yeshua, he fell on his face and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."
Luk 5:13 Then Yeshua reached out his hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing. Be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him.
Luk 5:14 He instructed him to tell no one, but told him, "Go on your way, and show yourself to the priest and offer a sacrifice for your cleansing, according to what Moses commanded, for a testimony to them."
Luk 5:15 But the report about him spread even farther, and large crowds of people came together to hear him teach and to be healed of their sicknesses.
Luk 5:16 But he often withdrew into the deserted places and prayed.
Luk 5:17 It came about on one of those days that he was teaching, and there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting there who had come from many

different villages in the regions of Galilee and Judea, and from Jerusalem. The power of Yehowah was with him to heal them.
Luk 5:18 Now some men came, carrying on a mat a man that was paralyzed, and they looked for a way to bring him inside in order to lay him down in front of Yeshua.
Luk 5:19 They could not find a way to bring him in because of the crowd, so they went up to the housetop and let the man down through the tiles, on his mat, into the midst of the people, right in front of Yeshua.
Luk 5:20 Seeing their faith, Yeshua said, "Sir, your sins are forgiven you."
Luk 5:21 The scribes and the Pharisees began to question this, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but Yehowah alone?"
Luk 5:22 But Yeshua, perceiving what they were thinking, answered and asked them, "Why are you questioning this in your hearts?
Luk 5:23 Which is easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Get up and walk?'
Luk 5:24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins, I command you who is paralyzed, 'Get up, pick up your mat and go to your house.'"
Luk 5:25 Immediately, he rose up in front of them and picked up the mat on which he was lying. Then he went away to his house, glorifying Yehowah!
Luk 5:26 Everyone was amazed, and they glorified Yehowah. They were filled with fear, exclaiming, "We have seen extraordinary things today!"
Luk 5:27 After these things happened, Yeshua went out from there and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax collector's office. He commanded him, "Follow me."
Luk 5:28 So Levi rose up and followed him, leaving everything behind.
Luk 5:29 Then Levi gave a big banquet in his house for Yeshua. There were many tax collectors there, and other people who were reclining at the table and eating with them.
Luk 5:30 But the Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, asking, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and other sinful people?"
Luk 5:31 Yeshua answered them, "People who are well do not need a physician; only those who are sick.
Luk 5:32 I did not come to call righteous people but to call sinners to repentance."
Luk 5:33 They replied to him, "The disciples of John often fast and pray, and the disciples of the Pharisees do the same. But your disciples eat and drink."
Luk 5:34 Yeshua answered them, "Can anyone make the wedding attendants of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is still with them?
Luk 5:35 But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, then in those days they will fast."

Luk 5:36 Then Yeshua also spoke a parable to them: “No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment and uses it to mend an old garment. If he did that, he would tear the new garment, and the piece of cloth from the new garment would not fit with the cloth of the old garment.
Luk 5:37 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does that, the new wine would burst the skins, and the wine would be spilled, and the wineskins would be destroyed.
Luk 5:38 But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.
Luk 5:39 And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for he says, ‘The old is better’” (Mat. 9:14-17; Mark 2:18-22).

Luke Chapter 6

Luk 6:1 Now it happened on the second-first Sabbath, that Yeshua was going through the grainfields, and his disciples were picking the heads of grain (Deut. 23:25), rubbing them between their hands and eating the grain.
Luk 6:2 But some of the Pharisees asked, "Why are you doing something that is not lawful to do on the Sabbaths?"
Luk 6:3 And Yeshua answered them, "Have you not even read what David did when he was hungry, he and the men who were with him?
Luk 6:4 He went into the tabernacle of Yehowah and took the bread of the presence, and ate some of it, and also gave some to the men who were with him to eat, even though it was only lawful for the priests to eat it."
Luk 6:5 Then Yeshua declared them, "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."
Luk 6:6 It happened on another Sabbath, that he went into the house of assembly and taught the people there. A man was there whose right hand was withered.
Luk 6:7 The scribes and the Pharisees were watching him closely to see whether he would heal someone on the Sabbath, so that they might find a reason to accuse him.
Luk 6:8 But he knew what they were thinking, and Yeshua ordered the man whose hand was withered, "Get up and stand here in the middle of everyone." So the man rose up and stood there.
Luk 6:9 Yeshua said to 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?"
Luk 6:10 Then he looked around at them all and commanded the man, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored, as healthy as the other one.
Luk 6:11 But they were filled with anger, and they talked to each other about what they might do to Yeshua.
Luk 6:12 It happened in those days, that he went out to the mountain to pray. He continued all night in prayer to Yehowah.
Luk 6:13 When it was day, he called his disciples to him, and he chose twelve of them, whom he also named Apostles.
Luk 6:14 The names of the Apostles were Simon, whom he also named Peter, and his brother Andrew, Jacob, John, Philip, Bartholomew,
Luk 6:15 Matthew, Thomas, Jacob (Yeshua's step-brother) son of Alphaeus (Clopas), Simon who was called the Zealot,
Luk 6:16 Judah Thaddaeus, son of Jacob, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

Luk 6:17 Then Yeshua came down the mountain with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon.
Luk 6:18 They had come to listen to him and to be healed of their diseases. People who were tormented with unclean spirits were also healed (Acts 5:16).
Luk 6:19 Everyone in the crowd kept trying to touch him, because power to heal was coming out from him, and he healed them all.
Luk 6:20 Then he looked at his disciples and taught, “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the Kingdom of Yehowah.
Luk 6:21 Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who grieve now, for you will laugh.
Luk 6:22 Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you and insult, slander, and libel you, because of the Son of Man.
Luk 6:23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because you will surely have a great reward in Heaven, for their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.
Luk 6:24 But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.
Luk 6:25 Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry later. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and cry later.
Luk 6:26 Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.
Luk 6:27 But I say to you who are listening, unconditionally selflessly love your enemies and do good to those who hate you.
Luk 6:28 Bless those who curse you and pray for those who mistreat you.
Luk 6:29 To him who strikes you on the cheek, offer him also the other. If someone takes away your coat, do not withhold your tunic either.
Luk 6:30 Give to everyone who asks you. If someone takes away something that belongs to you, do not ask him to give it back to you.
Luk 6:31 As you want people to do to you, you should do the same to them.
Luk 6:32 If you only unconditionally selflessly love people who unconditionally selflessly love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners unconditionally selflessly love those who unconditionally selflessly love them.
Luk 6:33 If you do good only to people who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.
Luk 6:34 If you only lend to people who you expect will pay you back, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount.
Luk 6:35 But unconditionally selflessly love your enemies and do good to them. Lend expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind toward unthankful and evil people.

Luk 6:36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.
Luk 6:37 Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven.
Luk 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. A generous amount, pressed down, shaken together and spilling over, will pour into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.”
Luk 6:39 Then he also told them a parable: “Can a blind person guide another blind person? If he did, they would both fall into a pit, would they not?
Luk 6:40 A disciple is not greater than his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.
Luk 6:41 And why do you look at the tiny splinter that is in your brother’s eye, but you do not notice the log that is in your own eye?
Luk 6:42 How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not even see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the splinter that is in your brother’s eye.
Luk 6:43 For there is no good tree that produces rotten fruit, nor is there a rotten tree that produces good fruit.
Luk 6:44 For each tree is known by the kind of fruit it produces. For people do not gather figs from a thorn bush, nor do they gather grapes from a brier bush.
Luk 6:45 The good person from the good treasure of his heart produces what is good, and the evil person from the evil treasure of his heart produces what is evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.
Luk 6:46 Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and yet you do not obey the things that I say?
Luk 6:47 Every person who comes to me, hears my words, and obeys them, I will tell you what he is like.
Luk 6:48 He is like a homeowner building a house, who dug down deep in the ground and built the house’s foundation on bedrock. When a flood came, the river of water flowed against that house but could not shake it, because it had been built on bedrock.
Luk 6:49 But the person who hears my words and does not obey them, he is like a homeowner who built a house on top of the ground without a foundation. When the river of water flowed against that house, it immediately collapsed, and the ruin of that house was complete.”

Luke Chapter 7

Luk 7:1 After Yeshua had finished everything he was saying in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum.
Luk 7:2 Now a centurion had a slave who was highly regarded by him, and he was sick and about to die.
Luk 7:3 When the centurion heard about Yeshua, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant.
Luk 7:4 When they had come to Yeshua, they begged him earnestly, “He is worthy to have you do this for him,
Luk 7:5 because he unconditionally selflessly loves our nation, and he is the one who built the house of assembly for us.”
Luk 7:6 So Yeshua continued on his way with them. But when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, “Lord, do not trouble yourself, because I am not worthy for you to come under my roof.
Luk 7:7 For this reason, I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you, but just say a word, and my servant will be healed.
Luk 7:8 For I also am a man who is under authority, with soldiers under me. I order this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another one, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”
Luk 7:9 When Yeshua heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, proclaimed, “I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith!”
Luk 7:10 And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant was well.
Luk 7:11 And the next day, Yeshua went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him.
Luk 7:12 As he came near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, who was a widow, and a rather large crowd from the town was with her.
Luk 7:13 When the Lord saw her, he was deeply moved with compassion for her and told her, “Do not cry.”
Luk 7:14 Then he went up and touched the wooden frame on which they carried the body, and those carrying it stood still. He commanded, “Young man, I say to you, arise.”
Luk 7:15 The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Yeshua gave him to his mother.
Luk 7:16 Then fear overcame all of them, and they kept glorifying Yehowah, proclaiming, “A great prophet has been raised among us!” and, “Yehowah has looked upon his people!”

Luk 7:17 This news about Yeshua spread throughout the whole of Judea and all the neighboring regions.
Luk 7:18 John's disciples told him about all these things.
Luk 7:19 Then John called two of his disciples and sent them to Yeshua to ask, "Are you the One who is to come, or should we look for another?"
Luk 7:20 When they had come near to Yeshua, the men said, "John the Immerser has sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the One who is coming, or should we look for another?'"
Luk 7:21 In that hour, he healed many people from sicknesses, afflictions, and from evil spirits, and to many blind people he gave sight (see DSS 4Q521).
Luk 7:22 Yeshua answered them, "After you have gone on your way, report to John what you have seen and heard. Blind people are receiving sight, lame people are walking, lepers are being cleansed, deaf people are hearing, dead people are being raised back to life, and needy people are being told the good news.
Luk 7:23 The person who does not stop believing in me because of my actions is blessed" (Isa. 35:5-6; DSS 4Q521; Mat. 11:1-6).
Luk 7:24 After John's messengers had gone away, Yeshua began to preach to the crowds about John, "What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed shaken by the wind?
Luk 7:25 But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothes? Look, those who wear expensive clothing and who live in luxury are in kings' palaces.
Luk 7:26 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and much more than a prophet.
Luk 7:27 This is he of whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger before your face, who will prepare your Way before you.'
Luk 7:28 I say to you, among those born of women, none is a greater prophet than John the Immerser. Yet the one who is least in the Kingdom of Yehowah is greater than he is."
Luk 7:29 When all the people heard this, including the tax collectors, they declared that Yehowah is righteous, because they had been immersed with the immersion of John.
Luk 7:30 But the Pharisees and the experts in Jewish law rejected the purpose of Yehowah for themselves, because they had not been immersed by John.
Luk 7:31 But the Lord taught, "To what then, can I compare the people of this generation? What are they like?
Luk 7:32 They are like children playing in the marketplace, who sit and call to one another, 'We played a flute for you, and you did not dance. We sang a funeral song, and you did not cry.'
Luk 7:33 For John the Immerser came eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon!'

Luk 7:34 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look, he is a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners’ (Deut. 21:20)!
Luk 7:35 But wisdom is justified by all her children.”
Luk 7:36 Now one of the Pharisees invited Yeshua to eat with him. So after Yeshua entered into the Pharisee’s house, he reclined at the table to eat.
Luk 7:37 Behold, there was a woman in the city who was a sinner. When she found out that Yeshua was reclining at the table in the Pharisee’s house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfumed oil.
Luk 7:38 As she stood behind him near his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, and she wiped them with the hair of her head, kissed his feet, and anointed them with perfumed oil.
Luk 7:39 When the Pharisee who had invited Yeshua saw this, he thought to himself, “If this man were a prophet, then he would know who and what type of woman is touching him, that she is a sinner.”
Luk 7:40 Yeshua responded to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” He replied, “Say it, Teacher.”
Luk 7:41 Yeshua spoke, “A certain moneylender had two debtors. The one owed five hundred silver coins, and the other fifty.
Luk 7:42 When they could not pay him, he forgave them both. Therefore, which of them will unconditionally selflessly love him more?”
Luk 7:43 Simon answered him, “I suppose the one whom he forgave the most.” Yeshua affirmed to him, “You have judged correctly.”
Luk 7:44 Yeshua turned to the woman and rebuked Simon, “You see this woman. I have entered into your house. You gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.
Luk 7:45 You did not give me a kiss, but from the time I came in, she did not stop kissing my feet.
Luk 7:46 You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with perfumed oil.
Luk 7:47 Therefore, I say to you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven, for she unconditionally selflessly loved much. But the one who is forgiven little, loves little.”
Luk 7:48 Then he informed her, “Your sins are forgiven.”
Luk 7:49 Those reclining together began to ask among themselves, “Who is this that even forgives sins?”
Luk 7:50 Then Yeshua assured the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

Luke Chapter 8

Luk 8:1 It happened soon afterward, that Yeshua began traveling around to different cities and villages, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of Yehowah. The Twelve were with him,
Luk 8:2 as well as certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and diseases: Miriam who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had been driven out;
Luk 8:3 Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's manager; Susanna; and many others, who, out of their possessions, provided for their needs.
Luk 8:4 While a large crowd of people was gathering, and people were coming to him from town after town, he told a parable:
Luk 8:5 "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he sowed, some fell beside the road, and it was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the sky devoured it.
Luk 8:6 Some fell on the rock, and as soon as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.
Luk 8:7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up together with the seed and choked it.
Luk 8:8 But some fell on good soil and produced a crop that was a hundred times greater." After Yeshua had said these things, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear!"
Luk 8:9 His disciples asked him what this parable meant.
Luk 8:10 He answered, "The knowledge of the secrets of the Kingdom of Yehowah has been given to you, but for others I speak in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.'
Luk 8:11 Now this is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the Word of Yehowah.
Luk 8:12 The ones along the path are those who have heard, but then the Devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so they may not believe and be saved.
Luk 8:13 And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But they have no root; they believe for awhile, and in a time of testing they fall away.
Luk 8:14 The seeds that fell among the thorns are people who hear the word, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares, riches, and pleasures of this life, and their fruit does not mature.
Luk 8:15 But the seed that fell on the good soil, these are the ones who, hearing the word with an honest and good heart, they hold it securely and bear fruit with patient endurance.

Luk 8:16 Now, no one when he has lit a lamp covers it with a bowl or puts it under a bed. Rather, he puts it on a menorah, so that everyone who enters may see the light.
Luk 8:17 For nothing is hidden that will not be made known, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come into the light.
Luk 8:18 So listen carefully, for to the one who has, more will be given to him, but the one who does not have, even what he thinks he has will be taken away from him."
Luk 8:19 Then his mother and brothers came to him, but they could not get near him because of the crowd.
Luk 8:20 He was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you."
Luk 8:21 But Yeshua answered them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the Word of Yehowah and do it."
Luk 8:22 Now one day, he climbed into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." They set sail.
Luk 8:23 But as they sailed, he fell asleep. A terrible windstorm came down on the lake, their boat was filling with water, and they were in danger.
Luk 8:24 Then the disciples of Yeshua came over to him and woke him up, shouting, "Master! Master! We are about to die!" He awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water, they ceased, and there was a calm.
Luk 8:25 Then he asked them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and while they were afraid, they were also amazed, and they asked one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?"
Luk 8:26 They sailed to the region of the Girgashites (Josh. 24:11), which is across the lake from Galilee.
Luk 8:27 When Yeshua stepped on the land, he was met by a certain man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but among the tombs.
Luk 8:28 When he saw Yeshua, he cried out and fell down before him, and he howled with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Yeshua, Son of Yehowah Most High? I beg you, do not torment me!"
Luk 8:29 For Yeshua had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For many times it had seized him, and though he was bound with chains and shackles and kept under guard, he had broken his chains, and he would be driven by the demon into the wilderness.
Luk 8:30 Then Yeshua asked him, "What is your name?" And he answered, "Legion," for many demons had entered into him.
Luk 8:31 They kept begging him not to send them into the abyss.

Luk 8:32 Now a large herd of pigs was there feeding on the mountain. The demons begged him to let them go into them, and he gave them permission.
Luk 8:33 So the demons came out of the man and went into the pigs, and the herd plunged down a cliff into the lake and was drowned.
Luk 8:34 When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and told about it in the city and countryside.
Luk 8:35 So the people went out to see what had happened. And they came to Yeshua and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at the feet of Yeshua, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.
Luk 8:36 Then those who had seen it told them how the man who had been controlled by demons had been healed.
Luk 8:37 Then all the people of the region of the Girgashites asked Yeshua to depart from them, for they were overwhelmed with great fear. So he climbed into the boat, so they could start back.
Luk 8:38 The man from whom the demons had gone out begged him to let him go with him, but Yeshua sent him away, ordering,
Luk 8:39 "Return to your home and give a full account of what Yehowah has done for you." The man went on his way, proclaiming throughout the whole city what Yeshua had done for him (Mat. 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-20).
Luk 8:40 Now when Yeshua returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him.
Luk 8:41 Behold, a man named Jairus, who was one of the leaders of the house of assembly, came and fell down at the feet of Yeshua, and he begged him to come to his house,
Luk 8:42 because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve years of age, was dying. As Yeshua was on his way, the crowds of people pressed together around him.
Luk 8:43 Now a woman was there who had been bleeding for twelve years and had spent all her money on physicians but could not be healed by any of them.
Luk 8:44 She came behind Yeshua and touched the tassel of his coat, and immediately her bleeding stopped (Mal. 4:2).
Luk 8:45 Yeshua asked, "Who was it who touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Teacher, the crowds of people are all around you, and they are pressing in against you, and you ask, 'Who touched me?'"
Luk 8:46 But Yeshua replied, "Someone did touch me, for I know that power has gone out from me."
Luk 8:47 When the woman saw that she could not escape notice, she came trembling and falling down before him. She declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed.
Luk 8:48 Then he comforted her, "Daughter, be encouraged, your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

Luk 8:49 While he was still speaking, someone came from the house of assembly leader's house, announcing, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher any longer."
Luk 8:50 But when Yeshua heard this, he answered Jairus, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be healed."
Luk 8:51 When he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter, John, and Jacob, and the father of the child and her mother.
Luk 8:52 Now all were mourning and wailing for her, but he declared, "Do not weep; she is not dead but asleep."
Luk 8:53 But they scornfully laughed at him, knowing that she was dead.
Luk 8:54 But he ejected everyone from the room, took her by the hand and called out, "Child, arise!"
Luk 8:55 Her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately. He ordered them to get her something to eat.
Luk 8:56 Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

Luke Chapter 9

Luk 9:1 He called the twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to cure diseases.
Luk 9:2 He sent them out to preach the Kingdom of Yehowah and to heal the sick.
Luk 9:3 He ordered them, "Take nothing for your journey, no trekking pole, no backpack, no bread, no money, and no extra tunics.
Luk 9:4 Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave.
Luk 9:5 Wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town, shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them."
Luk 9:6 Then they departed and went through the villages, proclaiming the good news and healing everywhere.
Luk 9:7 Now Herod Antipas, the tetrarch, heard about all that was happening, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead,
Luk 9:8 and it was said that Elijah had appeared, and still others that one of the prophets of long ago had risen.
Luk 9:9 Herod asked, "I beheaded John, but who is this about whom I hear such things?" And he tried to see him.
Luk 9:10 When the apostles returned, they told him everything they had done. Then he took them with him, and they went away privately to an isolated place near a town called Bethsaida.
Luk 9:11 But when the crowds heard about this, they followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the Kingdom of Yehowah, and he cured those who needed healing.
Luk 9:12 Now the day was about to come to an end, and the Twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and food, because we are here in an isolated place."
Luk 9:13 But he told them, "You give them something to eat." They replied, "We have no more than five loaves of bread and two fish, unless we go and buy food for all these people."
Luk 9:14 There were about five thousand men. He instructed his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each."
Luk 9:15 So they did this and made the people sit down.
Luk 9:16 Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to Heaven, he blessed Yehowah and broke the food into pieces, and he gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.

Luk 9:17 They all ate and were satisfied, and what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces (2 Kings 4:42-44; Lev. 24:5-6; Mat. 14:13; Mark 6:30; John 6:1).
Luk 9:18 It came about while Yeshua was praying by himself, the disciples were with him. He asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I AM?"
Luk 9:19 They answered, "John the Immerser. But others say Elijah, and others say that one of the prophets from long ago has risen."
Luk 9:20 Then he asked them, "But who do you say that I AM?" Peter answered, "Messiah of Yehowah."
Luk 9:21 But he strongly warned them to tell this to no one,
Luk 9:22 "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and he will be killed and on the third day be raised."
Luk 9:23 And he spoke to them all, "If anyone wants to come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me.
Luk 9:24 Whoever would save his life will destroy it, but whoever destroys his life for my sake will save it.
Luk 9:25 What good is it for a person to gain the whole world and yet destroy or forfeit himself?
Luk 9:26 Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his own glory, the glory of the Father, and of the set-apart angels.
Luk 9:27 But I say to you, truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of Yehowah."
Luk 9:28 Now about eight days after Yeshua said these words, he took with him Peter, John, and Jacob, and went up on the mountain to pray.
Luk 9:29 As he was praying, the form of his face was changed, and his clothes became brilliant white.
Luk 9:30 And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah,
Luk 9:31 who appeared in glorious splendor. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to completion in Jerusalem.
Luk 9:32 Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men who were standing with him.
Luk 9:33 A little while later, as they were going away from Yeshua, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three shelters (Sukkot; c. 29 AD), one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what he was saying.
Luk 9:34 As he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered into the cloud.
Luk 9:35 A Voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."

Luk 9:36 When the Voice had spoken, Yeshua was found alone. They kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.
Luk 9:37 Now on the next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him.
Luk 9:38 And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child!
Luk 9:39 You see, a spirit takes control over him, and he suddenly screams; it causes him to have convulsions, so that he foams at the mouth. It hardly ever leaves him, and it bruises him badly.
Luk 9:40 I begged your disciples to force it out, but they could not.”
Luk 9:41 Yeshua answered, “You unbelieving and depraved generation, how long must I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.”
Luk 9:42 While the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground and shook him with convulsions. But Yeshua rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.
Luk 9:43 Then they were all amazed at the greatness of Yehowah. While they all were marveling at everything Yeshua was doing, he prophesied to his disciples,
Luk 9:44 “Let these words go deeply into your ears: The Son of Man will be betrayed into the hands of men.”
Luk 9:45 But they did not understand this statement. It was hidden from them, so they could not know its meaning. And yet they were afraid to ask about this statement.
Luk 9:46 Then an argument started among them about which of them would be the greatest.
Luk 9:47 But Yeshua, knowing the reasoning in their hearts, took a little child and put him by his side,
Luk 9:48 and taught them, “Whoever welcomes this child in my name, welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me, welcomes the One who sent me. For whoever is least among you all is the one who will be great.”
Luk 9:49 John answered, “Master, we saw someone forcing out demons in your name, and we prevented him, because he does not follow along with us.”
Luk 9:50 “Do not stop him,” Yeshua declared, “because whoever is not against us is for us.”
Luk 9:51 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he resolutely set his face to go to Jerusalem.
Luk 9:52 He sent messengers on ahead of him, and they went and entered into a Samaritan village to prepare everything for him.
Luk 9:53 But the people there did not welcome him, because he had set his face to go to Jerusalem.

Luk 9:54 When the disciples Jacob and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from Heaven and destroy them, just like Elijah did?”
Luk 9:55 But he turned and rebuked them, “You do not know of what spirit you are.
Luk 9:56 For the Son of Man did not come to destroy people’s souls but to save them.” And they went on to another village.
Luk 9:57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “Lord, I will follow you wherever you go.”
Luk 9:58 Yeshua responded to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds in the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.”
Luk 9:59 Then he ordered another, “Follow me.” But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”
Luk 9:60 But he commanded him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim far and wide the Kingdom of Yehowah.”
Luk 9:61 Then someone else said, “I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say goodbye to those in my home.”
Luk 9:62 Yeshua replied to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of Yehowah.”

Luke Chapter 10

Luk 10:1 Now after these things, the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them out two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he himself was about to go.
Luk 10:2 He instructed them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, ask Yehowah of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.
Luk 10:3 Go on your way. See, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.
Luk 10:4 Carry no money belt, no traveler’s backpack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road.
Luk 10:5 Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘May peace be on this house!’
Luk 10:6 If a person of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him, but if not, it will return to you.
Luk 10:7 Remain in that same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not move around from house to house.
Luk 10:8 Whatever town you enter, and they receive you, eat what is set before you,
Luk 10:9 and heal the sick that are there. Say to them, ‘The Kingdom of Yehowah has come close to you.’
Luk 10:10 Whenever you enter a town, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say,
Luk 10:11 ‘Even the dust from your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you! But know this: The Kingdom of Yehowah has come near to you.’
Luk 10:12 I say to you, that on Judgment Day, it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.
Luk 10:13 Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! If the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.
Luk 10:14 But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the Judgment than for you.
Luk 10:15 You, Capernaum, do you think you will be exalted to Heaven? No, you will be brought down to the place of the dead.
Luk 10:16 The one who listens to you listens to me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects the One who sent me.”
Luk 10:17 The seventy returned with joy, exclaiming, “Lord, even the demons submitted to us in your name!”
Luk 10:18 Yeshua responded to them, “I was watching Satan fall from Heaven as lightning!
Luk 10:19 See, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will in any way hurt you.

Luk 10:20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice only in this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice even more that your names are engraved in Heaven."
Luk 10:21 At that same time, Yeshua rejoiced greatly in Ruach, "I praise you, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, because you concealed these things from the wise and understanding, and revealed them to immature children! Yes, Father, for so it was well pleasing in your sight!"
Luk 10:22 Then he turned around to the disciples and said privately, "All things have been entrusted to me from my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son, and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
Luk 10:23 Blessed are those who see the things that you see.
Luk 10:24 I say to you, many prophets and kings desired to see the things you see, and they did not see them, and to hear the things that you hear, and they did not hear them."
Luk 10:25 Behold, a certain teacher of the Jewish laws stood up, so that he might test him, asking, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"
Luk 10:26 Yeshua asked him, "What is written in the law? How do you interpret it?"
Luk 10:27 And giving an answer, he said, "You will unconditionally selflessly love Lord Yehowah with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself" (Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18; 34).
Luk 10:28 Yeshua replied to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live."
Luk 10:29 But the teacher, desiring to justify himself, asked Yeshua, "And who is my neighbor?"
Luk 10:30 And Yeshua spoke this answer, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He fell among robbers, who stripped him of his belongings, and beat him, and left him half dead.
Luk 10:31 By chance a certain priest was going down that way, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
Luk 10:32 Similarly, a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.
Luk 10:33 But a certain Samaritan (2 Chron. 28), as he journeyed, came to where he was. When he saw him, he was moved with compassion.
Luk 10:34 He approached him and bound up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
Luk 10:35 The next day, he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him and whatever extra you spend, when I return, I will repay you.'

Luk 10:36 **Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to him who fell among the robbers?”**
Luk 10:37 **The teacher answered, “The one who showed mercy to him.” Yeshua told him, “Go and do the same.”**
Luk 10:38 **Now as they were traveling along, he entered into a certain village, and a certain woman named Martha welcomed him into her house.**
Luk 10:39 **She had a sister named Miriam, who sat at the feet of Yeshua and heard his word.**
Luk 10:40 **But Martha was overly busy with preparing to serve a meal. She came up to Yeshua and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister left me to serve alone? Therefore, tell her to help me.”**
Luk 10:41 **But Yeshua answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious about many things,**
Luk 10:42 **but only one thing is necessary. Miriam has chosen what is best, which will not be taken away from her.”**

Luke Chapter 11

Luk 11:1 It happened when Yeshua was praying in a certain place, after he finished, one of his disciples entreated him, “Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.”
Luk 11:2 Yeshua taught them, “When you pray, say, ‘Our Father who is in Heaven, may your name be consecrated. May your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.
Luk 11:3 Give us each day our daily bread.
Luk 11:4 Forgive us our sin debt, as we forgive everyone who sins against us. Let us not enter into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.’”
Luk 11:5 Yeshua spoke to them, “Which of you will have a friend, and will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend to me three loaves of bread,
Luk 11:6 since a friend of mine just came in from his road trip, and I do not have anything to set before him.’
Luk 11:7 Then the one inside who answered him may say, ‘Do not bother me. The door is already shut, and my children, along with me, are in bed. I am not able to get up and give bread to you.’
Luk 11:8 I say to you, even if he does not get up and give bread to you because you are his friend, yet because of your shameless persistence, he will get up and give you as many loaves of bread as you need.
Luk 11:9 I also say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
Luk 11:10 For every asking person receives; and the seeking person finds; and to the person who knocks, it will be opened (Deut. 4:29; Psa. 105:4; Amos 5:6).
Luk 11:11 Which father among you, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead of a fish? Or a loaf of bread, will give him a stone?
Luk 11:12 Or if he asks for an egg, will you give a scorpion to him?
Luk 11:13 Therefore, if you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father from Heaven give Ruach ha’Kodesh to those who ask him?”
Luk 11:14 Later, Yeshua was driving out a demon, and it was mute. It happened that when the demon had come out, the mute man spoke. The crowds were astonished!
Luk 11:15 But some of the people blasphemed, “By Beelzebul, the ruler of demons, he drives out demons.”
Luk 11:16 Others tested him and sought from him a sign from Heaven.
Luk 11:17 But Yeshua knew their thoughts and corrected them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is made desolate, and a household divided against itself falls.

Luk 11:18 If Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say I cast out demons by Beelzebul.
Luk 11:19 If I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your children drive them out? Because of this, they will be your judges.
Luk 11:20 But if I drive out demons by the finger of Yehowah, then the Kingdom of Yehowah has come to you.
Luk 11:21 When a strong man who is fully armed guards his own house, his goods are safe,
Luk 11:22 but when a stronger man overcomes him, the stronger man takes away the armor that he trusted in and plunders the man's possessions.
Luk 11:23 The one who is not with me is against me, and the one who does not gather with me scatters.
Luk 11:24 When an unclean spirit has gone away from a person, it passes through waterless places and looks for rest. Finding none, it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.'
Luk 11:25 Having returned, it finds that house swept out and put in order.
Luk 11:26 Then it goes and takes along with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they all come in to live there. Then the final condition of that person becomes worse than the first."
Luk 11:27 It happened, that as he taught these things, a certain woman raised her voice above the crowd and shouted to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!"
Luk 11:28 But he responded, "Rather, blessed are they who hear the Word of Yehowah and obey it" (The Shema; Deut. 6:4ff)!
Luk 11:29 As the crowds were increasing, Yeshua began to speak, "This generation is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, though no sign will be given to it, except the sign of Jonah the prophet.
Luk 11:30 For just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so too the Son of the virgin will be a sign to this generation (Luke 2:34).
Luk 11:31 The Queen of Sheba will rise up at the Judgment with the people of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and see, Someone greater than Solomon is here (1 Kings 10:1).
Luk 11:32 The people of Nineveh will stand up at the Judgment with this generation of people and will condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and see, Someone greater than Jonah is here.
Luk 11:33 No one, after lighting a lamp, puts it in a hidden place or under a basket, but on a menorah, so that those who enter may see the light.
Luk 11:34 Your eye is the lamp of the body. When your eye is good, the whole body is filled with light. But when your eye is bad, your body is full of darkness.
Luk 11:35 Therefore, be careful that the light in you is not darkness.

Luk 11:36 If then your whole body is full of light, with no part of it in darkness, then your whole body will be like when a lamp shines its brightness on you."
Luk 11:37 When he had finished speaking, a Pharisee asked him to eat with him at his house, so Yeshua went in and reclined.
Luk 11:38 And the Pharisee was surprised that he first did not wash before dinner.
Luk 11:39 But Yeshua responded to him, "Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of cups and bowls, but the inside of you is filled with greed and evil.
Luk 11:40 You senseless people! Did not the One who made the outside also make the inside?
Luk 11:41 Clean what is inside, and then all things will be clean for you (Mat. 23:26).
Luk 11:42 But woe to you Pharisees, because you tithe the mint, rue, and every other garden herb, but you neglect justice and the unconditional selfless love of Yehowah. It is necessary to act justly and unconditionally selflessly love Yehowah, without failing to do the other things also.
Luk 11:43 Woe to you Pharisees, for you love the front seats in the houses of assembly and respectful greetings in the marketplaces.
Luk 11:44 Woe to you scribes and pharisees, hypocrites, for you are like unmarked graves that people walk over without knowing it."
Luk 11:45 And a certain teacher of the law answered him, "Teacher, what you say insults us too."
Luk 11:46 Yeshua proclaimed, "And woe to you, teachers of the law! For you burden people with burdens hard to carry, but you do not even touch those burdens with one of your own fingers.
Luk 11:47 Woe to you, because you build tombs for the prophets, and it was your ancestors who killed them.
Luk 11:48 So you are witnesses, and you consent to the works of your ancestors, for they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs.
Luk 11:49 For this reason also, the Wisdom of Yehowah prophesied, 'I will send to them prophets and apostles, and they will persecute and kill some of them.'
Luk 11:50 This generation then, will be held responsible for all the blood of the prophets shed since the world began,
Luk 11:51 from Abel's blood to the blood of Zechariah, who was murdered between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I say to you, this generation will be held responsible.
Luk 11:52 Woe to you teachers of the law, because you have taken away the key of knowledge; you do not enter in yourselves, and you hinder those who are entering."
Luk 11:53 After Yeshua left there, the scribes and the Pharisees opposed him and argued with him about many things,

Luk 11:54 trying to trap him in his own words, so they could formally charge him.

Luke Chapter 12

Luk 12:1 In the meantime, when many thousands of the people were gathered together, so much that they trampled on each other, he began to preach to his disciples first of all, “Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.
Luk 12:2 But there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, and nothing hidden that will not be known.
Luk 12:3 So whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed upon the housetops.
Luk 12:4 I say to you my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that they have no more that they can do.
Luk 12:5 But I will warn you about whom to fear. Fear the One who, after he has killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I say to you, fear Him.
Luk 12:6 Are not five sparrows sold for two small coins? Yet not one of them is forgotten in the sight of Yehowah.
Luk 12:7 But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear. You are more valuable than many sparrows.
Luk 12:8 I say to you, everyone who confesses me before people, the Son of Man will also confess before the angels of Yehowah,
Luk 12:9 but he who denies me before people will be denied before the angels of Yehowah.
Luk 12:10 Everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him, but to him who blasphemes against Ruach ha’Kodesh, it will not be forgiven.
Luk 12:11 When they bring you before the houses of assembly, the rulers, and the authorities, do not worry about how you will speak in your defense, or what you will say,
Luk 12:12 for Ruach ha’Kodesh will teach you in that hour what you should say.”
Luk 12:13 Then someone from the crowd entreated him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”
Luk 12:14 Yeshua asked him, “Man, who made me a judge or a mediator over you?”
Luk 12:15 And he taught them, “Watch that you keep yourselves from all greedy desires, because a person’s life does not consist of the abundance of his possessions.”
Luk 12:16 Then Yeshua told them a parable, “The field of a rich man yielded abundantly,
Luk 12:17 and he reasoned with himself, asking, ‘What will I do, because I do not have a place to store my crops?’

Luk 12:18 He said, ‘This is what I will do. I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all of my grain and other goods.
Luk 12:19 I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods stored up for many years. Rest easy, eat, drink, and be merry.”’
Luk 12:20 But Yehowah said to him, ‘Foolish man, tonight your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’
Luk 12:21 That is what someone is like who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward Yehowah.”
Luk 12:22 Yeshua instructed his disciples, “Therefore, I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear.
Luk 12:23 For life is more than food, and the body is more than clothes.
Luk 12:24 Consider the ravens, that they do not sow or reap. They have no storeroom or barn, but Yehowah feeds them. How much more valuable you are than the birds!
Luk 12:25 And which of you by being anxious can add a minute to his lifespan?
Luk 12:26 If then you are not able to do even that smallest thing, why do you worry about the rest?
Luk 12:27 Consider the lilies, how they grow. They do not labor, neither do they spin. Yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.
Luk 12:28 If Yehowah so clothes the grass in the field, which exists today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you immature faithfuls!
Luk 12:29 Do not look for what you will eat and what you will drink, and do not be anxious.
Luk 12:30 For all the ethnicities of the world look for these things, and your Father knows that you need them.
Luk 12:31 But seek the Kingdom of Yehowah, and all these things will be added to you.
Luk 12:32 Do not fear, little flock, because your Father is well pleased to give you the Kingdom.
Luk 12:33 Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Make for yourselves purses which will not wear out, treasure in Heaven that does not run out, where no thief comes near, and no moth destroys.
Luk 12:34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Luk 12:35 Let your long clothing be tucked in at your belt, and let your lamps be kept burning,
Luk 12:36 and be like people looking for their master when he returns from the wedding, so that when he comes and knocks, they may immediately open the door for him.

Luk 12:37 Blessed are those servants, whom the master will find watching when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will tuck in his long clothing at his belt, and have them sit down at the table, and he will come and serve them.
Luk 12:38 If the master comes in the second watch of the night, or if even in the third watch, and finds them ready, blessed are those servants.
Luk 12:39 Moreover, know this, that if the master of the house had known the hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.
Luk 12:40 Be ready also, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man comes."
Luk 12:41 Peter asked, "Lord, are you telling this parable only to us, or also to everyone?"
Luk 12:42 Yeshua responded, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager whom his lord will set over his other servants to give them their portion of food at the right time?
Luk 12:43 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord finds doing that when he comes.
Luk 12:44 Truly, I say to you, that he will set him over all his property.
Luk 12:45 But if that servant says in his heart, 'My lord delays his return,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink, and to become drunk,
Luk 12:46 the lord of that servant will come in a day when he does not expect, and in an hour that he does not know, and will remove him from his supervision and appoint a place for him with the unfaithful.
Luk 12:47 That servant, having known his lord's will, and not having prepared or done according to his will, will be beaten with many blows.
Luk 12:48 But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating, he will be beaten with a few blows. But everyone who has been given much, from them much will be required, and the one who has been entrusted with much, even more will be asked.
Luk 12:49 I intend to cast fire upon the earth (Mat. 3:11-12), and how I wish that it were already kindled.
Luk 12:50 But I have an immersion to be immersed with, and how I am distressed, until it is completed!
Luk 12:51 Do you think that I came to bring peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.
Luk 12:52 For from now on, there will be five in one house divided, three people against two, and two people against three.
Luk 12:53 They will be divided, father against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law" (Mic. 7:6; Mat. 10:34-35).

Luk 12:54 Yeshua was speaking to the crowds also, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘A shower is coming,’ and so it happens.
Luk 12:55 And when a south wind is blowing, you say, ‘There will be a scorching heat,’ and it happens.
Luk 12:56 Hypocrites, you know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky, but how is it that you do not know how to interpret the present time?
Luk 12:57 Why do you not judge what is right for yourselves?
Luk 12:58 For when you go with your adversary before the magistrate, on the way make an effort to settle the matter with him, so that he does not drag you to the judge, and so that the judge does not deliver you to the officer, and the officer does not throw you into prison.
Luk 12:59 I say to you, you will never come out from there, until you have paid the last bit of money.”

Luke Chapter 13

Luk 13:1 At that time, some people there told him about the Galileans, whose blood Pontius Pilate mixed with their own sacrifices.
Luk 13:2 Yeshua answered and asked them, "Do you think that these Galileans were more sinful than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way?
Luk 13:3 No, I tell you. But if you do not repent, all of you will perish in the same way.
Luk 13:4 Or those eighteen people on whom the Tower of Siloam fell and killed them, do you think they were worse sinners than other people in Jerusalem?
Luk 13:5 No, I say. But if you do not repent, all of you will also perish."
Luk 13:6 Yeshua told this parable, "Someone had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came and looked for fruit on it but found none.
Luk 13:7 The man said to the gardener, 'Look, for three years I came and tried to find fruit on this fig tree and found none. Cut it down. Why let it waste the ground?'
Luk 13:8 The gardener answered, 'Lord, leave it alone this year, while I dig around it and put manure on it.
Luk 13:9 If it bears fruit next year, good; but if it does not, cut it down!'"
Luk 13:10 Now Yeshua was teaching in one of the houses of assembly during the Sabbath.
Luk 13:11 Behold, a woman was there who for eighteen years had an evil spirit of weakness, and she was bent over and not able to completely stand up.
Luk 13:12 When Yeshua saw her, he called to her, "Woman, you are freed from your weakness!"
Luk 13:13 He placed his hands on her, and immediately she was straightened up, and she glorified Yehowah!
Luk 13:14 But the house of assembly ruler was indignant, because Yeshua had healed on the Sabbath. So the ruler answered the crowd, "There are six days in which it is necessary to work. Come and be healed then, not on the Sabbath day."
Luk 13:15 Yeshua answered him, "Hypocrites! Does not each of you untie your donkey or cow from its feeding stall and lead it to drink on the Sabbath?
Luk 13:16 So too this daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, should her bonds not be untied on the Sabbath day?"
Luk 13:17 As he said these things, all those who opposed him were ashamed, but the whole crowd was rejoicing over all the glorious things he did.
Luk 13:18 Then Yeshua taught, "What is the Kingdom of Yehowah like, and what can I compare it to?

Luk 13:19 It is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and threw into his garden, and it grew into a big tree, and the birds of the sky built their nests in its branches."
Luk 13:20 Again he said, "To what can I compare the Kingdom of Yehowah?
Luk 13:21 It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of flour, until it spread through all the flour."
Luk 13:22 Yeshua visited each city and village on the way to Jerusalem and taught them.
Luk 13:23 Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people to be saved?" So he answered them,
Luk 13:24 "Struggle to enter through the narrow door, because I say to you, many will want to enter but will not be able to enter.
Luk 13:25 Once the owner of the house gets up and locks the door, then you will stand outside and knock at the door, and shout, 'Lord, Lord, let us in!' And he will answer you, 'I do not know you or where you are from.'
Luk 13:26 Then you will say, 'We ate and drank in front of you, and you taught in our streets.'
Luk 13:27 But he will reply, 'I say to you, I do not know where you are from. Get away from me, you evildoers!'
Luk 13:28 There will be crying and the grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets in the Kingdom of Yehowah, but you are thrown out.
Luk 13:29 They will come from the east, west, north, and south, and recline at a table in the Kingdom of Yehowah.
Luk 13:30 And know this, those who are least important will be first, and those who are most important will be last."
Luk 13:31 Shortly after, some Pharisees came and told him, "Go and leave here, because Herod Antipas wants to kill you."
Luk 13:32 Yeshua responded, "Go and tell that fox, 'Look, I cast out demons and perform healings today and tomorrow, and the third day I will reach my goal.'
Luk 13:33 In any case, it is necessary for me to continue on today, tomorrow, and the following day, since it is not acceptable to kill a prophet away from Jerusalem.
Luk 13:34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those sent to you! How often I desired to gather your children, the way a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you did not desire this.
Luk 13:35 See, your house is abandoned. Truly, I say to you, you will not see me, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of Yehowah'" (Psa. 118:26; Mat. 23:39)!

Luke Chapter 14

Luk 14:1 It happened one Sabbath, when he went into the house of one of the leaders of the Pharisees to eat bread, that they were watching him closely.
Luk 14:2 Behold, there in front of him was a man who was suffering from edema.
Luk 14:3 Yeshua asked the experts in the Jewish law and the Pharisees, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?"
Luk 14:4 But they kept silent. So Yeshua took hold of him, healed him, and sent him away.
Luk 14:5 He asked them, "Which of you who has a donkey or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day will not immediately pull him out?"
Luk 14:6 They were not able to give an answer to these things.
Luk 14:7 When Yeshua noticed how those who were invited chose the seats of honor, he spoke a parable to them,
Luk 14:8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not recline in the place of honor, because someone may have been invited who is more honored than you.
Luk 14:9 When the person who invited both of you arrives, he will say to you, 'Give this other person your place,' and then in shame you will proceed to take the lowest place.
Luk 14:10 But when you are invited, go and recline in the lowest place, so that when the one who has invited you comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who recline at the table with you (Prov. 25:6-7).
Luk 14:11 For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."
Luk 14:12 Yeshua also said to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends, nor your brethren or sistren, nor your relatives, nor your rich neighbors, as they may also invite you in return, and you will be repaid.
Luk 14:13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind,
Luk 14:14 and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid in the resurrection of the just."
Luk 14:15 When one of them who sat at the table with Yeshua heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is he who will eat bread in the Kingdom of Yehowah!"
Luk 14:16 But Yeshua responded to him, "A certain man prepared a large dinner and invited many.
Luk 14:17 When the dinner was prepared, he sent his servant to say to those who were invited, 'Come, because everything is now ready.'

Luk 14:18 They all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please excuse me.’
Luk 14:19 And another said, ‘I have bought five pairs of oxen, and I am going to try them out. Please excuse me.’
Luk 14:20 And another man said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’
Luk 14:21 The servant came and told his master these things. Then the master of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in here the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’
Luk 14:22 The servant reported, ‘Master, what you commanded has been done, and yet there is still room.’
Luk 14:23 The master ordered the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.
Luk 14:24 For I say to you, none of those men who were invited will taste my dinner.’”
Luk 14:25 Now large crowds were going with him, and he turned and preached to them,
Luk 14:26 “If anyone comes to me and does not love his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters, yes, even his own life, less than he loves me, he cannot be my disciple.
Luk 14:27 Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.
Luk 14:28 For which of you, who desires to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost to calculate if he has what he needs to complete it?
Luk 14:29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to mock him,
Luk 14:30 ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’
Luk 14:31 Or what king, as he goes to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and take advice about whether he is able with ten thousand soldiers to fight the other king who comes against him with twenty thousand warriors?
Luk 14:32 And if not, while the other military force is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for conditions of peace.
Luk 14:33 So therefore, any one of you who does not give up all that he has cannot be my disciple.
Luk 14:34 Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its taste, how can it be made salty again?
Luk 14:35 It is of no use for the soil or even for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Luke Chapter 15

Luk 15:1 Now all the tax collectors and other sinners were coming to Yeshua to listen to him.
Luk 15:2 Both the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled to each other, “This man welcomes sinners and even eats with them.”
Luk 15:3 Yeshua spoke this parable to them,
Luk 15:4 “Which one of you, if he has a hundred sheep and then loses one of them, will not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the lost one, until he finds it?
Luk 15:5 Then when he has found it, he lays it across his shoulders and rejoices!
Luk 15:6 When he comes to the house, he calls together his friends and neighbors, shouting to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep!’
Luk 15:7 I say to you, that even so, there will be joy in Heaven over one sinner who repents, more than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.
Luk 15:8 Or what woman who has ten silver coins, if she were to lose one coin, would not light a lamp, sweep the house, and seek diligently, until she has found it?
Luk 15:9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I lost!’
Luk 15:10 Even so, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of Yehowah over one sinner who repents!”
Luk 15:11 Then Yeshua preached, “A certain man had two sons,
Luk 15:12 and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of the wealth that falls to me.’ So he divided his property between them.
Luk 15:13 Not many days later, the younger son gathered together all he owned and went to a country far away, and there he wasted all his wealth by living recklessly.
Luk 15:14 Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine spread through that country, and he began to be in need.
Luk 15:15 He went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.
Luk 15:16 And he would gladly have eaten the carob pods that the pigs ate, because no one gave him anything.
Luk 15:17 But when the young son came to his senses, he cried, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough food, and I am here dying from hunger!
Luk 15:18 I will leave here and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against Heaven and in your sight.

Luk 15:19 I am no more worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired servants.’”
Luk 15:20 So the young son left and came toward his father. While he was still far away, his father saw him, was moved with compassion, ran, hugged, and kissed him.
Luk 15:21 The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against Heaven and in your sight. I am not worthy to be called your son.’
Luk 15:22 But the father ordered his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, put it on him, put a ring on his hand, and sandals on his feet.
Luk 15:23 Then bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let us celebrate with a feast!
Luk 15:24 For my son was dead, and now he is alive! He was lost, and now he is found!’ And they began to celebrate.
Luk 15:25 Now his elder son was out in the field. As he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing.
Luk 15:26 He called to one of the servants and asked what these things might be.
Luk 15:27 The servant answered him, ‘Your brother has come home, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has returned safely.’
Luk 15:28 The elder son was angry and would not go in, and his father came out and begged him.
Luk 15:29 But the elder son answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I slaved for you, and I never broke a rule of yours, and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends,
Luk 15:30 but when your son came, who has devoured your living with prostitutes, you killed for him the fattened calf.’
Luk 15:31 The father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.
Luk 15:32 But it was proper for us to feast and be happy, for this brother of yours was dead and is now alive; he was lost and has now been found!’”

Luke Chapter 16

Luk 16:1 Yeshua also taught the disciples, “There was a certain rich man who had a manager, and it was reported to him that this manager was wasting his possessions.
Luk 16:2 So the rich man called him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give an account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’
Luk 16:3 The manager said to himself, ‘What should I do, since my master is taking away my management job? I do not have strength to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.
Luk 16:4 I know what I will do, so that when I am removed from my management job, people will welcome me into their homes.’
Luk 16:5 Then the manager called for each one of his master’s debtors, and he asked the first one, ‘How much do you owe to my master?’
Luk 16:6 He answered, ‘3 kiloliters of olive oil.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and write 1.5 kiloliters.’
Luk 16:7 Then the manager asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He answered, ‘One thousand bushels of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and write eight hundred.’
Luk 16:8 The master then commended the unrighteous manager, because he had acted shrewdly. For the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own people than are the Sons of Light (Essenes).
Luk 16:9 I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous money, so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal dwellings.
Luk 16:10 He who is faithful in little is also faithful in much, and he who is unrighteous in little is also unrighteous in much.
Luk 16:11 If you have not been faithful in using unrighteous money, who will trust you with true wealth?
Luk 16:12 And if you have not been faithful in using other people’s money, who will give you money of your own?
Luk 16:13 No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and unconditionally selflessly love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve Yehowah and avarice.”
Luk 16:14 Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him.
Luk 16:15 And he answered them, “You justify yourselves in the sight of people, but Yehowah knows your hearts. That which is exalted among people is detestable in the sight of Yehowah.

Luk 16:16 The law and the prophets (aka Tanakh) were preached as a testimony confirming John. From that time on, the good news of the Kingdom of Yehowah is preached, and everyone tries to force their way into it.
Luk 16:17 But it is easier for Heaven and earth to pass away than for one kots (thorn or stroke of a yod) of the law to become invalid.
Luk 16:18 Everyone who puts away his wife (without a written contract of divorce) and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries one who is put away from her husband (without a written contract of divorce) commits adultery (Mat. 19; Deut. 24:1-4).
Luk 16:19 Now there was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and was enjoying his great wealth every day.
Luk 16:20 A certain beggar named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores,
Luk 16:21 and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.
Luk 16:22 It came about that the beggar died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's lap (Paradise). The rich man also died and was buried,
Luk 16:23 and in the place of the dead, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus at his side.
Luk 16:24 So he cried out, '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!'
Luk 16:25 But Abraham replied, 'Child, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things. But now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.
Luk 16:26 And besides all this, a great chasm has been put in place, so that those who want to cross over from here to you cannot, and no one can cross over from there to us.'
Luk 16:27 The rich man said, 'I beg you, Father Abraham, that you would send him to my father's house,
Luk 16:28 for I have five brothers, in order that he may warn them, for fear that they also come into this place of torment.'
Luk 16:29 But Abraham responded, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them listen to them.'
Luk 16:30 The rich man replied, 'No, Father Abraham, but if someone would go to them from the dead, they will repent.'
Luk 16:31 But Abraham answered him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.'"

Luke Chapter 17

Luk 17:1 Yeshua taught his disciples, "Certainly, temptations to sin will come at you, but woe to that person through whom they come!
Luk 17:2 It would be better for him if a millstone were put around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble.
Luk 17:3 Watch yourselves. If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him (Lev. 19:17).
Luk 17:4 If he sins against you seven times in the day and seven times returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."
Luk 17:5 The apostles entreated the Lord, "Increase our faith."
Luk 17:6 Yeshua answered, "If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.
Luk 17:7 But which of you, who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep, will order him when he has come in from the field, 'Come immediately and sit down to eat?'
Luk 17:8 Will he not say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat, and put a belt around your clothes and serve me, until I have finished eating and drinking. Then afterward, you will eat and drink?'
Luk 17:9 He does not thank the servant, because he did the things that were commanded, does he?
Luk 17:10 Even so you also, when you have done everything that you are commanded, should say, 'We are unworthy servants. We have only done what we ought to do.'"
Luk 17:11 It came about that as he traveled to Jerusalem, he went along the border between Samaria and Galilee.
Luk 17:12 As he entered into a certain village, there he was met by ten men who were lepers. They stood far away from him,
Luk 17:13 and they lifted up their voices, crying, "Yeshua, Master, have mercy on us!"
Luk 17:14 When he saw them, he ordered them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And it came about that, as they went, they were cleansed.
Luk 17:15 When one of them saw that he was healed, he turned back, with a loud voice glorifying Yehowah!
Luk 17:16 He bowed down at the feet of Yeshua, giving him thanks. He was a Samaritan.
Luk 17:17 Yeshua asked, "Were not the ten cleansed? Where are the nine?

Luk 17:18 Were there no others who returned to give glory to Yehowah, except this foreigner?”
Luk 17:19 He assured him, “Arise and go. Your faith has made you well.”
Luk 17:20 Being asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of Yehowah would come, Yeshua answered them, “The Kingdom of Yehowah does not come with careful observing.
Luk 17:21 Neither will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There it is!’ For look, the Kingdom of Yehowah is within you.”
Luk 17:22 He prophesied to the disciples, “The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it.
Luk 17:23 Then they will say to you, ‘Look there! Look here!’ But do not go out or run after them,
Luk 17:24 for as the lightning shines brightly when it flashes from one part of the sky to another part of the sky, so will the Son of Man be in his Day.
Luk 17:25 But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.
Luk 17:26 As it happened in the days of Noah (c. 3398 BC), even so will it also happen in the days of the Son of the virgin.
Luk 17:27 They ate, they drank, they married, and they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the Flood came and destroyed them all.
Luk 17:28 Likewise, even as it happened in the days of Lot, they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building.
Luk 17:29 But in the day that Lot went out from Sodom (c. 2066 BC), it rained fire and sulfur from Heaven and destroyed them all.
Luk 17:30 After the same manner, it will be in the Day that the Son of Man is revealed.
Luk 17:31 In that Day, do not let him who is on the housetop go down to get his goods out of the house. And do not let him who is in the field return.
Luk 17:32 Remember Lot’s wife.
Luk 17:33 Whoever seeks to keep his life will destroy it, but whoever destroys his life will preserve it.
Luk 17:34 I tell you, in that night there will be two people in one bed. One will be taken, and the other will be left.
Luk 17:35 There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken, and the other will be left.
Luk 17:36 There will be two in the field; one will be taken and the other left.”
Luk 17:37 They asked him, “Where to, Lord?” And he answered them, “Where there is a body, there will the vultures also be gathered together” (Rev. 19:17-18; Eze. 39:17-20; Mat. 24:28).

Luke Chapter 18

Luk 18:1 Then he spoke a parable to them about how they should always pray and not become discouraged,
Luk 18:2 “In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear Yehowah, and he did not respect people.
Luk 18:3 Now there was a widow in that city, and she came often to him, pleading, ‘Help me get justice against my opponent.’
Luk 18:4 For a long time he was not willing to help her, but after awhile he said to himself, ‘Though I do not fear Yehowah or respect people,
Luk 18:5 yet because this widow causes me trouble, I will help her get justice, so that she does not wear me out by her constant coming.’”
Luk 18:6 Then Yeshua said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says.
Luk 18:7 Now, will not Yehowah also bring justice to his chosen ones who cry out to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?
Luk 18:8 I say to you, that he will bring justice to them speedily. Even so, when the Son of Man comes, will he indeed find faith on the earth?”
Luk 18:9 Then he also spoke this parable to some who were persuaded in themselves that they were righteous, and who despised other people,
Luk 18:10 “Two men went up into the temple to pray, the one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector.
Luk 18:11 The Pharisee stood and prayed these things about himself, ‘Yehowah, I thank you that I am not like other people, robbers, unrighteous people, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.
Luk 18:12 I fast two times every week. I give tithes of all that I get.’
Luk 18:13 But the tax collector, standing at a distance, would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but hit his chest, praying, ‘Yehowah, be merciful to me, a sinner.’
Luk 18:14 I say to you, this man went back down to his house justified rather than the other, because everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but everyone who humbles himself will be exalted.”
Luk 18:15 The people were also bringing to him their infants, so that he might touch them, but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them.
Luk 18:16 But Yeshua called them to him, teaching, “Permit the little children to come to me and do not forbid them. For the Kingdom of Yehowah belongs to such ones.
Luk 18:17 Truly, I say to you, whoever will not receive the Kingdom of Yehowah like a child will definitely not enter it.”
Luk 18:18 A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Luk 18:19 Yeshua answered him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good, except One, Yehowah.
Luk 18:20 You know the commandments, do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not testify falsely, honor your father and mother.”
Luk 18:21 The ruler replied, “All these things I have obeyed from the time I was a youth.”
Luk 18:22 When Yeshua heard that, he commanded him, “One thing you still lack. You must sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in Heaven, and come follow me.”
Luk 18:23 But when the ruler heard these things, he became extremely sad, for he was superabundantly rich.
Luk 18:24 Then Yeshua, seeing him become intensely sad, proclaimed, “How difficult it is for those who are rich to enter the Kingdom of Yehowah!
Luk 18:25 For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle’s eye, than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Yehowah.”
Luk 18:26 Those hearing it asked, “Then who can be saved?”
Luk 18:27 Yeshua answered, “The things which are impossible with people are possible with Yehowah.”
Luk 18:28 Peter responded, “Well, we have left everything that is our own and have followed you.”
Luk 18:29 Yeshua then proclaimed to them, “Truly, I say to you, that there is no one who has left house, or wife, or brothers, or parents, or children, for the sake of the Kingdom of Yehowah,
Luk 18:30 who will not receive much more in this world, and in the age to come, eternal life.”
Luk 18:31 After he gathered the Twelve to himself, he prophesied to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all the things that have been written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished.
Luk 18:32 For he will be given over to the ethnicities, and will be mocked, shamefully treated, and spit upon.
Luk 18:33 After whipping him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again.”
Luk 18:34 They understood none of these things, and this word was hidden from them, and they did not understand the things that were said.
Luk 18:35 It came about that, as Yeshua approached Jericho, a certain blind man was sitting by the road begging,
Luk 18:36 and hearing a crowd going by, he asked what was happening.
Luk 18:37 They told him that Yeshua the Natsari was passing by.
Luk 18:38 So the blind man cried out, “Yeshua, Son of David, have mercy on me!”
Luk 18:39 The ones who were walking ahead rebuked the blind man, telling him to be quiet. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Luk 18:40 Yeshua stood still and ordered that the man be brought to him. Then when the blind man was near, Yeshua asked him,
Luk 18:41 “What do you want me to do for you?” He answered, “Lord, I want to receive my sight.”
Luk 18:42 Yeshua said to him, “Receive your sight. Your faith has saved you.”
Luk 18:43 Immediately, he received his sight and followed him, glorifying Yehowah! And all the people, when they saw this, gave praise to Yehowah!

Luke Chapter 19

Luk 19:1 Yeshua entered and was passing through Jericho.
Luk 19:2 Behold, there was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich.
Luk 19:3 He was trying to see who Yeshua was but could not see over the crowd, because he was short in height.
Luk 19:4 So he ran on ahead of the people and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, because Yeshua was about to pass that way.
Luk 19:5 When Yeshua came to the place, he looked up and ordered him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house."
Luk 19:6 So he hurried and came down and welcomed him joyfully.
Luk 19:7 When everyone saw this, they all complained, "He has gone in to visit a man who is a sinner."
Luk 19:8 Zacchaeus stood and vowed to Yeshua, "Look, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have cheated anyone of anything, I will restore four times the amount."
Luk 19:9 Yeshua said to him, "Today, salvation has come to this household, because he too is a son of Abraham.
Luk 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the people who are lost."
Luk 19:11 As they heard these things, he continued speaking and told a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and they thought that the Kingdom of Yehowah was about to appear immediately.
Luk 19:12 He said therefore, "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then to return.
Luk 19:13 He called ten of his servants, and gave them 500 coins (Eze. 45:12), and instructed them, 'Conduct business until I come back.'
Luk 19:14 But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this man rule over us.'
Luk 19:15 It happened when he came back again, having received the kingdom, he commanded the servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what profit they had made by doing business.
Luk 19:16 The first came before him, saying, 'Lord, your 50 coins has made 500 coins more.'
Luk 19:17 The nobleman said to him, 'Well done, good servant. Because you were faithful in little, you will have authority over ten cities.'
Luk 19:18 The second came, saying, 'Your 50 coins, lord, has made 250 coins.'
Luk 19:19 The nobleman said to him, 'You take charge over five cities.'
Luk 19:20 And another came, saying, 'Lord, here's your 50 coins, which I kept safely in a cloth,

Luk 19:21 for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take up that which you did not lay down, and reap that which you did not sow.'
Luk 19:22 The nobleman said to him, 'By your own words I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I am a severe man, taking up that which I did not lay down, and reaping that which I did not sow.
Luk 19:23 Then why did you not put my money in the bank, so that when I returned I would have collected it with interest?'
Luk 19:24 The nobleman said to them that stood by, 'Take away from him the 50 coins, and give them to him that has the 500 coins.'
Luk 19:25 They said to him, 'Lord, he has 500 coins.'
Luk 19:26 'I say to you, that everyone who has will be given more, but from him that has not, even that which he has will be taken away.
Luk 19:27 But these enemies of mine, those who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and execute them before me'" (Mat. 25:14-30).
Luk 19:28 When he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
Luk 19:29 It came about that when he came near to Bethphage and Bethany, to the Mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples,
Luk 19:30 ordering, "Go into the next village. As you enter, you will find a colt tied that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it to me.
Luk 19:31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' answer, 'The Lord has need of it.'"
Luk 19:32 Those who were sent, went and found the colt just as Yeshua had told them.
Luk 19:33 As they were untying the colt, the owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"
Luk 19:34 They answered, "The Lord has need of it."
Luk 19:35 They brought it to Yeshua, and they threw their coats upon the colt and set Yeshua on it.
Luk 19:36 As he went, they spread their coats on the road.
Luk 19:37 As he was now approaching the place where the Mount of Olives descends, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise Yehowah with a loud voice for all the mighty works which they had seen,
Luk 19:38 "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of Yehowah! Peace in Heaven and glory in the highest" (Psa 118:26)!
Luk 19:39 Some of the Pharisees in the multitude entreated him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples."
Luk 19:40 Yeshua answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would cry out!"
Luk 19:41 When Yeshua approached and saw the city, he wept over it,

Luk 19:42 crying, “If only you had known in this day, even you, the things which bring you peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.
Luk 19:43 For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will build a barricade around you, and surround you, and press in on you from every side.
Luk 19:44 They will strike you down to the ground and your children with you. They will not leave one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the appointed time of your character inspection, when Yehowah was trying to save you.”
Luk 19:45 Yeshua entered the temple and began to cast out those who were buying and selling,
Luk 19:46 rebuking them, “It is written, ‘My temple will be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers!”
Luk 19:47 So Yeshua was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people wanted to kill him,
Luk 19:48 but they could not find a way to do it, because all the people were intently listening to him.

Luke Chapter 20

Luk 20:1 It came about one day, as Yeshua was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the good news, the chief priests and the scribes came to him with the elders.
Luk 20:2 They asked him, “Tell us by what authority you do these things? Or who is he that gave you this authority?”
Luk 20:3 He responded to them, “I also will ask you a question.
Luk 20:4 Tell me about the immersion of John. Was it from Heaven or from humans?”
Luk 20:5 They reasoned with themselves, “If we say, ‘From Heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why did you not believe him?’
Luk 20:6 But if we say, ‘From humans,’ all the people will stone us, for they are persuaded that John was a prophet.”
Luk 20:7 So they answered that they did not know where it came from.
Luk 20:8 Yeshua answered them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”
Luk 20:9 He told the people this parable, “A landowner planted a vineyard, rented it out to vine growers, and went into another country for a long time.
Luk 20:10 At the harvest season he sent a servant to the vine growers, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vine growers beat him and sent him away empty-handed.
Luk 20:11 He then sent yet another servant, and they also beat him, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed.
Luk 20:12 He also sent yet a third, and they also wounded him and threw him out.
Luk 20:13 So the lord of the vineyard said, ‘What will I do? I will send my beloved son. Maybe they will respect him.’
Luk 20:14 But when the vine growers saw him, they discussed among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let’s kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.’
Luk 20:15 They threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the lord of the vineyard do to them?
Luk 20:16 He will come and destroy these vine growers and will give the vineyard to others.” And when they heard it, they exclaimed, “Yehowah forbid!”
Luk 20:17 But Yeshua looked at them and declared, “What is the meaning of that which is written: ‘The Stone that the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone?’
Luk 20:18 Every one who falls on that Stone will be broken to pieces. But on whomever it falls, it will crush” (Psa. 118:22; Isa. 8:14-15, 28:16,13).

Luk 20:19 So the scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him in that hour, for they knew that he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.
Luk 20:20 Watching him carefully, they sent out spies who pretended to be righteous, that they might find fault with his speech, so as to deliver him up to the civil authority of the governor.
Luk 20:21 They asked him, “Teacher, we know that you say and teach rightly, and are not influenced by anyone’s position, but you teach the truth about the Way of Yehowah.
Luk 20:22 Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”
Luk 20:23 But Yeshua understood their craftiness and asked them, “Why do you test me?”
Luk 20:24 “Show me a silver coin. Whose image and name is on it?” They answered, “Caesar’s.”
Luk 20:25 He taught them, “Then give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to Yehowah the things that belong to Yehowah.”
Luk 20:26 They were not able to find fault with what he had said in front of the people, but marveling at his answer, they were silent.
Luk 20:27 When some of the Sadducees came to him, the ones who say that there is no resurrection,
Luk 20:28 they asked him, “Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife and being childless, the man should take the brother’s wife and have a child for his brother (Levirate marriage).
Luk 20:29 There were seven brothers, and the first took a wife and died childless,
Luk 20:30 and the second married her but died childless as well.
Luk 20:31 The third took her, and likewise the seven also left no children, and died.
Luk 20:32 Afterward, the woman also died.
Luk 20:33 In the resurrection then, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as their wife.”
Luk 20:34 Yeshua answered them, “The sons of this world marry and are given in marriage.
Luk 20:35 But those who are regarded as worthy in that age to receive the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage.
Luk 20:36 Neither can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are children of Yehowah, being children of the resurrection.
Luk 20:37 But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the place concerning the thorn bush, where he calls Yehowah the Mighty One of Abraham, the Mighty One of Isaac, and the Mighty One of Jacob (Exo. 3:4-6).
Luk 20:38 Now he is not the Mighty One of the dead but of the living, because all live to him.”

Luk 20:39 Some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.”
Luk 20:40 For they did not dare ask him any more questions.
Luk 20:41 Yeshua asked them, “How do they say that the Messiah is David’s son?
Luk 20:42 For David himself says in the Book of Psalms, Yehowah invited my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand,
Luk 20:43 until I make your enemies your footstool’ (Psa. 110:1).
Luk 20:44 David therefore calls the Messiah, ‘Lord,’ so how is he David’s son?”
Luk 20:45 In the hearing of all the people, he warned his disciples,
Luk 20:46 “Beware of the scribes, who desire to walk in long robes, and love special greetings in the marketplaces, and chief seats in the houses of assembly, and chief places at feasts.
Luk 20:47 They also devour widows’ houses, and for a show, they make long prayers. Humans like this will receive greater condemnation.”

Luke Chapter 21

Luk 21:1 Yeshua looked up and saw the rich men who were putting their gifts into the treasury.
Luk 21:2 He saw a certain poor widow putting in two brass coins.
Luk 21:3 So he taught, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all of them.
Luk 21:4 All of these gave gifts to Yehowah out of their abundance. But this widow, out of her poverty, put in all she had to live on.”
Luk 21:5 As some spoke of the temple, how it was decorated with beautiful stones and offerings, he prophesied,
Luk 21:6 “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left on another which will not be torn down.”
Luk 21:7 So they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign when these things are about to happen?”
Luk 21:8 Yeshua answered, “Be careful that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I AM,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not go after them.
Luk 21:9 When you hear of wars and riots, do not be terrified, for these things must happen first, but the end will not happen immediately.”
Luk 21:10 Then he prophesied to them, “Ethnicity will rise against ethnicity and kingdom against kingdom.
Luk 21:11 In various places, there will be great earthquakes, famines, and plagues. There will be terrifying events and great signs from Heaven (Dan. 2:21).
Luk 21:12 But before all of these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you over to the houses of assembly and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors because of my name.
Luk 21:13 It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony.
Luk 21:14 Therefore, resolve in your hearts not to prepare your defense ahead of time,
Luk 21:15 for I will give you words and wisdom, which all your adversaries will not be able to resist or contradict.
Luk 21:16 But you will be delivered up also by parents, brethren and sistren, relatives and friends, and they will kill some of you.
Luk 21:17 You will be hated by everyone because of my name.
Luk 21:18 But not a hair of your head will perish.
Luk 21:19 In your endurance, you will gain your souls.
Luk 21:20 When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armed forces, then know that its destruction is near.
Luk 21:21 Then let those in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are in the middle of the city leave, and do not let those who are in the country enter it.

Luk 21:22 For these are Days of Vengeance, so that all the things that are written will be fulfilled.
Luk 21:23 Woe to them who are pregnant and to them who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the land and wrath on this people.
Luk 21:24 And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and they will be led captive into all the ethnicities, and Jerusalem will be trampled by the ethnicities, until the times of the ethnicities are fulfilled.
Luk 21:25 There will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars. And on the earth, there will be distress of the ethnicities, in despair from the roar of the sea and waves.
Luk 21:26 There will be people fainting from fear and from expectation of the things which are coming upon the world. For the heavenly powers will be shaken.
Luk 21:27 Then they will see the Son of the virgin coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
Luk 21:28 But when these things begin to happen, stand up and lift up your heads, because your deliverance is coming near."
Luk 21:29 Yeshua told them a parable, "Look at the fig tree and all the trees.
Luk 21:30 When they sprout buds, you see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.
Luk 21:31 So also, when you see these things happening, you know that the Kingdom of Yehowah is near.
Luk 21:32 Truly, I say to you, this period of time will not pass, until all these things take place.
Luk 21:33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.
Luk 21:34 But pay attention to yourselves, so that your hearts are not burdened with the effects of drinking and intoxication, and the worries of life, and then that Day will close on you suddenly like a trap.
Luk 21:35 For it will come upon everyone living on the face of the whole earth.
Luk 21:36 But be alert at all times, praying that you may be counted worthy (or have strength) to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."
Luk 21:37 So during the days he was teaching in the temple, and at night he went out and stayed on the Mount of Olives.
Luk 21:38 All of the people came at dawn to hear him in the temple.

Luke Chapter 22

Luk 22:1 Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread was approaching, which is called the Passover.
Luk 22:2 The chief priests and the scribes discussed how they could murder Yeshua, for they were afraid of the people.
Luk 22:3 Then Satan entered into Judas Iscariot, who was one of the Twelve.
Luk 22:4 Judas went to the chief priests and captains, and discussed with them how he would betray Yeshua to them.
Luk 22:5 They were glad and agreed to give him money.
Luk 22:6 He consented and looked for an opportunity to deliver him to them away from the crowd.
Luk 22:7 And the season of Unleavened Bread came, on which the Passover lambs must be repeatedly continuously sacrificed.
Luk 22:8 Yeshua sent Peter and John, ordering, "Go and prepare for us the Passover, so that we may eat it."
Luk 22:9 They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations?"
Luk 22:10 He answered them, "Listen, when you have entered the city, a man bearing a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he goes into.
Luk 22:11 Then say to the head of the household, 'The Teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I will eat the Passover with my disciples?"'
Luk 22:12 He will show you a large furnished upper room. Make the preparations there."
Luk 22:13 So they went and found everything as he had prophesied to them. Then they prepared the Passover.
Luk 22:14 When the hour came, he sat down with the twelve apostles.
Luk 22:15 Then he said to them, "I have greatly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.
Luk 22:16 But I say to you, I will not eat it, until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of Yehowah" (Nazirite vow; Num. 6).
Luk 22:17 Then Yeshua took a cup, and when he had given thanks to Yehowah, he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves.
Luk 22:18 For I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the Kingdom of Yehowah comes."
Luk 22:19 Then he took unleavened bread, and when he had given thanks to Yehowah, he broke it and gave to them, saying, "This represents my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me" (Exo. 24:8; Jer. 31:31; Zech. 9:11; 1 Cor. 11:25; Num. 10:10; the Zikkaron).

Luk 22:20 He took the cup in the same way while dining, saying, “This cup represents the New Covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you (Lev. 17:10-14; Gen. 9:4; Isa. 53:12).
Luk 22:21 But pay attention. The one who betrays me is with me at the table.
Luk 22:22 For the Son of Man indeed goes as it has been determined. But woe to that man through whom he is betrayed!”
Luk 22:23 And they began to discuss among themselves which one of them it might be who would do this.
Luk 22:24 Then there arose also a quarrel among them about which of them was considered to be greatest.
Luk 22:25 He taught them, “The kings of the ethnicities are masters over them, and the ones who have authority over them are referred to as those who do good to their people.
Luk 22:26 But it must not be like this with you. Instead, let the one who is the greatest among you become like the youngest. And let the one who is the most important become like the one who serves.
Luk 22:27 For who is greater, the one who sits at the table, or the one who serves? Is it not the one who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as One who serves.
Luk 22:28 But you are the ones who have continued with me in my temptations.
Luk 22:29 I give to you a kingdom, even as my Father has given a kingdom to me,
Luk 22:30 that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom. And you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
Luk 22:31 Simon, Simon, be aware, Satan asked to have you, that he might sift you as wheat.
Luk 22:32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail. After you have repented, strengthen your brothers.”
Luk 22:33 Peter responded to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.”
Luk 22:34 Yeshua replied, “I tell you, Peter, the Temple Herald will not shout at daybreak, before you deny three times that you know me.”
Luk 22:35 Then Yeshua asked them, “When I sent you out without a money belt, a backpack of provisions, or sandals, did you lack anything?” And they answered, “Nothing.”
Luk 22:36 Then he instructed them, “But now, the one who has a money belt, let him take it, and also a backpack of provisions. The one who does not have a sword should sell his cloak and buy one.
Luk 22:37 For I say to you, what is written about me must be fulfilled, ‘And he was regarded as one of the lawless.’ For what is predicted about me is being fulfilled.”

Luk 22:38 Then they said, “Lord, look! Here are two swords.” And he replied to them, “It is enough.”
Luk 22:39 Yeshua went out, as he often did, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him.
Luk 22:40 When they arrived, he said to them, “Pray that you do not enter into temptation.”
Luk 22:41 He went away from them about a stone’s throw, and he knelt down and prayed,
Luk 22:42 “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done.”
Luk 22:43 Then an angel from Heaven appeared to him, strengthening him.
Luk 22:44 Being in agony, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like large thick drops of blood falling down upon the ground.
Luk 22:45 When he rose up from his prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of their sorrow,
Luk 22:46 and said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray, that you may not enter into temptation.”
Luk 22:47 While he was still speaking, behold, a crowd appeared with Judas, one of the Twelve, leading them. He came near to Yeshua to kiss him,
Luk 22:48 but Yeshua asked him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”
Luk 22:49 When those who were around Yeshua saw what was happening, they asked, “Lord, should we strike with the sword?”
Luk 22:50 Then one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.
Luk 22:51 Yeshua answered, “Let this be enough.” And he touched his ear and healed him.
Luk 22:52 Yeshua said to the chief priests, to the captains of the temple, and to the elders who came against him, “Do you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs?
Luk 22:53 When I was daily with you in the temple, you did not lay your hands on me. But this is your hour and the authority of darkness.”
Luk 22:54 Seizing him, they led him away and brought him into the high priest’s house. But Peter followed from a distance.
Luk 22:55 After they had kindled a heaping charcoal fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat in the midst of them.
Luk 22:56 A certain female servant saw him as he sat in the light of the fire and looked straight at him, and said, “This man also was with him.”
Luk 22:57 But Peter denied it, “Woman, I do not know him.”
Luk 22:58 After a little while, someone else saw him and said, “You are also one of them.” But Peter replied, “Sir, I am not.”

Luk 22:59 After about an hour, another man insisted, “Truly, this man also was with him, for he is a Galilean.”
Luk 22:60 But Peter responded, “Sir, I do not know what you are saying.” And immediately, while he was speaking, the Temple Herald shouted.
Luk 22:61 Turning, the Lord looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of Yeshua, when he prophesied to him, “Before the Temple Herald shouts at daybreak, you will deny me three times.”
Luk 22:62 Going outside, Peter wept bitterly.
Luk 22:63 Then the men guarding Yeshua mocked and beat him.
Luk 22:64 They put a cover over him, punched him in the face, and asked him, “Prophesy! Who is the one who hit you?”
Luk 22:65 They spoke many other things against Yeshua, blaspheming him.
Luk 22:66 As soon as it was daylight, the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. They led him into the Sanhedrin,
Luk 22:67 and said, “If you are the Messiah, tell us.” But he replied to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe,
Luk 22:68 and if I ask you, you will not answer me or release me.
Luk 22:69 But from now on, the Son of the virgin will be seated at the right hand of the power of Yehowah.”
Luk 22:70 They all asked, “Then you are the Son of Yehowah?” And Yeshua answered them, “You say that I AM.”
Luk 22:71 They said, “Why do we still need a witness? For we ourselves have heard from his own mouth.”

Luke Chapter 23

Luk 23:1 The whole company of them rose up and brought Yeshua before Pontius Pilate.
Luk 23:2 They began to accuse him, “We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and declaring that he himself is King Messiah.”
Luk 23:3 Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And Yeshua answered him, “As you say.”
Luk 23:4 Pilate told the chief priests and the multitudes, “I find no fault in this man.”
Luk 23:5 But they were insisting, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee even to this place.”
Luk 23:6 So when Pilate heard about Galilee, he asked whether the man was a Galilean.
Luk 23:7 When he discovered that he was under Herod’s authority, he sent Yeshua to Herod Antipas, who himself also was at Jerusalem in those days.
Luk 23:8 When Herod saw Yeshua, he was extremely glad, because he had wanted to see him for a long time. He had heard about him, and he hoped to see some miracle done by him.
Luk 23:9 Herod questioned Yeshua in many words, but Yeshua answered him nothing.
Luk 23:10 The chief priests and the scribes stood, violently accusing him.
Luk 23:11 Herod, with his soldiers, insulted Yeshua, and they mocked him. Then they dressed him in elegant clothes and sent him back to Pilate.
Luk 23:12 For Herod Antipas and Pontius Pilate had become friends with each other that day; before this, they had been enemies with each other.
Luk 23:13 Pilate then called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the crowd of people,
Luk 23:14 and spoke to them, “You brought to me this man like a person who is leading the people to rebellion, and see, I having questioned him before you, find no fault in this man concerning those things of which you accuse him.
Luk 23:15 No, nor does Herod, for he sent him back to us, and see, nothing worthy of death has been done by him.
Luk 23:16 I will therefore punish him and release him.”
Luk 23:17 Now Pilate was obligated to release to the Jews one prisoner at the appointment calendar festival.
Luk 23:18 But they cried out all together, “Away with this man and release to us Yehoshua Bar Rabban!”

Luk 23:19 Yehoshua Bar Rabban was a man who had been put into prison for a certain rebellion in the city and for murder.
Luk 23:20 Pilate addressed them again, desiring to release Yeshua.
Luk 23:21 But they shouted, “Crucify him, crucify him!”
Luk 23:22 He said to them a third time, “Why, what evil has this man done? I have found nothing deserving the death penalty in him. Therefore, after punishing him, I will release him.”
Luk 23:23 But they were insistent with loud voices, demanding for him to be crucified! And the voices of the crowd and chief priests convinced Pilate.
Luk 23:24 So Pilate decided to grant their demand.
Luk 23:25 He released the one they asked for, who had been put in prison for rioting and murder, but he delivered up Yeshua to their will.
Luk 23:26 As they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country, and they laid the crossbeam on him to carry, following Yeshua.
Luk 23:27 A great crowd of the people, and of women who grieved and mourned for him, were following him.
Luk 23:28 But turning to them, Yeshua prophesied, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me but weep for yourselves and for your children.
Luk 23:29 For see, the days are coming in which they will say, ‘Blessed are the sterile, the wombs that did not bear, and the breasts that did not nurse.’
Luk 23:30 Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us!’
Luk 23:31 For if they do these things while the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”
Luk 23:32 Other men, two criminals, were led away with him to be executed.
Luk 23:33 When they came to the place that is called “The Skull,” there they crucified him and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.
Luk 23:34 Yeshua prayed, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots, dividing up his garments.
Luk 23:35 The people stood watching, while the rulers also were mocking him, “He saved others. Let him save himself, since he is the Messiah, the chosen of Yehowah.”
Luk 23:36 The soldiers also ridiculed him, approaching him, offering him vinegar,
Luk 23:37 and saying, “Since you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”
Luk 23:38 There was also a sign over him, written in Greek, Latin, and Aramaic, “This is the King of the Jews.”
Luk 23:39 One of the criminals who was hanging there insulted him, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us.”
Luk 23:40 But the other rebuked him, “Do you not fear Yehowah, since you are under the same sentence?

Luk 23:41 We indeed are here justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds. But this man did nothing wrong."
Luk 23:42 And he entreated Yeshua, "Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
Luk 23:43 Yeshua replied to him, "Truly, I say to you today, you will be with me in paradise."
Luk 23:44 It was now about 12 pm, and darkness came over the whole land until 3 pm,
Luk 23:45 as the sun's light failed and covered the temple in darkness. Then the temple was split in two, and the lintel stone fell and broke to pieces, causing the curtain to split down the middle.
Luk 23:46 Yeshua cried with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" Having said this, he died (c. 30 AD).
Luk 23:47 When the centurion saw what was done, he glorified Yehowah, "Surely this was a righteous man."
Luk 23:48 When all the multitudes who came together to witness this sight saw the things that were done, they returned, beating their chests.
Luk 23:49 But all those who knew him, and the women who followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.
Luk 23:50 Behold, there was a man named Joseph, who was a member of the Sanhedrin. He was a good and righteous man.
Luk 23:51 This man had not agreed with the decision of the Sanhedrin and their action. He was from the Judean town of Arimathea; and he was looking for the Kingdom of Yehowah.
Luk 23:52 This man, approaching Pilate, asked for the body of Yeshua.
Luk 23:53 He took it down, wrapped it in fine linen, and placed it in a tomb that was cut in stone, where no one had ever been laid.
Luk 23:54 It was the Day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was imminent.
Luk 23:55 The women, who had come with Yeshua out of Galilee, followed after, saw the tomb, and how his body was laid.
Luk 23:56 They returned and prepared spices and ointments. Then on the Sabbath, they rested according to the commandment (Exo. 20:8; 12:16; Lev. 23:3, 6-7).

Luke Chapter 24

Luk 24:1 At daybreak, during the first (Omer day 1, Sunday) of the Sabbath weeks (counting to Pentecost), they came along with others to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared.
Luk 24:2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb.
Luk 24:3 They entered in but did not find the body of Lord Yeshua.
Luk 24:4 It happened that while they were confused about this, suddenly, two men stood by them in bright shining robes.
Luk 24:5 As the women were filled with fear and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said to the women, “Why do you seek the living among the dead?
Luk 24:6 He is not here but has been raised! Remember how he spoke to you when he was still in Galilee,
Luk 24:7 ‘The Son of Man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’”
Luk 24:8 The women remembered his words,
Luk 24:9 returned from the tomb, and told all these things to the Eleven and all the rest.
Luk 24:10 Now Miriam Magdalene, Joanna, Miriam the mother of Jacob, and the other women with them reported these things to the apostles.
Luk 24:11 But this message seemed like idle talk to the apostles, and they did not believe the women.
Luk 24:12 Yet Peter rose up, and ran to the tomb, and stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves. Peter then departed to his home, wondering what had happened.
Luk 24:13 Behold, two adherents were going that day to a village named Emmaus (1 Sam. 6:20-7:2), which was 12 kilometers from Jerusalem.
Luk 24:14 They discussed with each other about all the things that had happened.
Luk 24:15 It happened that while they discussed and questioned together, Yeshua himself approached and went with them.
Luk 24:16 But their eyes were prevented from recognizing him (Mark 16:12).
Luk 24:17 Yeshua asked them, “What are the two of you talking about as you walk?” They stood there looking sad.
Luk 24:18 One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only sojourning foreigner in Jerusalem who does not know the things which have happened there these days?”
Luk 24:19 Yeshua asked them, “What things?” They answered him, “The things concerning Yeshua the Natsari, who was a prophet, mighty in deed and word before Yehowah and all the people.

Luk 24:20 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death and crucified him.
Luk 24:21 But we hoped that it was he who would free Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since all these things happened.
Luk 24:22 But also, some women of our company amazed us, having been at the tomb at dawn.
Luk 24:23 When they did not find his body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive!
Luk 24:24 Some men who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said. But they did not see him."
Luk 24:25 Yeshua rebuked them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken.
Luk 24:26 Was it not necessary for Messiah to suffer these things and to enter into his glory?"
Luk 24:27 Then beginning from Moses and through all the prophets, Yeshua interpreted to them the things concerning himself in all the Scriptures (began at Gen. 3:15).
Luk 24:28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Yeshua acted as though he was going further.
Luk 24:29 But they compelled him, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening, and the daylight is almost gone." So Yeshua went in to stay with them.
Luk 24:30 It happened that when he had sat down with them to eat, he took the unleavened bread, blessed Yehowah, and breaking it, he gave it to them.
Luk 24:31 Then their eyes were opened, and they knew him, and he vanished out of their sight.
Luk 24:32 They asked one another, "Was not our heart burning within us, while he spoke to us on the way, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"
Luk 24:33 They rose up at that hour and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven gathered together, and those who were with them,
Luk 24:34 announcing, "The Lord is risen indeed and has appeared to Simon!"
Luk 24:35 So they told the things that happened on the way, and how Yeshua was shown to them in the breaking of the unleavened bread.
Luk 24:36 As they spoke these things, Yeshua himself stood in the midst of them and greeted them, "Peace be to you!"
Luk 24:37 But they were terrified and filled with fear, and supposed that they saw a spirit.
Luk 24:38 Yeshua said to them, "Why are you troubled? Why do questions arise in your heart?
Luk 24:39 See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones, as you see me having."
Luk 24:40 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

Luk 24:41 And they still could not believe it because of joy, and they were amazed! Yeshua asked them, "Do you have anything to eat?"
Luk 24:42 They gave him a piece of a broiled fish and a honeycomb,
Luk 24:43 and he took the food and ate before them.
Luk 24:44 He said to them, "When I was with you, I told you that all that was written about me in the Law of Moses, the prophets, and the Psalms (aka Tanakh) must be fulfilled."
Luk 24:45 Then he opened their minds, that they might understand the Scriptures.
Luk 24:46 He instructed them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah should suffer and rise again from the dead on the third day.
Luk 24:47 And repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all the ethnicities, beginning from Jerusalem.
Luk 24:48 You are witnesses of these things.
Luk 24:49 See, I am sending you my Father's Promise. But remain in the City of Jerusalem, until you are clothed with power from on high."
Luk 24:50 Then (on Omer day 40; Acts 1:3) Yeshua led them out, until they were near Bethany. He lifted up his hands and blessed them (Num. 6:23-27).
Luk 24:51 It happened that while he was blessing them, he left them and was carried up into Heaven.
Luk 24:52 So they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy!
Luk 24:53 They were continually in the temple praising and blessing Yehowah! Amein.

Book of John

John Chapter 1

Joh 1:1 In the beginning (c. 5654 BC) was the Word (Aleph Tav), and the Word was beside Yehowah, and the Word was Yehowah (Rev. 19:13).
Joh 1:2 This One was in the beginning beside Yehowah.
Joh 1:3 All things were made through him, and without him there was not one thing made that has been made.
Joh 1:4 In him was life, and that life was the Light of all people.
Joh 1:5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
Joh 1:6 There was a man who was sent from Yehowah, whose name was John.
Joh 1:7 He came as a witness to testify about the Light, that all might believe through him.
Joh 1:8 John was not the Light, but came that he might testify about the Light.
Joh 1:9 The true Light, which gives light to all people, was coming into the world.
Joh 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world did not know him.
Joh 1:11 He came to his own, and his own did not receive him.
Joh 1:12 But to as many as received him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of Yehowah.
Joh 1:13 These were not born of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of Yehowah.
Joh 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us. We have seen his glory, glory as of the One and only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
Joh 1:15 John testified about him and cried out, “This was the One of whom I proclaimed, ‘He who comes after me is more than me, for he was before me!’”
Joh 1:16 For from his fullness we have all received grace after grace.
Joh 1:17 For the law was given through Moses. Grace and truth came through Yeshua Messiah.
Joh 1:18 No one has seen Yehowah at any time. The only begotten Son, who is at the side of the Father, he has made him known.
Joh 1:19 And this is the testimony of John when the Jews sent priests and Levites to him from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?”
Joh 1:20 He freely stated and did not deny, but answered, “I am not the Messiah.”

Joh 1:21 So they asked him, “What are you then? Are you Elijah?” He answered, “I am not.” They asked, “Are you the Prophet” (Deut. 18:15, 18; Acts 3:22-23, 7:37; John 1:25; 6:14; 9:17)? He replied, “No.”
Joh 1:22 Then they asked him, “Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?”
Joh 1:23 He explained, “I am a voice crying in the wilderness: ‘Make the Way of Yehowah straight,’ just as Isaiah the prophet said” (Isa. 40:3).
Joh 1:24 And those who were sent were from the Pharisees.
Joh 1:25 And they asked him, “Why do you immerse then, if you are not the Messiah nor Elijah nor the Prophet?”
Joh 1:26 And John answered them, “I immerse with water. But among you stands Someone you do not know.
Joh 1:27 He is the One who comes after me and is more than me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.”
Joh 1:28 These things were done in Bethabara on the other side of the Jordan River, where John was immersing.
Joh 1:29 The next day (c. 27 AD), John saw Yeshua coming to him and proclaimed, “Look, there is the Lamb of Yehowah who takes away the sin of the world!
Joh 1:30 This is the One of whom I declared, ‘The One who comes after me is more than me, for he was before me.’
Joh 1:31 I did not know him, but it was so that he could be revealed to Israel that I came immersing in water.”
Joh 1:32 John testified, “I saw the Ruach descending like a dove from Heaven, and he stayed upon him.
Joh 1:33 I did not recognize him, but he who sent me to immerse in water said to me, ‘Upon whom you will see the Ruach descending and remaining on him, he is the One immersing in Ruach ha’Kodesh.’
Joh 1:34 I have both seen and testified that this is the Son of Yehowah.”
Joh 1:35 Again, the next day, as John was standing with two of his disciples,
Joh 1:36 they saw Yeshua walking by, and John proclaimed, “Look, the Lamb of Yehowah!”
Joh 1:37 And his two disciples heard him declare this, and they followed Yeshua.
Joh 1:38 Then Yeshua turned, saw them following him, and asked them, “What do you want?” They replied, “Rabbi” (which translated means, Teacher), “where are you staying?”
Joh 1:39 He answered them, “Come and see.” Then they came and saw where he was staying; they stayed with him that day, for it was about 4 pm.
Joh 1:40 One of the two who heard John speak and then followed Yeshua was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter.

Joh 1:41 He first found his own brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Mashiach,” which translated is: Messiah.
Joh 1:42 He brought him to Yeshua. And Yeshua looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John, you will be called Cephas,” which translates: Peter.
Joh 1:43 The next day, when Yeshua wanted to leave to go to Galilee, he found Philip and ordered him, “Follow me.”
Joh 1:44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida (modern el-Araj), the city of Andrew and Peter.
Joh 1:45 Philip found Nathaniel and said to him, “He of whom Moses wrote in the law and the prophets (aka Tanakh), we have found him: Yeshua son of Joseph, from Natsareth.”
Joh 1:46 Nathaniel asked him, “Can any good thing come out of Natsareth?” Philip answered him, “Come and see.”
Joh 1:47 Yeshua saw Nathaniel coming to him and said about him, “See, a true Israeli, in whom is no deceit!”
Joh 1:48 Nathaniel asked him, “How do you know me?” Yeshua answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”
Joh 1:49 Nathaniel proclaimed, “Rabbi, you are the Son of Yehowah! You are the King of Israel!”
Joh 1:50 Yeshua replied to him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you underneath the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than this.”
Joh 1:51 And he prophesied, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see Heaven opened, and the angels of Yehowah ascending and descending upon the Son of Man” (Gen. 28:12).

John Chapter 2

Joh 2:1 Three days later, there was a wedding in Cana (Khirbet Qana) of Galilee, and the mother of Yeshua was there.
Joh 2:2 Yeshua and his disciples were invited to the wedding.
Joh 2:3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Yeshua mentioned to him, “They have no wine.”
Joh 2:4 Yeshua responded to her, “Woman, what is that to you and to me? My time has not yet come.”
Joh 2:5 His mother ordered the servants, “Whatever he says to you, do it.”
Joh 2:6 Now there were six stone water pots there, used for the Jewish ceremonial washing, each containing 75 to 115 liters (Lev. 11:33ff; Num. 19).
Joh 2:7 Yeshua ordered them, “Fill the water pots with water.” So they filled them up to the brim.
Joh 2:8 Then he told the servants, “Take some out now and take it to the head waiter.” So they did.
Joh 2:9 The head waiter tasted the water that had become wine, but he did not know where it came from, but the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom
Joh 2:10 and complimented him, “Every party host serves the good wine first, and then the cheaper wine when they are drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.”
Joh 2:11 This first sign Yeshua did in Cana of Galilee, and he revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.
Joh 2:12 After this, Yeshua, his mother, his brothers, and his disciples went down to Capernaum, and they stayed there for a few days.
Joh 2:13 Now the Passover of the Jews was near (c. 28 AD), and Yeshua went up to Jerusalem.
Joh 2:14 He found sellers of oxen, sheep, and pigeons, and the money changers were sitting there.
Joh 2:15 So he made a whip of cords and drove all of them out from the temple, including both the sheep and the oxen. He scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.
Joh 2:16 To the pigeon sellers he shouted, “Take these things away from here! Stop making the house of my Father a marketplace!”
Joh 2:17 His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your temple will consume me.”
Joh 2:18 Then the Jewish authorities responded and asked him, “What sign will you show us, since you are doing these things?”

Joh 2:19 Yeshua answered, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”
Joh 2:20 Then the Jewish authorities replied, “This temple has been under reconstruction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?”
Joh 2:21 However, he was speaking about the temple of his body.
Joh 2:22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he prophesied this, and they believed the Scripture, including this statement that Yeshua had spoken.
Joh 2:23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover (c. 28 AD), during the appointment calendar festival, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he did.
Joh 2:24 But Yeshua did not trust in them because he knew them all,
Joh 2:25 because he did not need anyone to testify to him about humans, for he knew what was in humans.

John Chapter 3

Joh 3:1 Now there was a Pharisee whose name was Nicodemus, a Jewish leader.
Joh 3:2 This man came to Yeshua at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher that came from Yehowah, for no one can do these signs that you do unless Yehowah is with him.”
Joh 3:3 Yeshua replied to him, “Truly, truly, unless someone is born from above (1 Pet. 1:23; 1 John 2:29), he cannot see the Kingdom of Yehowah.”
Joh 3:4 Nicodemus asked him, “How can a human be born from above? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?”
Joh 3:5 Yeshua answered, “Truly, truly, unless someone is born of water and the Ruach, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of Yehowah.
Joh 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Ruach is spirit.
Joh 3:7 Do not be amazed that I told you, ‘You must be born from above’ (Titus 3:5-6).
Joh 3:8 The wind blows wherever it wishes; you hear its sound, but you do not know where it came from or where it is going. So is everyone who is born of the Ruach.”
Joh 3:9 Nicodemus asked him, “How can these things be?”
Joh 3:10 Yeshua answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?
Joh 3:11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak what we know, and we testify about what we have seen. Yet you do not accept our testimony.
Joh 3:12 If I told you about earthly things, and you do not believe, how will you believe, if I tell you about heavenly things?
Joh 3:13 No one has ascended into Heaven, except he who descended from Heaven, the Son of Man, who is in Heaven.
Joh 3:14 Just as Moses lifted up the (bronze) ophidian in the wilderness (Num. 21:4-9; 2 Kings 18:1-4; See G3789), so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
Joh 3:15 so that all who believe in him will not die but may have eternal life.
Joh 3:16 For Yehowah so unconditionally selflessly loved all the people of the world, that he gave his one and only Son (Isa. 9:6; Gen. 22:2), that whoever believes in him will not die but have eternal life.
Joh 3:17 For Yehowah did not send the Son into the world in order to condemn the world but in order to save the world through him.
Joh 3:18 He who believes in him is not condemned, but he who does not believe is already condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the one and only Son of Yehowah.

Joh 3:19 This is the reason for the judgment: The Light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the Light, because their deeds were evil.
Joh 3:20 For everyone who does evil hates the Light and does not come to the Light, so that his deeds will not be exposed.
Joh 3:21 However, he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that it may be plainly seen that his deeds have been done in Yehowah."
Joh 3:22 After this, Yeshua and his disciples went into the land of Judea. There he spent some time with them and immersed.
Joh 3:23 Now John was also immersing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there. People were coming to him and were being immersed,
Joh 3:24 for John had not yet been thrown into prison.
Joh 3:25 Then there arose a dispute between some of John's disciples and a Jew about ceremonial washing.
Joh 3:26 They went to John and said to him, "Rabbi, the One who was with you on the other side of the Jordan River, about whom you have testified, look, he is immersing, and they are all going to him."
Joh 3:27 John replied, "A man cannot receive anything, unless it has been given to him from Heaven.
Joh 3:28 You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Messiah,' but instead, 'I have been sent before him.'
Joh 3:29 The bride belongs to the bridegroom. Now the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the voice of the bridegroom. This then is my joy made complete.
Joh 3:30 He must increase, but I must decrease.
Joh 3:31 He who comes from above is above all. He who is from the earth is earthly and speaks about the earth. He who comes from Heaven is above all.
Joh 3:32 He testifies about what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony.
Joh 3:33 He who has received his testimony has confirmed that Yehowah is true.
Joh 3:34 For the One whom Yehowah has sent speaks the words of Yehowah. For Yehowah does not give the Ruach by measure.
Joh 3:35 The Father unconditionally selflessly loves the Son and has given all things into his hand.
Joh 3:36 He who believes in the Son has eternal life, but the one who disobeys the Son will not see life, but the wrath of Yehowah stays on him."

John Chapter 4

Joh 4:1 Now when Yeshua knew that the Pharisees had heard that he was making and immersing more disciples than John,
Joh 4:2 although Yeshua himself was not immersing, but his disciples were,
Joh 4:3 he left Judea and went back again to Galilee.
Joh 4:4 But it was necessary for him to go through Samaria.
Joh 4:5 So he came to a town of Samaria, called Sychar, near the piece of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.
Joh 4:6 The Well of Jacob was there. Yeshua was tired from his journey and sat by the well. It was about 12 pm.
Joh 4:7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Yeshua entreated her, "Give me some water to drink."
Joh 4:8 For his disciples had gone away into the town to buy food.
Joh 4:9 Then the Samaritan woman asked him, "How is it that you, being a Jew, are asking me, being a Samaritan woman, for something to drink?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.
Joh 4:10 Yeshua answered her, "If you had known the gift of Yehowah, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."
Joh 4:11 The woman asked him, "Sir, you do not have a bucket, and the well is deep. Where then do you have the living water?
Joh 4:12 You are not greater, are you, than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock?"
Joh 4:13 Yeshua answered her, "Everyone who drinks from this water will be thirsty again,
Joh 4:14 but whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. Instead, the water that I will give him will become a fountain of water in him, springing up to eternal life" (Isa. 12:3; 55:1-3)!
Joh 4:15 The woman responded to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not become thirsty and not have to come here to draw water."
Joh 4:16 Yeshua ordered her, "Go, call your husband, and come back here."
Joh 4:17 The woman answered him, "I do not have a husband." Yeshua replied, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,'
Joh 4:18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true."
Joh 4:19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet.
Joh 4:20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain (Mount Gerizim), but you say that Jerusalem is the place where people have to worship."

Joh 4:21 Yeshua spoke to her, “Believe me, woman, that an hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
Joh 4:22 You worship whom you do not know. We worship Whom we know, for salvation is from the Jews.
Joh 4:23 However, the hour is coming and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to be his worshipers.
Joh 4:24 Yehowah is Ruach, and the people who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”
Joh 4:25 The woman responded to him, “I know that Mashiach is coming, the One called Messiah. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”
Joh 4:26 Yeshua replied to her, “I AM, the One speaking to you.”
Joh 4:27 At that moment his disciples returned. Now they were wondering why he was speaking with a woman, but no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you speaking with her?”
Joh 4:28 So the woman left her water pot, went back to the town, and said to the people,
Joh 4:29 “Come, see a Man who told me everything that I have ever done. This could not be the Messiah, could he?”
Joh 4:30 They left the town and came to him.
Joh 4:31 In the meantime, the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat.”
Joh 4:32 But he responded to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”
Joh 4:33 So the disciples asked each other, “No one has brought him anything to eat, have they?”
Joh 4:34 Yeshua taught them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.
Joh 4:35 Do you not say, ‘There are four more months, and then the harvest comes?’ Look, I am saying to you, look up and see the fields, for they are already white for harvest!
Joh 4:36 He who is harvesting receives wages and gathers fruit for everlasting life, so that he who sows and he who harvests may rejoice together.
Joh 4:37 For in this the saying, ‘One sows and another harvests,’ is true.
Joh 4:38 I sent you to harvest what you have not worked for. Others have worked, and you have entered into their labor.”
Joh 4:39 Many of the Samaritans in that city believed in him, because of the report of the woman who was testifying, “He told me everything that I have done.”
Joh 4:40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.
Joh 4:41 And many more believed because of his word.

Joh 4:42 They proclaimed to the woman, “We no longer believe because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard, and we know that this One is indeed the Messiah, the Savior of the world!”
Joh 4:43 After those two days, he departed from there for Galilee.
Joh 4:44 For Yeshua himself declared that a prophet has no honor in his own hometown.
Joh 4:45 When he came into Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all the things that he had done in Jerusalem at the appointment calendar festival, for they had also gone to the festival.
Joh 4:46 Now he came again to Cana (Khirbet Qana) in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. There was a certain royal official whose son in Capernaum was ill.
Joh 4:47 When he heard that Yeshua had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to Yeshua and asked him to come down and heal his son, who was about to die.
Joh 4:48 Yeshua then replied to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders, you will not believe.”
Joh 4:49 The official pleaded with him, “Sir, come down before my child dies!”
Joh 4:50 Yeshua responded to him, “Go. Your son lives.” The man believed the word that Yeshua spoke to him, and he went away.
Joh 4:51 While he was going down, his servants met him, saying that his son was living.
Joh 4:52 So he asked them the hour when he began to improve. They replied to him, “Yesterday, at 1 pm the fever left him.”
Joh 4:53 Then the father realized that it was at that hour that Yeshua had said to him, “Your son lives.” So he himself and his whole household believed.
Joh 4:54 This was the second sign that Yeshua did when he came out of Judea to Galilee.

John Chapter 5

Joh 5:1 After this, there was a festival of the Jews (c. 28 AD), and Yeshua went up to Jerusalem.
Joh 5:2 Now in Jerusalem by the sheep gate, there is a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda, and it has five roofed porches (2 Kings 18:17; Isa. 7:3; 12:3; John 7:38).
Joh 5:3 A large number of people who were sick, blind, lame, or paralyzed were lying there, waiting for the moving of the water.
Joh 5:4 For an angel went down into the pool and stirred up the water at certain times, and whoever stepped in while the water was stirring was healed from whatever disease he suffered from.
Joh 5:5 A certain man was there who had been sick for thirty-eight years.
Joh 5:6 When Yeshua saw him lying there, and after he realized that he had been there a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to be healthy?"
Joh 5:7 The sick man answered, "Sir, I do not have anyone to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up. When I come, another steps down before me."
Joh 5:8 Yeshua commanded him, "Get up, pick up your bed and walk."
Joh 5:9 Immediately, the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was a Sabbath.
Joh 5:10 So the Jews warned him who was healed, "It is the Sabbath, and you are not permitted to carry your mat."
Joh 5:11 He replied, "He who made me healthy told me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'"
Joh 5:12 They asked him, "Who is the Man that said to you, 'Pick it up and walk?'"
Joh 5:13 However, the one who was healed did not know who it was, because Yeshua had gone away secretly, for there was a crowd in the place.
Joh 5:14 Afterward, Yeshua found him in the temple and instructed him, "See, you have become healthy! Do not sin anymore, so that something worse will not happen to you."
Joh 5:15 The man went away and reported to the Jews that it was Yeshua who had made him healthy.
Joh 5:16 Now because of these things, the Jews persecuted Yeshua, because he did these things on the Sabbath.
Joh 5:17 Yeshua responded to them, "My Father is working even now, and I too, am working."
Joh 5:18 Because of this, the Jews sought even more to kill him, because he not only broke the Sabbath, but also called Yehowah his own Father, making himself equal to Yehowah.

Joh 5:19 Yeshua answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of himself, except only what he sees the Father doing, for whatever the Father is doing, the Son does these things also.
Joh 5:20 For the Father loves the Son, and he shows him everything that he himself does, and he will show him greater things than these, so that you will be amazed.
Joh 5:21 For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whomever he wishes.
Joh 5:22 For the Father judges no one, but he has given all judgment to the Son,
Joh 5:23 so that everyone will honor the Son just as they honor the Father. The one who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.
Joh 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned, but he has passed from death to life.
Joh 5:25 Truly, truly, I tell you the time is coming, and is now, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of Yehowah, and those who hear will live.
Joh 5:26 For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has also given to the Son, so that he has life in himself,
Joh 5:27 and the Father has given the Son authority to carry out judgment, because he is the Son of Man.
Joh 5:28 Do not be amazed at this, for there is a time coming in which everyone who is in the tombs will hear his voice
Joh 5:29 and will come out: Those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.
Joh 5:30 I can do nothing from myself. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is righteous, because I am not seeking my own will, but the will of the Father who sent me.
Joh 5:31 If I should testify about myself, my testimony would not be true.
Joh 5:32 There is Another who testifies about me, and you know that the testimony that he gives about me is true.
Joh 5:33 You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth.
Joh 5:34 But the testimony that I receive is not from humans. I say these things that you might be saved.
Joh 5:35 John was a lamp that was burning and shining, and you were willing to rejoice in his light for awhile.
Joh 5:36 Yet the testimony that I have is greater than that of John, for the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the exact works that I do, testify about me that the Father has sent me.
Joh 5:37 The Father who sent me has himself testified about me. You have neither heard his voice nor seen his form at any time.

Joh 5:38 You do not have his word remaining in you, for you are not believing in the One whom he has sent.
Joh 5:39 You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life, and these same Scriptures testify about me **(Deut. 6:7)**,
Joh 5:40 and you are not willing to come to me, so that you may have life.
Joh 5:41 I do not receive praise from people,
Joh 5:42 but I know that you do not have the unconditional selfless love of Yehowah in yourselves.
Joh 5:43 I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another should come in his own name, you would receive him.
Joh 5:44 How can you believe, you who accept praise from one another but are not seeking the praise that comes from Yehowah only?
Joh 5:45 Do not think that I myself will accuse you before the Father. The one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have put your hopes.
Joh 5:46 If you believed Moses, you would believe me, because he wrote about me.
Joh 5:47 If you do not believe his writings **(law)**, how are you going to believe my words?"

John Chapter 6

Joh 6:1 After these things, Yeshua went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias (Lake Kinneret).
Joh 6:2 A great crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on those who were sick.
Joh 6:3 Yeshua went up the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples.
Joh 6:4 Now the Passover, the Jewish appointment calendar festival, was near (c. 29 AD).
Joh 6:5 When Yeshua looked up and saw a great crowd coming to him, he asked Philip, "Where are we going to buy bread, so that these may eat?"
Joh 6:6 But Yeshua asked this to test Philip, for he himself knew what he was going to do.
Joh 6:7 Philip answered him, "Two hundred silver coins worth of bread would not be sufficient for each one to have even a little."
Joh 6:8 One of the disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to Yeshua,
Joh 6:9 "There is a boy here who has five loaves of barley bread and two fish, but what are these among so many?"
Joh 6:10 Yeshua ordered, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a lot of grass in the place. So a total of about five thousand men sat down.
Joh 6:11 Then Yeshua took the loaves and after giving thanks to Yehowah, he gave it to the disciples who gave it to those who were sitting. He did the same with the fish, as much as they wanted.
Joh 6:12 When the people were filled, he instructed his disciples, "Gather up the broken pieces which remain, so that nothing will be lost."
Joh 6:13 So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with broken pieces from the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten (Mat. 14:13; Mark 6:30; Luke 9:10).
Joh 6:14 Then when the people saw this sign that Yeshua did, they proclaimed, "This truly is the Prophet who is to come into the world" (Deut. 18:15, 18; Acts 3:22-23, 7:37; John 1:21, 25; 9:17)!
Joh 6:15 When Yeshua realized that they were about to come and seize him by force to make him king, he withdrew again up the mountain by himself.
Joh 6:16 At dusk, his disciples went down to the Sea.
Joh 6:17 They climbed into a boat and were going over the Sea to Capernaum. It was dark by this time, and Yeshua had not yet come to them.
Joh 6:18 And a strong wind was blowing, and the Sea was getting rough.
Joh 6:19 When they had rowed about four or five kilometers, they saw Yeshua walking on the Sea and coming near the boat, and they were afraid.
Joh 6:20 But he shouted to them, "It is I! Do not be afraid!"

Joh 6:21 Then they were willing to receive him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land where they were going.
Joh 6:22 The next day, the crowd that had been standing on the other side of the Sea saw that there was no other boat there, except the one that the disciples had climbed into, and that Yeshua had not entered it with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone.
Joh 6:23 However, there were some boats that came from Tiberias close to the place where they had eaten the bread, after the Lord had given thanks.
Joh 6:24 When the crowd discovered that neither Yeshua nor his disciples were there, they themselves climbed into the boats and went to Capernaum seeking Yeshua.
Joh 6:25 After they found him on the other side of the Sea, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"
Joh 6:26 Yeshua answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate some of the bread and were filled.
Joh 6:27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but work for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you, for Yehowah the Father has set his seal on him."
Joh 6:28 Then they asked him, "What must we do, so that we may do the works of Yehowah?"
Joh 6:29 Yeshua told them, "This is the work of Yehowah: That you believe in the One whom he has sent."
Joh 6:30 So they asked him, "What sign then will you do, so that we may see and believe you? What will you do?
Joh 6:31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from Heaven to eat'" (Exodus 16:4).
Joh 6:32 Then Yeshua answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the Bread (manna) out of Heaven, but it is my Father who is giving you the true Bread from Heaven.
Joh 6:33 For the Bread of Yehowah is he who comes down from Heaven and gives life to the world."
Joh 6:34 So they responded to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."
Joh 6:35 Yeshua proclaimed to them, "I AM the Bread of Life; he who comes to me will not be hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty (Isa. 55:1-3).
Joh 6:36 But I told you that indeed you have seen me, and you do not believe.
Joh 6:37 Everyone whom the Father gives me will come to me, and he who comes to me, I will certainly not throw out.
Joh 6:38 For I have come down from Heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.

Joh 6:39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I would not lose one of all those whom he has given me but will raise them up on the last Day.
Joh 6:40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him would have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last Day."
Joh 6:41 Then the Jews grumbled about him, because he had declared, "I AM the Bread that has come down from Heaven."
Joh 6:42 They asked, "Is not this Yeshua, son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How then does he now say, 'I have come down from Heaven?'"
Joh 6:43 Yeshua answered them, "Stop grumbling among yourselves.
Joh 6:44 No one can come to me, unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up on the last Day.
Joh 6:45 It is written in the prophets, 'Everyone will be taught by Yehowah.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me.
Joh 6:46 Not that anyone has seen the Father, except he who is from Yehowah, he has seen the Father.
Joh 6:47 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me has eternal life.
Joh 6:48 I AM the Bread of Life.
Joh 6:49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.
Joh 6:50 This is the Bread which comes down from Heaven, so that a person may eat some of it and not die.
Joh 6:51 I AM the living Bread that came down from Heaven. If anyone eats some of this Bread, he will live forever. The Bread is my flesh, that I will give for the life of the world."
Joh 6:52 The Jews became angry among themselves and began to argue, asking, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"
Joh 6:53 Then Yeshua taught them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in yourselves.
Joh 6:54 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has everlasting life, and I will raise him up on the last Day.
Joh 6:55 For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.
Joh 6:56 He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.
Joh 6:57 As the living Father sent me, and as I live because of the Father, so he who eats me, he will also live because of me.
Joh 6:58 This is the Bread that has come down from Heaven, not as the fathers ate manna and died. He who eats this Bread will live forever."
Joh 6:59 Yeshua said these things in the house of assembly, while he was teaching in Capernaum.
Joh 6:60 Then many of his disciples who heard this asked, "This is a difficult teaching; who can accept it?"
Joh 6:61 Yeshua, because he knew in himself that his disciples were grumbling at this, asked them, "Does this offend you?

Joh 6:62 Then what if you should see the Son of Man going up to where he was before?
Joh 6:63 It is the Ruach who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I have spoken to you are Ruach, and they are life.
Joh 6:64 Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Yeshua knew from the beginning who were the ones that would not believe, and who it was who would betray him.
Joh 6:65 He stated, “It is because of this that I said to you that no one can come to me, unless it is granted to him by the Father.”
Joh 6:66 Because of this, many of his disciples went away and no longer walked with him.
Joh 6:67 Then Yeshua asked the Twelve, “You do not want to go away also, do you?”
Joh 6:68 Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom will we go? You have spoken words of eternal life,
Joh 6:69 and we have believed and come to know that you are Messiah, the Son of living Yehowah.”
Joh 6:70 Yeshua asked them, “Did not I choose you, the Twelve, and one of you is a devil?”
Joh 6:71 Now he spoke of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, for it was he, one of the Twelve, who would betray Yeshua.

John Chapter 7

Joh 7:1 And after these things, Yeshua traveled about in Galilee, for he did not want to go into Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him.
Joh 7:2 Now the Festival of Tabernacles in Judea was near (c. 29 AD).
Joh 7:3 His brothers therefore said to him, “Leave this place and go to Judea, so that your disciples also may see the works that you do.
Joh 7:4 No one does anything in secret, if he himself wants to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world.”
Joh 7:5 For even his brothers did not believe in him.
Joh 7:6 Yeshua therefore responded to them, “My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.
Joh 7:7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates me, because I testify about it that its works are evil.
Joh 7:8 You go up to the appointment calendar festival; I am not yet going to this festival, because my time has not yet been fulfilled.”
Joh 7:9 After he said these things to them, he stayed in Galilee.
Joh 7:10 But when his brothers had gone up to the appointment calendar festival, then he also went up to the festival, not publicly but in secret.
Joh 7:11 The Jews were looking for him at the festival and asked, “Where is he?”
Joh 7:12 There was much discussion among the crowds about him. Some said, “He is good.” Others said, “No, he leads the crowds astray.”
Joh 7:13 Yet no one spoke openly about him for fear of the Jews.
Joh 7:14 When the appointment calendar festival was already half over, Yeshua went up into the temple and began to teach.
Joh 7:15 Then the Jews marveled, asking, “How does this man know so much? He has never been educated.”
Joh 7:16 Yeshua taught them, “My teaching is not mine but is of him who sent me.
Joh 7:17 If anyone wishes to do his will, he will know about this teaching, whether it comes from Yehowah, or whether I speak from myself.
Joh 7:18 Whoever speaks from himself seeks his own glory, but whoever seeks the glory of him who sent him, that person is true, and there is no unrighteousness in him.
Joh 7:19 Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?”
Joh 7:20 The crowd answered, “You have a demon. Who seeks to kill you?”
Joh 7:21 Yeshua answered them, “I did one work, and you all marvel because of it.

Joh 7:22 Moses gave you circumcision, not that it is from Moses but from the ancestors, and on the Sabbath you circumcise a male.
Joh 7:23 If a male receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the Law of Moses is not broken, why are you angry with me, because I made a human being completely healthy on the Sabbath?
Joh 7:24 Do not judge according to appearance but judge righteously" (1 Sam. 16:7).
Joh 7:25 Some of them from Jerusalem asked, "Is not this the One they seek to kill?
Joh 7:26 And see, he speaks openly, and they say nothing to him. It cannot be that the rulers indeed know that this is the Messiah, can it?
Joh 7:27 Yet we know where this One is from. But when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from."
Joh 7:28 Then Yeshua cried out in the temple, proclaiming, "You both know me and know where I come from! I have not come of myself, but he who sent me is true, and you do not know him!
Joh 7:29 I know him, because I come from him, and he sent me!"
Joh 7:30 They were trying to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come.
Joh 7:31 But many in the crowd believed in him, and they asked, "When the Messiah comes, will he do more signs than what this One has done?"
Joh 7:32 The Pharisees heard the crowds whispering these things about Yeshua, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to arrest him.
Joh 7:33 Yeshua then prophesied, "I am still with you for a short time, and then I go to him who sent me.
Joh 7:34 You will seek me, but you will not find me; where I go, you will not be able to come."
Joh 7:35 The Jews therefore asked among themselves, "Where will this man go that we will not be able to find him? Will he go to the dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks?
Joh 7:36 What is this word that he said, 'You will seek me but will not find me; where I go, you will not be able to come?'"
Joh 7:37 Now on the last great day of the Feast (of Tabernacles), Yeshua stood and cried out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink!
Joh 7:38 He who believes in me, just as the Scripture says, rivers of living water will flow from his heart" (Isa. 12:3; Rev. 7:9-17; Isa. 49:10; Zech. 14:8; Joel 3:18; Mic. 4:2; Heb. 2:14)!
Joh 7:39 But he said this about the Ruach, whom those who believed in him would receive; Ruach ha'Kodesh had not yet been sent, because Yeshua was not yet glorified.

Joh 7:40 Some of the crowd, when they heard these words, said, “This is indeed the Prophet.”
Joh 7:41 Others said, “This is the Messiah.” But some asked, “Does the Messiah come from Galilee?
Joh 7:42 Have the Scriptures not said that the Messiah will come from the descendants of David and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?”
Joh 7:43 So there arose a division in the crowds because of him.
Joh 7:44 Some of them would have arrested him, but no one laid hands on him.
Joh 7:45 Then the officers came back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, “Why did you not bring him?”
Joh 7:46 The officers answered, “Never has anyone spoken like this man.”
Joh 7:47 So the Pharisees rebuked them, “Have you also been deceived?
Joh 7:48 Have any of the rulers believed in him, or any of the Pharisees?
Joh 7:49 But this crowd that does not know the law, they are cursed.”
Joh 7:50 Nicodemus, one of the Pharisees, who came to him earlier at night, asked them,
Joh 7:51 “Does our law judge a man before hearing from him and knowing what he does?”
Joh 7:52 They answered him, “Are you also from Galilee? Search and see that no prophet comes from Galilee.”
Joh 7:53 Then everyone went to his own house.

John Chapter 8

Joh 8:1 Yeshua went to the Mount of Olives.
Joh 8:2 At dawn, he came to the temple again, and all the people came; he sat down and taught them.
Joh 8:3 The scribes and the Pharisees brought to him a woman caught in the act of adultery. They placed her in the middle.
Joh 8:4 Then they said to him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the criminal act of adultery.
Joh 8:5 Now in the law, Moses commanded us to execute such people by stoning; what do you say about her?”
Joh 8:6 They said this in order to trap him, so that they might have something to accuse him about, but Yeshua bent down and wrote on the ground with his finger.
Joh 8:7 When they continued asking him, he stood up and answered them, “He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.”
Joh 8:8 Again, he stooped down and wrote on the ground.
Joh 8:9 When they heard it, they were convicted in conscience, and they left one by one, beginning with the oldest. Finally, Yeshua was left alone with the woman who had been in the middle.
Joh 8:10 Yeshua stood up and seeing no one but the woman, asked her, “Woman, where are your accusers? Did no one condemn you?”
Joh 8:11 She answered, “No one, Lord.” Yeshua stated, “Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more.”
Joh 8:12 Again, Yeshua spoke to them, “I AM the Light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in the darkness but will have the Light of Life.”
Joh 8:13 The Pharisees said to him, “You bear witness about yourself; your witness is not valid.”
Joh 8:14 Yeshua responded to them, “Even if I bear witness about myself, my witness is valid. I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I came from or where I am going.
Joh 8:15 You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one.
Joh 8:16 Yet if I judge, my judgment is true, because I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent me.
Joh 8:17 Yes, and in your law it is written that the testimony of two people is valid.
Joh 8:18 I AM bearing witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me.”

Joh 8:19 They asked him, “Where is your father?” Yeshua answered, “You know neither me nor my Father; if you had known me, you would have known my Father also.”
Joh 8:20 Yeshua said these words in the treasury as he taught in the temple, and no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.
Joh 8:21 So again Yeshua prophesied to them, “I am going away; you will seek me and will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come.”
Joh 8:22 The Jews asked, “Will he kill himself? Is that why he says, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come?’”
Joh 8:23 He explained to them, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.
Joh 8:24 Therefore, I said to you that you will die in your sins. For unless you believe that I AM, you will die in your sins.”
Joh 8:25 Accordingly, they asked him, “Who are you?” Yeshua answered them, “What I have said to you from the beginning.
Joh 8:26 I have many things to speak and to judge about you. However, he who sent me is true; and the things that I heard from him, these things I proclaim to the world.”
Joh 8:27 They did not understand that he was speaking to them about the Father.
Joh 8:28 Yeshua preached, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then will you know that I AM, and that I do nothing on my own initiative. As the Father taught me, I speak these things.
Joh 8:29 He who sent me is with me, the Father has not left me alone, because I always do what is pleasing to him.”
Joh 8:30 As he was saying these things, many believed in him.
Joh 8:31 Therefore, Yeshua said to those Jews who (thought that they) had believed him, “If you remain in my word, then you are truly my disciples;
Joh 8:32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
Joh 8:33 They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves of anyone; how can you say, ‘You will be set free?’”
Joh 8:34 Yeshua answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.
Joh 8:35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the Son remains forever.
Joh 8:36 Therefore, if the Son sets you free, you will be truly free.
Joh 8:37 I know that you are Abraham’s descendants; you seek to kill me, because my word has no place in you.
Joh 8:38 I say what I have seen with my Father, and you also do what you heard from your father.”
Joh 8:39 They answered him, “Our father is Abraham.” Yeshua replied to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the deeds of Abraham.

Joh 8:40 Yet, now you seek to kill me, a Man who has told you the truth that I heard from Yehowah. Abraham did not do this.
Joh 8:41 You do the works of your father.” They responded to him, “We were not born in sexual immorality; we have one Father: Yehowah.”
Joh 8:42 Yeshua answered them, “If Yehowah were your Father, you would unconditionally selflessly love me, for I came from Yehowah and am here; for neither have I come of myself, but he sent me.
Joh 8:43 Why do you not understand my words? It is because you cannot hear my words.
Joh 8:44 You are of your father, the Devil, and you wish to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, because he is a liar and the father of lies.
Joh 8:45 Yet, because I speak the truth, you do not believe me.
Joh 8:46 Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I speak the truth, why do you not believe me?
Joh 8:47 He who is of Yehowah hears the words of Yehowah; you do not hear them, because you are not of Yehowah.”
Joh 8:48 The Jews responded by blaspheming him, “Do we not truly say that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?”
Joh 8:49 Yeshua answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me.
Joh 8:50 I do not seek my glory; there is One seeking and judging.
Joh 8:51 Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.”
Joh 8:52 The Jews blasphemed him, “Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham and the prophets died; but you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’
Joh 8:53 You are not greater than our father Abraham who died, are you? The prophets also died. Who do you make yourself out to be?”
Joh 8:54 Yeshua answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing; it is my Father who glorifies me, about whom you say that he is your Divine One.
Joh 8:55 You have not known him, but I know him. If I would say, ‘I do not know him,’ I would be like you, a liar. However, I know him and keep his word.
Joh 8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced at seeing my Day; he saw it and was glad!”
Joh 8:57 The Jews asked him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and you have seen Abraham?”
Joh 8:58 Yeshua answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM” (Ahayah, Exo. 3:14-15).

Joh 8:59 Then they picked up stones to throw at him, but Yeshua hid himself and went out of the temple, going through the middle of them, and so walked away.

John Chapter 9

Joh 9:1 Now as Yeshua passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.
Joh 9:2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, so that he was born blind?"
Joh 9:3 Yeshua answered, "Neither did this man sin, nor his parents, but so that the works of Yehowah would be revealed in him.
Joh 9:4 I must work the works of him who sent me while it is day. Night is coming, when no one will be able to work.
Joh 9:5 While I am in the world, I AM the Light of the world."
Joh 9:6 After Yeshua said these things, he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and smeared the mud on his eyes.
Joh 9:7 He commanded him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam (aka Silwan)," which translated is: Sent (1 Kings 1:33; 2 Kings 20:20; 2 Chron. 32:30; Isa. 22:9-11). So the man went away, washed, and came back seeing!
Joh 9:8 Then the man's neighbors and those who had seen him previously as a beggar were asking, "Is not this the man that used to sit and beg?"
Joh 9:9 Some answered, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." But he stated, "It is me."
Joh 9:10 They asked him, "Then how were your eyes opened?"
Joh 9:11 He answered, "The man who is called Yeshua made mud, smeared it on my eyes, and commanded me, 'Go to the Pool of Siloam (aka Silwan) and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received my sight."
Joh 9:12 They asked him, "Where is he?" He answered, "I do not know."
Joh 9:13 They brought the man who used to be blind to the Pharisees.
Joh 9:14 Now it was the Sabbath when Yeshua made the mud and opened his eyes.
Joh 9:15 Then again the Pharisees asked him how he had received his sight. He answered them, "He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and now I can see."
Joh 9:16 Some of the Pharisees responded, "This man is not from Yehowah, because he does not keep the Sabbath." Others asked, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" So there was a division among them.
Joh 9:17 So they asked the formerly blind man again, "What do you say about him, since he opened your eyes?" The formerly blind man declared, "He is that Prophet" (Deut. 18:15, 18; Acts 3:22-23, 7:37; John 1:21, 25; 6:14)!

Joh 9:18 Now the Jews still did not believe about him that he was blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight.
Joh 9:19 They asked the parents, “Is this your son whom you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”
Joh 9:20 So his parents answered them, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind.
Joh 9:21 How he now sees, we do not know, and who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him, he is an adult. He can speak for himself.”
Joh 9:22 His parents said these things, because they were afraid of the Jews. For the Jews had already agreed that if anyone would profess Yeshua to be Messiah, he would be thrown out of the house of assembly.
Joh 9:23 Because of this, his parents said, “He is an adult, ask him.”
Joh 9:24 So for a second time, they called the man who had been blind and ordered him, “Give glory to Yehowah. We know that this man is a sinner.”
Joh 9:25 Then that man replied, “I do not know if he is a sinner. One thing I do know: I was blind, and now I see!”
Joh 9:26 Then they asked him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”
Joh 9:27 He answered, “I have told you already, and you did not listen! Why do you want to hear it again? You do not want to become his disciples too, do you?”
Joh 9:28 They insulted him, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.
Joh 9:29 We know that Yehowah has spoken to Moses, but we do not know where this One is from.”
Joh 9:30 The man answered them, “This is remarkable, that you do not know where he is from, and yet he opened my eyes.
Joh 9:31 We know that Yehowah does not listen to sinners, but if someone is a worshiper of Yehowah and does his will, he listens to him.
Joh 9:32 Since the world began, it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.
Joh 9:33 If this man were not from Yehowah, he could do nothing.”
Joh 9:34 They answered him, “You were completely born in sins, and you are teaching us?” Then they threw him out.
Joh 9:35 Yeshua heard that they had cast him out of the house of assembly. He found him and asked, “Do you believe in the Son of Yehowah?”
Joh 9:36 He replied and asked, “Who is he, Lord, that I may believe in him?”
Joh 9:37 Yeshua answered him, “You have seen him, and he is the One who is speaking with you.”
Joh 9:38 The man proclaimed, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped Him.
Joh 9:39 Yeshua declared, “For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and so that those who see may become blind.”

Joh 9:40 Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard these things and asked him, “Are we also blind?”
Joh 9:41 Yeshua answered them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin, but now you say, ‘We see,’ so your sin remains.”

John Chapter 10

Joh 10:1 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter through the door into the sheep pen, but climbs up some other way, that person is a thief and a robber.
Joh 10:2 He who enters through the door is the shepherd of the sheep.
Joh 10:3 The doorman opens for him. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
Joh 10:4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.
Joh 10:5 They will not follow a foreigner, but instead they will avoid him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”
Joh 10:6 Yeshua spoke this parable to them, but they did not understand what these things were that he was saying to them.
Joh 10:7 Then Yeshua taught them again, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I AM the Door of the sheep.
Joh 10:8 Everyone who came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.
Joh 10:9 I AM the Door. If anyone enters in through me, he will be saved; he will go in and out and will find pasture.
Joh 10:10 The thief does not come except that he may steal, kill, and destroy. I have come, so that they will have life and have it superabundantly.
Joh 10:11 I AM the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
Joh 10:12 The hired servant is not a shepherd and does not own the sheep. He sees the wolf coming, abandons the sheep, and escapes. And the wolf carries them off and scatters them.
Joh 10:13 He runs away, because he is a hired servant and does not care for the sheep.
Joh 10:14 I AM the Good Shepherd, and I know my own, and my own know me.
Joh 10:15 The Father knows me, and I know the Father, and I lay down my life for the sheep.
Joh 10:16 I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, and they will hear my voice, so that there will be one flock and one Shepherd.
Joh 10:17 This is why the Father unconditionally selflessly loves me: I lay down my life, so that I may take it again.
Joh 10:18 No one takes it away from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”
Joh 10:19 A division again occurred among the Jews because of these words.

Joh 10:20 Many of them said, “He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to him?”
Joh 10:21 Others argued, “These are not the words of a demon possessed man. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”
Joh 10:22 Then it was time (9th month, 25th day, c. 29 AD) for the Festival of Dedication in Jerusalem (Hanukkah, Strong’s H2598; Chanukah, Lights; 1 Macc. 1:54, 4:52-61; 2 Macc. 10:5-9).
Joh 10:23 It was winter, and Yeshua was walking in the temple in the Portico of Solomon.
Joh 10:24 Then the Jews surrounded him and asked him, “How long will you hold us doubting? If you are the Messiah, tell us openly.”
Joh 10:25 Yeshua answered them, “I told you, but you do not believe. The works that I do in the name of my Father, these testify concerning me.
Joh 10:26 Yet you do not believe, because you are not my sheep, as I told you.
Joh 10:27 My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.
Joh 10:28 I give them eternal life; they will never die, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.
Joh 10:29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all others, and no one is able to snatch them out of the hand of the Father.
Joh 10:30 I and the Father are Oneness.”
Joh 10:31 Then the Jews took up stones again to execute him.
Joh 10:32 Yeshua answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of those works are you stoning me?”
Joh 10:33 The Jews answered him, “We are not stoning you for any good work, but for blasphemy, because you, a human, are making yourself Yehowah.”
Joh 10:34 Yeshua answered them (Psa. 82:6-7), “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, “You are deities?”’
Joh 10:35 If he called them deities, to whom the Word of Yehowah came, and the Scripture cannot be dissolved,
Joh 10:36 do you say to him whom the Father set apart and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I AM the Son of Yehowah?’
Joh 10:37 If I am not doing the works of my Father, do not believe me.
Joh 10:38 But if I am doing them, even if you do not believe me, believe in the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and that I am in the Father.”
Joh 10:39 They tried to seize him again, but he went away out of their hand.
Joh 10:40 He went away again beyond the Jordan River to the place where John had first been immersing, and he stayed there.
Joh 10:41 Many people came to him, and they proclaimed, “John indeed did no signs, but all the things that John has said about this man are true.”
Joh 10:42 Many people believed in him there.

John Chapter 11

Joh 11:1 Now a certain man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Miriam and her sister Martha.
Joh 11:2 It was Miriam who anointed the Lord with myrrh and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.
Joh 11:3 The sisters then sent for Yeshua, entreating, “Lord, see, he whom you love is sick.”
Joh 11:4 When Yeshua heard it, he proclaimed, “This sickness is not to death, but instead it is for the glory of Yehowah, so that the Son of Yehowah may be glorified by it.”
Joh 11:5 Now Yeshua unconditionally selflessly loved Martha, her sister, and Lazarus.
Joh 11:6 So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, Yeshua stayed two more days in the place where he was.
Joh 11:7 Then after this, he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.”
Joh 11:8 The disciples asked him, “Rabbi, right now the Jews are trying to stone you, and you are going back there again?”
Joh 11:9 Yeshua answered, “Are there not twelve hours of light in a day? If someone walks in the daytime, he will not stumble, because he sees by the light of this world.
Joh 11:10 However, if he walks at night, he will stumble, because the Light is not in him.”
Joh 11:11 He said these things, and after these things, he announced to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going, so that I may wake him out of sleep.”
Joh 11:12 The disciples therefore replied to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.”
Joh 11:13 Now Yeshua had spoken of his death, but they thought that he was speaking about the sleep of resting.
Joh 11:14 Then Yeshua told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead.
Joh 11:15 I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe. Moreover, let us go to him.”
Joh 11:16 Thomas, who was called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, so that we may die with him.”
Joh 11:17 When Yeshua came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.
Joh 11:18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about 3 kilometers away.
Joh 11:19 Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Miriam, to comfort them about their brother.

Joh 11:20 Then Martha, when she heard that Yeshua was coming, went to meet him, but Miriam was sitting in the house.
Joh 11:21 Martha then said to Yeshua, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.
Joh 11:22 Even now, I know that whatever you ask from Yehowah, Yehowah will give to you.”
Joh 11:23 Yeshua responded to her, “Your brother will rise again.”
Joh 11:24 Martha replied to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last Day.”
Joh 11:25 Yeshua told her, “I AM the Resurrection and the Life; he who believes in me, even if he dies, will live;
Joh 11:26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”
Joh 11:27 She answered him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of Yehowah, who is coming into the world.”
Joh 11:28 When she had said this, she went away and called her sister Miriam privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”
Joh 11:29 When she heard this, she rose up quickly and went to him.
Joh 11:30 Now Yeshua had not yet come into the village but was still in the place where Martha had met him.
Joh 11:31 So when the Jews, who were with her in the house, and who were comforting her, saw Miriam getting up quickly and going out, they followed her, saying, “She is going to the tomb to weep there.”
Joh 11:32 When Miriam came to the place where Yeshua was and saw him, she fell down at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”
Joh 11:33 Therefore, when Yeshua saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in Ruach and was troubled;
Joh 11:34 he asked, “Where have you laid him?” They answered him, “Lord, come and see.”
Joh 11:35 Yeshua wept.
Joh 11:36 Then the Jews exclaimed, “See how much he loved Lazarus!”
Joh 11:37 But some of them asked, “Could not this man, who opened the eyes of a blind man, also have made this man not die?”
Joh 11:38 Then Yeshua again, being deeply moved in himself, went to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a cork-shaped blocking stone lay against it.
Joh 11:39 Yeshua ordered, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of Lazarus, the one who had died, said to Yeshua, “Lord, by this time, the body will be decomposing and foul-smelling, for he has been dead for four days.”
Joh 11:40 Yeshua asked her, “Did I not say to you that if you believed, you would see the glory of Yehowah?”

Joh 11:41 So they took away the cork-shaped blocking stone where the dead was laid. Yeshua lifted up his eyes and prayed, “Father, I thank you that you listened to me.
Joh 11:42 I knew that you always listen to me, but it is because of the crowd that is standing around me that I said this, so that they may believe that you have sent me.”
Joh 11:43 After he had prayed this, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”
Joh 11:44 The dead man came out; his feet and hands were bound with cloths, and his face was bound about with a facecloth. Yeshua ordered them, “Untie him and let him go.”
Joh 11:45 Then many of the Jews who came to Miriam and saw what Yeshua did, believed in him.
Joh 11:46 But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things that Yeshua had done.
Joh 11:47 Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Sanhedrin together and said, “What will we do? This man does many signs.
Joh 11:48 If we leave him alone like this, all will believe in him; the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”
Joh 11:49 However, a certain man among them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing.
Joh 11:50 You do not consider that it is better for you that one Man dies for the people than that the whole nation perishes.”
Joh 11:51 Now this he said not from himself. Instead, being high priest that year, he prophesied that Yeshua should die for the nation;
Joh 11:52 and not only for the nation, but so that the children of Yehowah who are scattered would be gathered together into oneness.
Joh 11:53 So from that day onward, they planned how to kill Yeshua.
Joh 11:54 No longer did Yeshua walk openly among the Jews, but he departed from there, into the country near to the wilderness, into a town called Ephraim. There he stayed with his disciples.
Joh 11:55 Now the Passover of the Jews was near (c. 30 AD), and many went up to Jerusalem from the country, before the Passover, in order to purify themselves (Eze. 36:16-38; Heb. 9:13-14).
Joh 11:56 They were looking for Yeshua, and asking one another as they stood in the temple, “What do you think? That he will not come to the appointment calendar festival?”
Joh 11:57 Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given an order that if anyone knew where Yeshua was, he should report it, so that they might seize him.

John Chapter 12

Joh 12:1 Six days before the Passover, Yeshua came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, who had died, whom Yeshua had raised from the dead.
Joh 12:2 So they made him a dinner there, and Martha was serving, but Lazarus was one of those who was reclining at the table with Yeshua.
Joh 12:3 Then Miriam took a half liter of perfume made of extremely precious pure nard, anointed the feet of Yeshua with it, and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.
Joh 12:4 Then Simon's son, Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples, the one who would betray him, asked,
Joh 12:5 "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred silver coins and given to the poor?"
Joh 12:6 Now he asked this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief: He had the moneybag and would steal from what was put in it.
Joh 12:7 Yeshua answered, "Allow her to keep what she has for the day of my burial.
Joh 12:8 You will always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me" (Deut. 15:10-11).
Joh 12:9 Now a large crowd of the Jews learned that Yeshua was there, and they came, not only for Yeshua, but also to see Lazarus, whom Yeshua had raised from the dead.
Joh 12:10 The chief priests conspired together, so that they might also kill Lazarus;
Joh 12:11 for it was because of him that many of the Jews went away and believed in Yeshua.
Joh 12:12 On the next day, a large crowd came to the appointment calendar festival (Passover). When they heard that Yeshua was coming to Jerusalem,
Joh 12:13 they took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet him, and cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed is the King of Israel, who comes in the name of Yehowah!"
Joh 12:14 Yeshua found a young donkey and sat on it; as it was written,
Joh 12:15 "Do not fear, daughter of Zion; see, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt."
Joh 12:16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Yeshua was glorified, they remembered that these things had been written about him, and that they had done these things to him.
Joh 12:17 Now the crowd testified that they had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him up from the dead.

Joh 12:18 It was also for this reason that the crowd went out to meet him, because they heard that he had done this sign.
Joh 12:19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, “Look, you can do nothing; see, the world has gone after him.”
Joh 12:20 Now certain Greeks were among those who were going up to worship at the appointment calendar festival.
Joh 12:21 These went to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and entreated him, “Sir, we want to see Yeshua.”
Joh 12:22 Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew went with Philip, and they told Yeshua.
Joh 12:23 Yeshua answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
Joh 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone; but if it dies, it will produce much fruit.
Joh 12:25 He who loves his life will destroy it; but he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.
Joh 12:26 If anyone serves me, let him follow me; and where I am, there will my servant also be. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.
Joh 12:27 Now my soul is troubled, and what should I ask? ‘Father, save me from this hour?’ But for this reason I came to this hour.
Joh 12:28 Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from Heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”
Joh 12:29 Then the crowd that stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”
Joh 12:30 Yeshua answered, “This voice did not come for me but for you.
Joh 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world: Now will the ruler of this world be thrown out.
Joh 12:32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw everyone to myself.”
Joh 12:33 He said this to indicate what kind of death he would die.
Joh 12:34 The crowd asked him, “We have heard from the law that Messiah will stay forever. How can you say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up?’ Who is this Son of Man?”
Joh 12:35 Yeshua then answered them, “The Light will still be with you for a short time. Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness does not overtake you. He who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going.
Joh 12:36 While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may be children of Light.” Yeshua said these things, then departed and hid from them.
Joh 12:37 Although Yeshua had done so many signs before them, yet they did not believe in him,

Joh 12:38 so that the word of Isaiah the prophet would be fulfilled, in which he asked: “Lord, who has believed our announcement? And to whom has the arm of Yehowah been revealed” (Isa. 53:1)?
Joh 12:39 For this reason they could not believe, for Isaiah had also prophesied,
Joh 12:40 “He has blinded their eyes, and he has hardened their hearts; otherwise they would see with their eyes, understand with their hearts, turn around, and I would heal them.”
Joh 12:41 Isaiah said these things, because he saw the glory of Yeshua and spoke of him (Isa. 6:9-10).
Joh 12:42 But despite that, many of the rulers believed in Yeshua; but because of the Pharisees, they did not admit it, so that they would not be banned from the house of assembly.
Joh 12:43 They loved the praise that comes from people more than the praise that comes from Yehowah.
Joh 12:44 Yeshua cried out, “The one who believes in me, believes not only in me but also in him who sent me,
Joh 12:45 and the one who sees me sees him who sent me!
Joh 12:46 I have come as Light into the world, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in the darkness!
Joh 12:47 If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I have not come to judge the world but to save the world!
Joh 12:48 The one who rejects me, and who does not receive my words, has One who judges him! The word I have spoken will judge him on the last Day!
Joh 12:49 For I did not speak for myself, but it is the Father who sent me, who has given me the command about what to say and what to preach!
Joh 12:50 I know that his command is eternal life, so that is what I speak, just as the Father has spoken to me, so I preach!”

John Chapter 13

Joh 13:1 Now it was before the Festival of the Passover (c. 30 AD). Yeshua knew that his hour had come to go out of this world and go to the Father. Having unconditionally selflessly loved his own who were in the world, he unconditionally selflessly loved them to the end.
Joh 13:2 And during supper, the Devil had already by now put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Yeshua.
Joh 13:3 He knew that the Father had given everything over into his hands, and that he had come from Yehowah and was going back to Yehowah.
Joh 13:4 He rose up from supper and took off his outer clothing. Then he took a towel and wrapped it around himself.
Joh 13:5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the feet of the disciples and dry them with the towel that he had put around himself.
Joh 13:6 He came to Simon Peter, and Peter asked him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"
Joh 13:7 Yeshua answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will understand this later."
Joh 13:8 Peter responded to him, "You will never wash my feet!" Yeshua replied to him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."
Joh 13:9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, do not only wash my feet but also my hands and my head."
Joh 13:10 Yeshua said to him, "He who is bathed has no need, except to wash his feet, but he is completely clean; you are clean but not everyone."
Joh 13:11 For Yeshua knew who would betray him; that is why he said, "Not all of you are clean."
Joh 13:12 So when Yeshua had washed their feet, taken his garments, and reclined again, he taught them, "Do you know what I have done for you?
Joh 13:13 You call me, 'Teacher' and, 'Lord,' and you are speaking correctly, because so I AM.
Joh 13:14 If I then, the Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you should also wash the feet of one another.
Joh 13:15 For I have given you an example, so that you should also do just as I did for you.
Joh 13:16 Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is a messenger greater than he who sent him.
Joh 13:17 If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.
Joh 13:18 I am not speaking about all of you; I know those whom I have chosen, but this is so that the Scripture will be fulfilled: 'He who eats my food lifted up his heel against me' (Psa. 41:9).

Joh 13:19 I tell you this now before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe that I AM.
Joh 13:20 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send, receives me, and he who receives me, receives him who sent me."
Joh 13:21 When Yeshua said this, he was troubled in Ruach. He testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray me."
Joh 13:22 The disciples looked at each other, wondering of whom he was speaking.
Joh 13:23 One of his disciples, whom Yeshua unconditionally selflessly loved, was reclining at the table against the side of Yeshua.
Joh 13:24 Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him who he is speaking about."
Joh 13:25 So he leaned back against the side of Yeshua and asked him, "Lord, who is it?"
Joh 13:26 Then Yeshua answered, "It is the one for whom I will dip the portion and give it to him." So when he had dipped the food, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot.
Joh 13:27 And then after the portion, Satan entered into him, so Yeshua ordered him, "What you are doing, do it quickly."
Joh 13:28 Now no one who was reclining at the table knew why he said this to him.
Joh 13:29 Some thought that, since Judas had the moneybag, Yeshua said to him, "Buy what we need to have for the appointment calendar festival," or that he should give something to the poor.
Joh 13:30 After Judas received the portion, he went out immediately. It was night.
Joh 13:31 When Judas was gone, Yeshua said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and Yehowah is glorified in him.
Joh 13:32 Since Yehowah is glorified in him, Yehowah will glorify him in himself, and Yehowah will glorify him immediately.
Joh 13:33 Little children, still I am with you for a short time. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' Now I also say this to you.
Joh 13:34 I am giving you a refreshing commandment, that you should unconditionally selflessly love one another; as I have unconditionally selflessly loved you, so also you should unconditionally selflessly love one another.
Joh 13:35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have unconditional selfless love one for another" (Lev. 19:18).
Joh 13:36 Simon Peter asked him, "Lord, where are you going?" Yeshua answered, "Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, but you will follow later."

Joh 13:37 Peter responded to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.”
Joh 13:38 Yeshua answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the Temple Herald will not shout, before you have denied me three times.”

John Chapter 14

Joh 14:1 “Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in Yehowah, believe also in me.
Joh 14:2 In the house of my Father are many places to live. If it were not so, I would have told you, for I am going to prepare a place for you.
Joh 14:3 If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come once more and receive you to myself, so that where I am you will be also (Heb. 9:28).
Joh 14:4 You know the Way to where I am going.”
Joh 14:5 Thomas asked Yeshua, “Lord, we do not know where you are going, how can we know the Way?”
Joh 14:6 Yeshua answered him, “I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through me.
Joh 14:7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on, you know him and have seen him.”
Joh 14:8 Philip replied to Yeshua, “Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.”
Joh 14:9 Yeshua responded to him, “I have been with you for so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’
Joh 14:10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you, I do not speak from my own authority, but the Father living in me is doing his work.
Joh 14:11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me, or else believe because of the works themselves.
Joh 14:12 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will do the works that I do, and he will do greater works than these, because I am going to my Father.
Joh 14:13 Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, so that the Father will be glorified in the Son.
Joh 14:14 If you ask anything in my name, I will do it.
Joh 14:15 If you unconditionally selflessly love me, you will keep my commandments (Exo. 20:6).
Joh 14:16 And I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, so that he will be with you forever,
Joh 14:17 the Ruach of truth. The world cannot receive him, because it does not see him or know him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.
Joh 14:18 I will not leave you alone; I will come back to you.
Joh 14:19 Yet a short time, and the world will no longer see me, but you see me. Because I live, you will also live.

Joh 14:20 On that Day, you will know that I am in my Father, and that you are in me, and that I am in you.
Joh 14:21 He who has my commandments and keeps them is the one who unconditionally selflessly loves me, and he who unconditionally selflessly loves me will be unconditionally selflessly loved by my Father, and I will unconditionally selflessly love him, and I will show myself to him."
Joh 14:22 Judah, not Iscariot, asked Yeshua, "Lord, why is it that you will show yourself to us and not to the world?"
Joh 14:23 Yeshua answered him, "If anyone unconditionally selflessly loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will unconditionally selflessly love him, we will come to him, and we will make our home with him.
Joh 14:24 He who does not unconditionally selflessly love me does not keep my words. The word that you hear is not from me but from the Father who sent me.
Joh 14:25 I have said these things to you, while I am staying with you.
Joh 14:26 However, the Counselor, Ruach ha'Kodesh, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you everything, and he will remind you of everything that I said to you.
Joh 14:27 I leave you peace; I give you my peace. I do not give it as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled and do not be afraid.
Joh 14:28 You heard that I said to you, 'I am going away, and I will come back to you.' If you unconditionally selflessly loved me, you would be glad, because I am going to the Father, for my Father is greater than I am.
Joh 14:29 Now I have told you before it happens so that, when it happens, you will believe.
Joh 14:30 I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me,
Joh 14:31 but in order that the world will know that I unconditionally selflessly love the Father, I do just as the Father commanded me. Let us get up and go from here."

John Chapter 15

Joh 15:1 “I AM the true vine, and my Father is the Vinedresser **(Isa. 5:1-7; Psa. 80:8, 14-17; Jer. 5:10).**
Joh 15:2 He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and he prunes every branch that bears fruit, so that it will bear more fruit.
Joh 15:3 You are already clean, because of the message that I have spoken to you.
Joh 15:4 Remain in me and I in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you, unless you remain in me.
Joh 15:5 I AM the Vine, you are the branches. He who remains in me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for without me you can do nothing.
Joh 15:6 If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown away like a branch and dries up, and they gather the branches and throw them into the fire, and they are burned up.
Joh 15:7 If you remain in me, and if my words remain in you, ask whatever you delight in, and it will be done for you.
Joh 15:8 My Father is glorified in this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove that you are my disciples.
Joh 15:9 As the Father has unconditionally selflessly loved me, I have also unconditionally selflessly loved you. Remain in my unconditional selfless love.
Joh 15:10 If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my unconditional selfless love, as I have kept the commandments of my Father and remain in his unconditional selfless love.
Joh 15:11 I have spoken these things to you, so that my joy will be in you, and so that your joy will be complete.
Joh 15:12 This is my commandment, that you unconditionally selflessly love one another, as I have loved you.
Joh 15:13 No one has an unconditional selfless love greater than this, that he lays down his life for his friends.
Joh 15:14 You are my friends, if you do the things that I command you.
Joh 15:15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, for everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you.
Joh 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you, so that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain. This is so that whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he may give to you.
Joh 15:17 These things I command you, so that you unconditionally selflessly love one another.
Joh 15:18 If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.

Joh 15:19 If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own. But because you are not of the world, and because I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.
Joh 15:20 Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they kept my word, they will also keep yours.
Joh 15:21 They will do all these things to you because of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.
Joh 15:22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.
Joh 15:23 He who hates me also hates my Father.
Joh 15:24 If I had not done the works that no one else did among them, they would have no sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father.
Joh 15:25 But this is in order to fulfill the word that is written in their law, ‘They hated me without a cause’ **(Psa. 69:4)**.
Joh 15:26 When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is, the Ruach of truth, who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.
Joh 15:27 You are also testifying, because you have been with me from the beginning.”

John Chapter 16

Joh 16:1 “I have spoken these things to you, so that you will not fall away.
Joh 16:2 They will throw you out of the houses of assembly. But the hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think that he is offering a service to Yehowah.
Joh 16:3 They will do these things, because they have not known the Father nor me.
Joh 16:4 I have spoken these things to you, so that when their hour comes, you will remember that I told you about them. I did not tell you about these things in the beginning, because I was with you.
Joh 16:5 But now I go to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’
Joh 16:6 But because I have said these things to you, sadness has filled your heart.
Joh 16:7 But truly, I tell you, it is better for you that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you.
Joh 16:8 When he comes, he will prove the world to be wrong about sin, about righteousness, and about judgment,
Joh 16:9 about sin, because they do not believe in me;
Joh 16:10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, and you will no longer see me;
Joh 16:11 and about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.
Joh 16:12 I have many things to say to you, but you would not understand them now.
Joh 16:13 But when he comes, the Ruach of truth will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak from himself. But he will say whatever he hears, and he will tell you things that are to come.
Joh 16:14 He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine, and he will tell it to you.
Joh 16:15 Everything that the Father has is mine. Therefore, I said that the Ruach will take from what is mine, and he will tell it to you.
Joh 16:16 In a short time, you will no longer see me, and after another short time, you will see me, because I go to the Father.”
Joh 16:17 Then some of his disciples asked one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A short time, you will no longer see me,’ and, ‘After another short time, you will see me,’ and, ‘Because I go to the Father?’”
Joh 16:18 Therefore, they asked, “What is this that he says, ‘A short time?’ We do not know what he is talking about.”

Joh 16:19 Yeshua saw that they wanted to ask him, and he answered them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A short time, and you will no longer see me, and a short time later, you will see me?’
Joh 16:20 Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will be glad. You will become full of sadness, but your sorrow will be turned into joy!
Joh 16:21 When a woman gives birth, she has sadness, because her hour has come, but when she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers her pain, because of her joy that a human has been born into the world.
Joh 16:22 So you have sadness now, but I will see you again, and your heart will be glad, and no one will be able to take away your joy from you.
Joh 16:23 On that day, you will not ask me anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.
Joh 16:24 Until now, you have not asked anything in my name. Ask, and you will receive, so that your joy will be fulfilled.
Joh 16:25 I have said these things to you in figures of speech, but the hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech, but instead, I will tell you plainly about the Father.
Joh 16:26 On that day, you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will intermediate with the Father for you,
Joh 16:27 for the Father himself affectionately loves you, because you have brotherly loved me, and because you have believed that I came from Yehowah.
Joh 16:28 I came from the Father, and I have come into the world. Again, I am leaving the world, and I am going to the Father.”
Joh 16:29 His disciples said, “See, now you are speaking plainly, and you are not using figures of speech.
Joh 16:30 Now we know that you know all things, and you do not need anyone to ask you questions. Because of this, we believe that you have come from Yehowah.”
Joh 16:31 Yeshua answered them, “Do you believe now?
Joh 16:32 See, the hour is coming, yes, and has indeed come, when you will be scattered, everyone to his own home, and you will leave me alone. Yet, I am not alone, because the Father is with me.
Joh 16:33 I have spoken these things to you, so that you will have peace in me. In the world you have tribulation, but have courage: I have conquered the world.”

John Chapter 17

Joh 17:1 After Yeshua said these things, he lifted up his eyes to Heaven and prayed, “Father, the hour has come, glorify your Son, so that the Son will glorify you,
Joh 17:2 just as you gave him authority over all flesh, so that he would give eternal life to everyone whom you have given him.
Joh 17:3 This is eternal life: That they know you, Yehowah, the true One, and him Whom you sent, Yeshua Messiah.
Joh 17:4 I glorified you on the earth. I have finished the work that you have given me to do.
Joh 17:5 Now Father, glorify me along with yourself with the glory that I had with you before the world was made.
Joh 17:6 I revealed your name to the people whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.
Joh 17:7 Now they know that everything that you have given me comes from you,
Joh 17:8 for I have given them all the words that you gave me. They received them and truly knew that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.
Joh 17:9 I pray for them. I do not pray for the world, but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.
Joh 17:10 Everything that is mine is yours, and yours is mine, and I am glorified in them.
Joh 17:11 I am no longer in the world, but these emissaries are in the world, and I am coming to you. Set-apart Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they will be united with us.
Joh 17:12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I protected them, and not one of them was destroyed, except for the son of destruction, so that the Scriptures would be fulfilled.
Joh 17:13 Now I am coming to you, but I am saying these things in the world, so that they will have my joy fulfilled in themselves.
Joh 17:14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
Joh 17:15 I do not ask for you to take them away from the world, but for you to keep them from the evil one.
Joh 17:16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
Joh 17:17 Set them apart by the truth. Your word is truth.
Joh 17:18 Just as you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.
Joh 17:19 For their sakes I have set myself apart, so that they themselves may also be set apart in truth.

Joh 17:20 I pray not only for these, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,
Joh 17:21 so that they will all be oneness, just as you, Father, are in me, and I am in you. I pray that they will also be in us, so that the world will believe that you have sent me.
Joh 17:22 The glory that you gave me, I have given to them, so that they will be oneness, just as we are Oneness:
Joh 17:23 I in them, and you in me, that they may be brought to complete oneness, so that the world will know that you sent me, and that you have unconditionally selflessly loved them just as you unconditionally selflessly loved me.
Joh 17:24 Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you gave me, because you unconditionally selflessly loved me before the creation of the world.
Joh 17:25 Righteous Father, the world did not know you, but I know you; and these know that you sent me.
Joh 17:26 I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the unconditional selfless love with which you have unconditionally selflessly loved me will be in them, and I will be in them."

John Chapter 18

Joh 18:1 After Yeshua spoke these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook of the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden into which he and his disciples entered.
Joh 18:2 Now Judas, who was going to betray him, also knew the place, for Yeshua often went there with his disciples.
Joh 18:3 Then Judas, leading a group of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, went there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.
Joh 18:4 Then Yeshua, who knew all the things that were happening to him, went forward and asked them, "Who are you looking for?"
Joh 18:5 They answered him, "Yeshua the Natsari." Yeshua declared to them, "I AM." Judas, who betrayed him, was also standing with the soldiers.
Joh 18:6 So when he said to them, "I AM," they went backward and fell to the ground.
Joh 18:7 Then again he asked them, "Who are you looking for?" Again they answered, "Yeshua the Natsari."
Joh 18:8 Yeshua stated, "I told you that I AM (Ahayah, Exo. 3:14-15). So if you are looking for me, let these go."
Joh 18:9 This was in order to fulfill the word that he said: "Of those whom you have given me, I lost no one."
Joh 18:10 Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. Now the name of the servant was Malchus.
Joh 18:11 Yeshua said to Peter, "Put the sword back into its scabbard. Should I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"
Joh 18:12 So the group of soldiers and the commander, and the officers of the Jews, seized Yeshua and tied him up.
Joh 18:13 They led him first to Annas, for he was father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.
Joh 18:14 Now Caiaphas was the one who had given the advice to the Jews that it would be better that one man die for the people.
Joh 18:15 Simon Peter followed Yeshua and so did another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered with Yeshua into the courtyard of the high priest;
Joh 18:16 but Peter was standing at the door outside. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the female doorkeeper, and he brought Peter in.
Joh 18:17 Then the female servant, the doorkeeper, asked Peter, "Are you not also one of the disciples of this man?" He answered, "I am not."

Joh 18:18 Now the servants and the officers were standing there; they had made a heaping charcoal fire, for it was cold, and they were warming themselves. Peter was also with them, standing there and warming himself.
Joh 18:19 The high priest then asked Yeshua about his disciples and his teaching.
Joh 18:20 Yeshua answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I was always teaching in houses of assembly and in the temple where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret.
Joh 18:21 Why did you ask me? Ask those who have heard me, about what I said to them. Look, these people know what I said."
Joh 18:22 When Yeshua had said this, one of the officers standing there struck Yeshua and asked, "Is that how you answer the high priest?"
Joh 18:23 Yeshua answered him, "If I spoke wrongly, testify about the wrong, but if rightly, why do you hit me?"
Joh 18:24 Then Annas sent him tied up to Caiaphas the high priest.
Joh 18:25 Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. The people then asked him, "Are you not also one of his disciples?" He denied it, "I am not."
Joh 18:26 One of the servants of the high priest, who was a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?"
Joh 18:27 Peter then denied again, and immediately the Temple Herald shouted.
Joh 18:28 Then they led Yeshua from Caiaphas to the government headquarters. It was daybreak, and they did not enter the government headquarters, so that they would not be defiled but could eat the Passover.
Joh 18:29 So Pontius Pilate went out to them and asked, "What accusation are you bringing against this man?"
Joh 18:30 They answered him, "If this man was not an evildoer, we would not have given him over to you."
Joh 18:31 Pilate therefore said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied to him, "It is not lawful for us to execute any man."
Joh 18:32 They said this, so that the word of Yeshua would be fulfilled, which he had spoken to indicate by what kind of death he would die.
Joh 18:33 Then Pilate entered the government headquarters again and called Yeshua, and he asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"
Joh 18:34 Yeshua answered, "Do you speak from yourself, or did others speak to you about me?"
Joh 18:35 Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your people and the chief priests gave you over to me. What did you do?"
Joh 18:36 Yeshua answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were part of this world, then my servants would fight, so that I would not be given over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here."

Joh 18:37 Pilate then asked him, “Are you a king then?” Yeshua answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I have been born, and for this purpose I have come into the world, so that I would bear witness to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth hears my voice.”
Joh 18:38 Pilate asked him, “What is truth?” When he had asked this, he went out again to the Jews and said to them, “I find no guilt in this man.
Joh 18:39 But you have the custom that I release one person to you at the Passover. So do you want me to release the King of the Jews to you?”
Joh 18:40 Then they cried out again, “Not this man but Yehoshua Bar Rabban!” Now Yehoshua Bar Rabban was a robber.

John Chapter 19

Joh 19:1 Then Pilate took Yeshua and whipped him.
Joh 19:2 The soldiers weaved a crown of thorns. They put it on the head of Yeshua and dressed him with a purple garment.
Joh 19:3 They came to him and mocked, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they struck him.
Joh 19:4 Then Pilate went outside again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him outside to you, so that you will know that I find no guilt in him.”
Joh 19:5 So Yeshua came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment. Pilate shouted to them, “Look, here is the man!”
Joh 19:6 Therefore, when the chief priests and the officers saw Yeshua, they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate responded to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.”
Joh 19:7 The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he has to die, because he claimed to be the Son of Yehowah.”
Joh 19:8 When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid,
Joh 19:9 and he entered the government headquarters again and asked Yeshua, “Where do you come from?” But Yeshua gave him no answer.
Joh 19:10 Then Pilate asked him, “Are you not speaking to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?”
Joh 19:11 Yeshua answered him, “You do not have any authority over me, except for what has been given to you from above. Therefore, he who gave me over to you has a greater sin.”
Joh 19:12 At this answer, Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not a friend of Tiberius Caesar! Everyone who makes himself a king speaks against Caesar!”
Joh 19:13 When Pilate heard these words, he brought Yeshua out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place called “The Pavement,” but in Aramaic, “Gabbatha.”
Joh 19:14 Now it was Preparation for the Passover, at about 6 am. Pilate announced to the Jews, “See, here is your King!”
Joh 19:15 They cried out, “Away with him, away with him; crucify him!” Pilate asked them, “Should I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Tiberius Caesar!”
Joh 19:16 Then Pilate gave Yeshua over to them to be crucified.
Joh 19:17 Then they took Yeshua, and he went out, carrying the crossbeam for himself, to the place called, “The Place of a Skull,” which in Aramaic is called, “Golgotha.”

Joh 19:18 They crucified Yeshua there, and with him two other men, one on each side, with Yeshua in the middle.
Joh 19:19 Pilate also wrote a sign and put it on the cross. There it was written: Yeshua the Natsari, the King of the Jews.
Joh 19:20 Many of the Jews read this sign, because the place where Yeshua was crucified was near the city. The sign was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek.
Joh 19:21 Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This one said, "I am King of the Jews."'"
Joh 19:22 Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."
Joh 19:23 When the soldiers crucified Yeshua, they took his clothes, divided them into four shares, one for each of them; and also the tunic. Now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top.
Joh 19:24 Then they said to each other, "Let us not tear it (Lev. 10:6), but instead let us cast lots for it to decide whose it will be." This happened, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled which said, "They divided my garments among themselves and cast lots for my clothing" (Psa. 22:18). This is what the soldiers did.
Joh 19:25 Now standing beside the cross of Yeshua were his (widowed) mother, Miriam, (now) the wife of Clopas (Alphaeus; Joseph's brother; Levirate marriage; Deut. 25:5-10), his mother's sister (Salome), and Miriam Magdalene.
Joh 19:26 When Yeshua saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, see your son!"
Joh 19:27 Then he said to the disciple, "See your mother!" From that hour the disciple took her to his own home.
Joh 19:28 After this, knowing that everything was now completed, and so that the Scriptures would be fulfilled, Yeshua said, "I am thirsty."
Joh 19:29 A container full of sour wine was placed there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop stick and lifted it up to his mouth.
Joh 19:30 When Yeshua had taken the diluted sour wine, he declared, "Paid in full!" He bowed his head and gave up his spirit (c. 30 AD).
Joh 19:31 Then the Jews, because it was the Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross during the Sabbath, for that Sabbath day was especially important (Exo. 12:16; Lev. 23:6-7), asked Pilate to break their legs and to remove them (Deut. 21:23).
Joh 19:32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man and of the second man who had been crucified with Yeshua.
Joh 19:33 When they came to Yeshua, they saw that he was already dead, so they did not break his legs.
Joh 19:34 Moreover, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

Joh 19:35 The one who saw this has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that what he said is true, so that you would also believe.
Joh 19:36 For these things happened in order to fulfill Scripture, “Not one of his bones will be broken.”
Joh 19:37 Again, another Scripture says, “They will look at him whom they pierced” (Zech. 12:10; Rev. 1:7; Psa. 22:16; Isa. 53:7).
Joh 19:38 After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, since he was a disciple of Yeshua, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could take away the body of Yeshua. Pilate gave him permission. So Joseph came and took away the body of Yeshua.
Joh 19:39 Nicodemus also came, he who at first had come to Yeshua by night. He brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about 34 kilograms in weight.
Joh 19:40 So they took the body of Yeshua and wrapped it in linen cloths with the spices, as was the custom of the Jews to bury bodies.
Joh 19:41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden was a new tomb in which no person had yet been buried.
Joh 19:42 Because it was the Preparation for the Jews, and because the tomb was close by, they laid Yeshua in it.

John Chapter 20

Joh 20:1 Now at dawn, while it was still dark, on the first (Omer day 1, Sunday) of the Sabbath weeks (counting to Pentecost), Miriam Magdalene came to the tomb, and she saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.
Joh 20:2 So she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Yeshua loved, and she said to them, "They took away the Lord out from the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."
Joh 20:3 Then Peter and the other disciple went out, and they went to the tomb.
Joh 20:4 They both ran together, and the other disciple quickly ran ahead of Peter and arrived at the tomb first.
Joh 20:5 And stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go inside.
Joh 20:6 Simon Peter then arrived after him and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there spread out flat and sunk down,
Joh 20:7 and the facecloth that had been on his head. It was not lying with the linen cloths but was rolled up in a place by itself.
Joh 20:8 Then the other disciple, the one who first arrived at the tomb, also went in, and he saw and believed.
Joh 20:9 For until that time, they still did not know the Scripture that he should rise from the dead (Psa. 16:10).
Joh 20:10 So the disciples went back home again.
Joh 20:11 But Miriam was standing outside the tomb weeping. As she wept, she stooped down into the tomb.
Joh 20:12 She saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head, and one at the foot of where the body of Yeshua had lain.
Joh 20:13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She answered them, "Because they took away my Lord, and I do not know where they have put him."
Joh 20:14 When she said this, she turned around and saw Yeshua standing there, but she did not know that it was Yeshua.
Joh 20:15 Yeshua asked her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" She thought that he was the gardener, so she answered him, "Sir, if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will take him away."
Joh 20:16 Yeshua greeted her, "Miriam." She turned and responded to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni," which means "my Teacher."
Joh 20:17 Yeshua commanded her, "Do not touch me, for I have not yet gone up to my Father, but go to my brothers and say to them that I will go up to my Father and your Father, and my Divine One and your Divine One."

Joh 20:18 Miriam Magdalene came and told the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and that he had said these things to her.
Joh 20:19 When it was dusk on that day (Omer day 1, Sunday), the first of Shavuot (the Weeks counting to Pentecost), and the doors where the disciples were assembled were closed for fear of the Jews, Yeshua came and stood in the middle of them and greeted them, “Peace to you!”
Joh 20:20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord!
Joh 20:21 Yeshua then said to them again, “Peace to you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”
Joh 20:22 When Yeshua had said this, he breathed on them and instructed them, “Receive Ruach ha’Kodesh.
Joh 20:23 Whoever’s sins you forgive, they are forgiven; whoever’s sins you keep back, they are kept back.”
Joh 20:24 Thomas, one of the Twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Yeshua came.
Joh 20:25 The other disciples later said to him, “We have seen the Lord!” He responded to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and press my finger into the mark of the nails, and press my hand into his side, I will not believe.”
Joh 20:26 After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Yeshua came while the doors were closed, and stood among them and said, “Peace to you!”
Joh 20:27 Then he ordered Thomas, “Reach here with your finger and see my hands. Reach here with your hand and press it into my side. Do not be unbelieving, but believe.”
Joh 20:28 Thomas responded to him, “My Lord and my Divine One!”
Joh 20:29 Yeshua said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen, and believed.”
Joh 20:30 Now Yeshua did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, signs that have not been written in this Book,
Joh 20:31 but these have been written, so that you would believe that Yeshua is the Messiah, the Son of Yehowah, and so that believing, you would have life in his name.

John Chapter 21

Joh 21:1 After these things, Yeshua showed himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how he showed himself:
Joh 21:2 Simon Peter was together with Thomas called Didymus, Nathaniel from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples of Yeshua.
Joh 21:3 Simon Peter announced to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We too, will come with you." They went and climbed into a boat, but they caught nothing during the whole night.
Joh 21:4 Now when dawn was already come, Yeshua stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know it was Yeshua.
Joh 21:5 So Yeshua asked them, "Young men, do you have anything to eat?" They answered him, "No."
Joh 21:6 He told them, "Throw your net on the starboard side of the boat, and you will find some." So they threw their net and were not able to draw it in because of the large number of fish.
Joh 21:7 Then the disciple whom Yeshua unconditionally selflessly loved told Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was Yeshua, he tied up his outer garment, for he was undressed, and threw himself into the Sea.
Joh 21:8 The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from the land, about ninety meters off, and they were pulling the net full of fish.
Joh 21:9 When they got out upon the land, they saw a charcoal fire there and fish laid on it, with bread.
Joh 21:10 Yeshua said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."
Joh 21:11 Simon Peter then went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish; 153 (Eze. 47:10). There were so many, but the net was not torn.
Joh 21:12 Yeshua invited them, "Come and eat breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.
Joh 21:13 Yeshua came, took the bread, blessed Yehowah, and gave it to them, and the fish also.
Joh 21:14 This was the third time that Yeshua showed himself to the disciples after he had risen from the dead.
Joh 21:15 After they ate breakfast, Yeshua asked Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you unconditionally selflessly love me more than these?" Peter answered him, "Yes Lord, you know that I affectionately love you." Yeshua ordered him, "Feed my lambs."
Joh 21:16 He asked him again a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you unconditionally selflessly love me?" Peter answered him, "Yes Lord, you know that I affectionately love you." Yeshua ordered him, "Take care of my sheep."

Joh 21:17 He asked him a third time, **“Simon, son of John, do you affectionately love me?”** Peter was sad, because Yeshua had asked him a third time, **“Do you affectionately love me?”** He answered him, “Lord, you know all things, you know that I affectionately love you.” Yeshua ordered him, **“Feed my sheep.**
Joh 21:18 **Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to clothe yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you become old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will clothe you and carry you where you will not want to go.”**
Joh 21:19 Now Yeshua said this, in order to indicate with what kind of death Peter would glorify Yehowah. After he had said this, he commanded Peter, **“Follow me.”**
Joh 21:20 Peter turned around and saw the disciple whom Yeshua unconditionally selflessly loved following them, the one who had also leaned back against the side of Yeshua at the supper, and who had asked, “Lord, who is the one who will betray you?”
Joh 21:21 Peter saw him and then asked Yeshua, “Lord, what will this man do?”
Joh 21:22 Yeshua answered him, **“If I want him to stay until I come, what is that to you? Follow me.”**
Joh 21:23 So this statement spread among the brethren and sistren, that that disciple would not die. Yet Yeshua did not say to Peter that the other disciple would not die, but, **“If I want him to stay until I come, what is that to you?”**
Joh 21:24 This is the disciple who testifies about these things, and who wrote these things, and we know that his testimony is true.
Joh 21:25 There are also many other things that Yeshua did. If each one were written down, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the Books that would be written. Amein.

Book of Acts

Acts Chapter 1

Act 1:1 The former Book I wrote, Theophilus, told all that Yeshua began to do and to teach,
Act 1:2 until the day that he was received up (Omer Day 40, c. 30 AD). This was after he had given a command through Ruach ha'Kodesh to the apostles he had chosen.
Act 1:3 After his suffering, he presented himself alive to them with many convincing proofs. For forty days (including Omer Day 40; Luke 24:50), he appeared to them, and he spoke about the Kingdom of Yehowah.
Act 1:4 When he was meeting together with them, he commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, about which he prophesied, "You heard from me
Act 1:5 that John indeed immersed with water, but you will be immersed in Ruach ha'Kodesh in a few days" (Omer Day 50, Shavuot; Pentecost).
Act 1:6 When they were assembled together they were asking him, "Lord, is this the time you will restore the kingdom to Israel?"
Act 1:7 He answered them, "It is not for you to know the time delays regarding the appointment calendar dates, which the Father has determined by his own authority.
Act 1:8 But you will receive power, when Ruach ha'Kodesh comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
Act 1:9 When Yeshua had said these things, as they were looking, he was raised up (on Omer Day 40), and a cloud hid him from their eyes.
Act 1:10 While they were looking intensely to Heaven as he went, suddenly, two men stood by them in dazzling white clothing.
Act 1:11 They said, "You men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into Heaven? This Yeshua who ascended up into Heaven will return in the same manner as you saw him going into Heaven."
Act 1:12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is near to Jerusalem, a Sabbath's walk of about 1.4 kilometers.
Act 1:13 When they arrived, they went up into the upper chamber, where they were staying. They were Peter, John, Jacob, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, Jacob son of Alphaeus (Clopas, Joseph's brother), Simon the Zealot, and Judah son of Jacob.

Act 1:14 These adherents were all united in oneness, as they diligently continued in prayer and petition. Included were the women, Miriam the mother of Yeshua, and his brothers.
Act 1:15 In those days, Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, about 120 people, and said,
Act 1:16 “Brethren and sistren, it was necessary that the Scripture should be fulfilled, that Ruach ha’Kodesh spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who guided the ones who arrested Yeshua.
Act 1:17 For he was one of us and received his share of the benefits of this ministry.”
Act 1:18 Now this man bought a field with the earnings he received for his wickedness, and there he fell headfirst (hanging himself on his sword), and his body burst open, and all his intestines poured out (Mat. 27:5; 1 Sam. 31:4-5; 2 Sam. 17:23).
Act 1:19 All those living in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language “Akeldama,” that is, “Field Of Blood.”
Act 1:20 “For it is written in the Book of Psalms, ‘Let his field be made desolate, and do not let even one person live there.’ ‘Let someone else take his position of leadership.’
Act 1:21 It is necessary, therefore, that one of the men who accompanied us all the time Lord Yeshua went in and out among us,
Act 1:22 beginning from the immersion of John to the day that he was taken up from us (Omer Day 40), must be a witness with us of his resurrection.”
Act 1:23 They put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also named Justus, and Matthias.
Act 1:24 The adherents prayed, “You, Lord, know the hearts of all people, so reveal which of these two is the one whom you have chosen
Act 1:25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas transgressed to go to his own place.”
Act 1:26 They cast lots for them; and the lot fell to Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles (Isa. 34:17; Prov. 16:33; 18:18).

Acts Chapter 2

Act 2:1 When the Day of Shavuot came (Pentecost; Omer day 50; c. 30 AD; Lev. 23:15-22), they were all together in the same place.
Act 2:2 Suddenly, there came from Heaven a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the whole temple where they were sitting (in Solomon's Portico).
Act 2:3 There appeared to them tongues like fire that were distributed, and they sat upon each one of them.
Act 2:4 They were all filled with Ruach ha'Kodesh and began to speak multilingually, as the Ruach gave them to speak.
Act 2:5 Now there were Jews who were living in Jerusalem, reverent men, from every ethnicity under Heaven (Deut. 16:16).
Act 2:6 When this sound was heard, the multitude came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.
Act 2:7 They were amazed and marveled; they asked, "Really, are not all these who are speaking Galileans?
Act 2:8 Why is it that we are hearing them, each in our own birth language?
Act 2:9 Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, and those who live in Mesopotamia, in Judea and Cappadocia, in Pontus and Asia,
Act 2:10 in Phrygia and Pamphylia, in Egypt and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, Jews and proselytes,
Act 2:11 Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling multilingually about the mighty works of Yehowah."
Act 2:12 They were all amazed and perplexed; they asked one another, "What does this mean?"
Act 2:13 But others mocked, "They are full of fermented wine."
Act 2:14 But Peter stood with the Eleven, raised his voice and preached to them, "Men of Judea and all of you who live at Jerusalem, let this be known to you; pay attention to my words!
Act 2:15 For these adherents are not drunk as you assume, for it is only 9 am.
Act 2:16 But this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
Act 2:17 'It will be in the last days,' Yehowah declares, 'I will pour out my Ruach on all people. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.
Act 2:18 Also, on my servants and my female servants in those days, I will pour out my Ruach, and they will prophesy.
Act 2:19 I will show wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below, blood, fire, and vapor of smoke.

Act 2:20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the great and remarkable Day of Yehowah comes.
Act 2:21 It will be that everyone who calls on the name of Yehowah will be saved' (Joel 2:28-32; Rom. 10:13).
Act 2:22 Men of Israel, hear these words: Yeshua the Natsari, a man authenticated by Yehowah to you by mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which Yehowah did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know,
Act 2:23 because of the determined plan and foreknowledge of Yehowah, he was delivered up, and you, by the hand of lawless men, crucified and murdered him;
Act 2:24 whom Yehowah raised up, having loosed the pains of death from him, because it was not possible that he should be held by it.
Act 2:25 For David says about him, 'I saw Yehowah always before my face, for he is beside my right hand, so that I should not be moved.
Act 2:26 Therefore, my heart was glad and my tongue rejoiced. Also, my flesh will live in hope.
Act 2:27 For you will not abandon my soul to the place of the dead, neither will you allow your Set-apart One to see decomposition.
Act 2:28 You revealed to me the Ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence' (Psa. 16:8-11).
Act 2:29 Brothers, I can speak to you confidently about the patriarch David: He both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.
Act 2:30 Therefore, he was a prophet and knew that Yehowah had sworn with an oath to him, that he would resurrect Messiah in the flesh, to set this fruit of his body upon his throne.
Act 2:31 He foresaw this and spoke about the resurrection of the Messiah, 'He was neither abandoned to the place of the dead, nor did his flesh see decomposition.'
Act 2:32 This Yeshua, Yehowah raised him up, of which we all are witnesses.
Act 2:33 Therefore, having been raised up to the right hand of Yehowah and having received the promised Ruach Kodesh from the Father, he has poured out this, which you see and hear.
Act 2:34 For David did not ascend to Heaven, but he declares, 'Yehowah invited my Lord, "Sit at my right hand,
Act 2:35 until I make your enemies the stool for your feet"' (Psa. 110:1).
Act 2:36 Therefore, let all the house of Israel certainly know that Yehowah has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Yeshua whom you crucified."
Act 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced in their hearts and asked Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men, brothers, what should we do?"
Act 2:38 And Peter answered them, "Repent and be immersed, each of you, in the name of Yeshua Messiah, because your sins are forgiven, and you will receive the gift of Ruach ha'Kodesh.

Act 2:39 For to you is the promise and to your children, and to all that are far off, as many people as Yehowah our Divine One will call.”
Act 2:40 With many other words he testified and urged them; he proclaimed, “Save yourselves from this wicked generation” (Jer. 51:6)!
Act 2:41 Then they received his word and were immersed, and there were added in that day about three thousand souls.
Act 2:42 The adherents diligently continued in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.
Act 2:43 Fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.
Act 2:44 All who believed were together and had all things in common,
Act 2:45 and the adherents sold their property and possessions and distributed them to all, according to the needs anyone had.
Act 2:46 So day after day, the adherents continued with one purpose in the temple, and they broke bread in homes, and they shared food with joy and humility of heart;
Act 2:47 they praised Yehowah and had grace with all the people. The Lord added to the congregation day by day those that were being saved.

Acts Chapter 3

Act 3:1 Now Peter and John were going up into the temple at the hour of The Amidah Prayer, 3 pm (Mark 11:25).
Act 3:2 A certain man, lame from birth, was carried every day and was laid at the gate of the temple called Beautiful, so he could beg for alms from the people who went into the temple.
Act 3:3 When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked for alms.
Act 3:4 And Peter, with John, gazed intently at him and ordered, “Look at us.”
Act 3:5 The lame man looked at them, expecting to receive something from them.
Act 3:6 But Peter commanded, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have, I will give to you. In the name of Yeshua Messiah the Natsari, stand up and walk!”
Act 3:7 Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankle bones received strength.
Act 3:8 Leaping up, the lame man stood and began to walk; and he entered with Peter and John into the temple, walking, leaping, and praising Yehowah!
Act 3:9 All the people saw him walking and praising Yehowah.
Act 3:10 They noticed that it was the man who had been sitting to receive alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement because of what had happened to him.
Act 3:11 As the lame man, who was healed, held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them into Solomon’s Portico, greatly marveling.
Act 3:12 When Peter saw this, he preached to the people, “You men of Israel, why do you marvel? Why do you fix your eyes on us, as if we had made him to walk by our own power or reverence?
Act 3:13 The Mighty One of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the Mighty One of our fathers, has glorified his servant Yeshua. He is the One whom you delivered up and rejected before the face of Pontius Pilate, when he had decided to release him.
Act 3:14 You rejected the Set-apart and Righteous One, and you asked instead for a murderer (Yehoshua Bar Rabban) to be released to you.
Act 3:15 You killed the Prince of Life, whom Yehowah raised from the dead, and we are witnesses of this.
Act 3:16 Now by faith in his name, this man whom you see and know, this same name made him strong. The faith that is through Yeshua gave to him this complete health in the presence of all of you.

Act 3:17 Now brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.
Act 3:18 But the things which Yehowah foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Messiah should suffer, he has now fulfilled.
Act 3:19 Repent, therefore, and turn around, so that your sins may be blotted out, so that there may come periods of refreshing from the presence of Yehowah;
Act 3:20 and that he may send Yeshua Messiah who has been proclaimed to you.
Act 3:21 He is the One Heaven must receive, until the time of the restoration of all things, about which Yehowah spoke long ago by the mouth of his set-apart prophets.
Act 3:22 Moses indeed said to the fathers, 'Yehowah Almighty will raise up a Prophet like me from among your brothers. You will listen to everything that he will speak to you.
Act 3:23 It will happen that every person who does not listen to that Prophet will be completely destroyed from among the people' (Deut. 18:15, 18; Acts 7:37, John 1:21, 25; 6:14; 9:17).
Act 3:24 Yes, and all the prophets from Samuel, and those who came after him, they spoke out and announced these days.
Act 3:25 You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that Yehowah made with your ancestors, as he said to Abraham, 'In your seed will all the families of the earth be blessed.'
Act 3:26 After Yehowah raised up his servant Yeshua, he sent him to you first, in order to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness."

Acts Chapter 4

Act 4:1 As Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them.
Act 4:2 They were deeply troubled, because Peter and John were teaching the people and proclaiming in Yeshua the resurrection from the dead.
Act 4:3 They arrested them and put them in jail until the next morning, since it was now dusk.
Act 4:4 But many of the people who had heard the message believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.
Act 4:5 It came about on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem.
Act 4:6 Annas the high priest was there, and Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and all who were relatives of the high priest.
Act 4:7 When they had set Peter and John in their midst, they asked them, “By what power, or in what name, have you done this?”
Act 4:8 Then Peter, filled with Ruach ha’Kodesh, preached to them, “You rulers of the people and elders of Israel,
Act 4:9 if we this day are being questioned concerning a good deed done to a sick man, by what means was this man made well?
Act 4:10 May this be known to you all and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Yeshua Messiah the Natsari, whom you crucified, whom Yehowah raised from the dead, it is by him that this man stands here healthy before you.
Act 4:11 Yeshua is the Stone which you as builders despised, but which has been made the chief Cornerstone (Psa. 118:22).
Act 4:12 There is no salvation in any other person: For there is no other name under Heaven, that is given among humans, by which we must be saved.”
Act 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and realized that they were ordinary, uneducated men; they were surprised, becoming aware that Peter and John had been with Yeshua.
Act 4:14 Because they saw the man who was healed standing with them, they had nothing to say against this.
Act 4:15 But after they had commanded the apostles to leave the Sanhedrin meeting, they talked among themselves.
Act 4:16 They said, “What should we do to these men? For the fact that a remarkable miracle has been done through them is known to everyone who lives in Jerusalem; we cannot deny it.
Act 4:17 But in order that it spreads no further among the people, let us warn them not to speak anymore to anyone in this name.”

Act 4:18 They called Peter and John in and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Yeshua.
Act 4:19 But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of Yehowah to obey you rather than Yehowah, you judge.
Act 4:20 For we cannot help speaking about the things that we have seen and heard.”
Act 4:21 After further warning Peter and John, they let them go. They were unable to find any excuse to punish them, because all of the people were glorifying Yehowah for what had been done.
Act 4:22 The man who had experienced this miracle of healing was more than forty years old.
Act 4:23 After they were set free, Peter and John came to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.
Act 4:24 When they heard it, they raised their voices together to Yehowah, “Absolute Master Yehowah, you who made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
Act 4:25 you who by Ruach ha’Kodesh, by the mouth of our father David your servant, said, ‘Why did the ethnicities rage, and the people imagine useless things?
Act 4:26 The kings of the earth set themselves together, and the rulers gathered together against Yehowah, and against his anointed’ (Psa. 2:1-2)!
Act 4:27 Indeed, both Herod Antipas and Pontius Pilate, together with the non-Jews and the people of Israel, gathered together in this city against your set-apart servant Yeshua, whom you anointed.
Act 4:28 They gathered together to do all that your hand and your desire decided in advance would happen.
Act 4:29 Now Lord, look upon their warnings and grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness.
Act 4:30 So that while you stretch out your hand to heal, signs and wonders may happen through the name of your set-apart servant Yeshua.”
Act 4:31 When they finished praying, the place where they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with Ruach ha’Kodesh, and they spoke the Word of Yehowah with boldness.
Act 4:32 The large number of those who believed were of one heart and soul: And not one of them said that anything he possessed was really his own; instead, they had all things in common (like the Essenes).
Act 4:33 With great power, the apostles were proclaiming their testimony about the resurrection of Lord Yeshua, and great grace was upon them all.
Act 4:34 There was no person among them who lacked anything, for all who owned title to lands or houses sold them and brought the money from the things that were sold,

Act 4:35 and laid it at the apostles' feet. And distribution was made to each believer, according as any one had need (like the Essenes).
Act 4:36 Joseph, a Levite, a citizen of Cyprus, was given the name Barnabas by the apostles, that is, being translated, "Son of Encouragement."
Act 4:37 Having a field, he sold it, brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Acts Chapter 5

Act 5:1 Now a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a piece of property,
Act 5:2 and he kept back part of the sale money, his wife also knew it, and brought the other part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet.
Act 5:3 But Peter asked, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to Ruach ha'Kodesh and to keep back part of the price of the land?
Act 5:4 While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your control? How is it that you thought of this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men, but to Yehowah."
Act 5:5 Hearing these words, Ananias fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard it.
Act 5:6 The young men came forward and wrapped him up, and they carried him out and buried him.
Act 5:7 After about three hours, his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.
Act 5:8 Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much." She replied, "Yes, for so much."
Act 5:9 Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Ruach of Yehowah? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out."
Act 5:10 She instantly fell down at his feet, and breathed her last, and the young men came in and found her dead; they carried her out and buried her by her husband.
Act 5:11 Great fear came upon the whole congregation, and upon all who heard these things.
Act 5:12 Many signs and wonders were taking place among the people through the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's Portico.
Act 5:13 But no one else had the courage to join them; however, they were held in high esteem by the people.
Act 5:14 Still more believers were being added to the Lord, multitudes of men and women,
Act 5:15 so that they even carried the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, so that as Peter came by, his shadow might fall on some of them.
Act 5:16 There also came together a multitude from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed (Mat. 4:24).
Act 5:17 But the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him, which is the sect of the Sadducees; and they were filled with jealousy,

Act 5:18 and laid hands on the apostles, and put them in the public jail.
Act 5:19 Yet during the night an angel of Yehowah opened the doors of the jail and led them out, and ordered,
Act 5:20 “Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.”
Act 5:21 When they heard this, they entered into the temple at the crack of dawn and taught. But the high priest came, and those who were with him, and called the Sanhedrin together, all the elders of the people of Israel, and sent to the jail to have the apostles brought.
Act 5:22 But the officers that went did not find them in the prison, and they returned and reported,
Act 5:23 “We found the jail securely shut and the guards standing at the door, but when we had opened it, we found no one inside.”
Act 5:24 Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were much perplexed concerning them, as to what would come of it.
Act 5:25 Then someone came and told them, “The men whom you put in jail are standing in the temple and teaching the people.”
Act 5:26 So the captain went with the officers, and brought them back, but without violence, for they feared that the people might stone them.
Act 5:27 When they had brought them, they set them before the Sanhedrin. The high priest interrogated them,
Act 5:28 “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, and yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and desire to bring this man’s blood upon us.”
Act 5:29 But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey Yehowah rather than people.
Act 5:30 The Mighty One of our fathers raised up Yeshua, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree (cross).
Act 5:31 Yehowah exalted him to his right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.
Act 5:32 We are witnesses of these things, and so is Ruach ha’Kodesh, whom Yehowah has given to those who obey him.”
Act 5:33 When the Sanhedrin members heard this, they were furious and wanted to murder the apostles.
Act 5:34 But a Pharisee named Gamaliel (Acts 22:3), a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and commanded the apostles to be taken outside for a little while.
Act 5:35 Then he said to them, “Men of Israel, pay close attention to what you propose to do with these people.

Act 5:36 For some time ago, Theudas rose up claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who had been obeying him were scattered and came to nothing.
Act 5:37 After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the (second) census (c. 6 AD) and drew away some people after him. He also perished, and all who had been obeying him were scattered.
Act 5:38 Now I say to you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or work is of humans, it will be overthrown.
Act 5:39 But if it is of Yehowah, you will not be able to overthrow them; you may even find that you are fighting against Yehowah." So they were persuaded.
Act 5:40 Then they called the apostles in, beat them, and commanded them not to speak in the name of Yeshua, and let them go.
Act 5:41 They left the Sanhedrin rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for his name.
Act 5:42 Thereafter, every day in the temple and from house to house, they were continuously teaching and preaching Yeshua Messiah.

Acts Chapter 6

Act 6:1 Now in these days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, a complaint by the Greek-speaking Messianics began against the Aramaic-speaking Messianics (Acts 11:26), because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.
Act 6:2 The Twelve called the multitude of the disciples to them and said, “It is not right for us to give up the Word of Yehowah in order to serve tables.
Act 6:3 You should therefore choose, brothers, seven men from among yourselves, men of good reputation, full of Ruach ha’Kodesh and of wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.
Act 6:4 As for us, we will always continue in prayer and in the ministry of the word.”
Act 6:5 Their speech pleased the whole multitude. So they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and Ruach ha’Kodesh, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte from Antioch.
Act 6:6 The believers brought these men before the apostles, who prayed and then placed their hands upon them.
Act 6:7 So the Word of Yehowah increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly; and a large number of the priests became obedient to the faith.
Act 6:8 Now Stephen, full of faith and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people.
Act 6:9 But there arose some people who belonged to the house of assembly called the Freedmen, of the Cyrenians and Alexandrians, and some from Cilicia and Asia. These people were debating with Stephen.
Act 6:10 But they were not able to stand against the wisdom and the Ruach with which Stephen spoke.
Act 6:11 Then they secretly persuaded some men to testify, “We have heard Stephen speak blasphemous words against Moses and against Yehowah.”
Act 6:12 They incited the people, the elders, and the scribes, and they confronted Stephen, seized him, and brought him to the Sanhedrin.
Act 6:13 They brought false witnesses, who testified, “This man does not stop speaking words against this Set-apart Place and the law.
Act 6:14 For we have heard him say that Yeshua the Natsari will destroy this place and change the customs that Moses handed down to us.”
Act 6:15 Everyone who sat in the Sanhedrin fixed their eyes on him and saw his face was like the face of an angel.

Acts Chapter 7

Act 7:1 The high priest asked, “Are these things true?”
Act 7:2 Stephen answered, “Brothers and fathers, listen to me: Yehowah of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran;
Act 7:3 he ordered him, ‘Leave your land and your relatives, and go into the land that I will show you.’
Act 7:4 Then he left the land of the Chaldeans and lived in Haran; from there, after his father died (c. 2090 BC, Gen. 11:32), Yehowah brought him into this land, where you live now.
Act 7:5 He gave none of it as an inheritance to him, no, not even enough to set a foot on. But he promised, even though Abraham had no child yet, that he would give the land as a possession to him and to his descendants after him.
Act 7:6 Yehowah was speaking to him like this, that his descendants would live for awhile in a foreign land, and that the inhabitants there would bring them into slavery and treat them badly for four hundred years (Gen. 15:13).
Act 7:7 ‘And I will judge the ethnicity to which they will be slaves,’ declared Yehowah, ‘and after that they will come out and worship me in this place.’
Act 7:8 And he gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision, so Abraham became the father of Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day; Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of the twelve patriarchs.
Act 7:9 The patriarchs were motivated by jealousy against Joseph and sold him into Egypt, and Yehowah was with him,
Act 7:10 and rescued him from all his sufferings, and gave him grace and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt. Pharaoh then made him governor over Egypt and over all his household.
Act 7:11 Now there came a famine over all Egypt and Canaan, and great suffering, and our fathers found no food.
Act 7:12 But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent our forefathers the first time.
Act 7:13 At the second time, Joseph showed himself to his brothers; and Joseph’s family became known to Pharaoh.
Act 7:14 Joseph sent his brothers back to tell Jacob his father to come to Egypt, along with all his relatives, seventy persons in all (Gen. 46:27; Exo. 1:5; Deut. 10:22).
Act 7:15 So Jacob went down into Egypt; then he died (c. 1858 BC), himself and our forefathers.
Act 7:16 Jacob’s body was carried over to Hebron and laid in the tomb that Abraham had bought for a price in silver-currency from the sons of Heth in

Hebron. Joseph's bones were carried over to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Jacob had bought for a price in silver-currency from the sons of Hamor in Shechem (Gen. 33:18-20; Gen. 50:13; Josh. 24:32).
Act 7:17 As the time of the promise approached, the promise that Yehowah had made to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt,
Act 7:18 until there arose another king over Egypt, a king who did not know about Joseph.
Act 7:19 This same king deceived our people and treated our forefathers so badly, they had to expose their infants to danger, hoping they would not survive.
Act 7:20 At that time, Moses was born; he was handsome before Yehowah and was nourished for three months in his father's house (Heb. 11:23; Exo. 2:2, c. 1730 BC).
Act 7:21 When he was placed outside, Pharaoh's daughter adopted him and raised him as her own son.
Act 7:22 Moses was educated in all the learning of the Egyptians; and he was mighty in his words and works.
Act 7:23 But when he was about forty years old (c. 1691 BC), it came into his heart to visit his brothers, the children of Israel.
Act 7:24 Seeing an Israeli being mistreated, Moses defended him and avenged him who was oppressed by striking the Egyptian:
Act 7:25 He thought that his brothers would understand that Yehowah by his hand was rescuing them, but they did not understand.
Act 7:26 On the next day, he came to some Israelis as they were quarreling; he tried to put them at peace with each other; he asked, 'Men, you are brothers; why are you hurting one another?'
Act 7:27 But the one who had wronged his neighbor pushed him away and asked, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?
Act 7:28 Would you like to murder me, as you murdered the Egyptian yesterday?'
Act 7:29 Moses ran away after hearing this; he became a foreigner in the land of Midian, where he became the father of two sons.
Act 7:30 When forty years were past (c. 1651 BC), an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a thorn bush.
Act 7:31 When Moses saw the fire, he marveled at the sight; and as he approached to look at it, there came the voice of Yehowah,
Act 7:32 'I am the Mighty One of your fathers, the Mighty One of Abraham, and the Mighty One of Isaac, and the Mighty One of Jacob.' Moses trembled and did not dare to look.
Act 7:33 Yehowah ordered him, 'Take off your sandals, for the place you are standing on is set-apart ground.

Act 7:34 I have certainly seen the suffering of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their groaning, and I have come down to rescue them; now come, I will send you to Egypt.'
Act 7:35 This Moses whom they rejected, when they asked, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge?' He was the one whom Yehowah sent as both a ruler and deliverer. Yehowah sent him by the hand of the Angel who appeared to Moses in the thorn bush.
Act 7:36 Moses led them out of Egypt (c. 1650 BC), after doing miracles and signs in Egypt and at the SEA, and in the wilderness during forty years (c. 1650 – 1611 BC).
Act 7:37 It is the same Moses who said to the people of Israel, 'Yehowah your Divine One will raise up a Prophet for you from among your brothers, a Prophet like me; listen to and obey him' (Deut. 18:15, 18; Acts 7:37, 3:22-23; John 1:21, 25; 6:14; 9:17).
Act 7:38 This is the man who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the Angel who had spoken to him on Mount Sinai. This is the man who was with our forefathers; this is the man who received living words to give to us.
Act 7:39 This is the man whom our forefathers refused to obey; they pushed him away from themselves, and in their hearts they turned back to Egypt (Exo. 32).
Act 7:40 At that time, they said to Aaron, 'Make us deities who will lead us. As for this Moses, who led us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him.'
Act 7:41 So they made a calf in those days and brought a sacrifice to the idol, and rejoiced because of the work of their hands.
Act 7:42 But Yehowah turned and gave them up to worship the stars in the sky, as it is written in the Book of the Prophets, 'Did you offer to me slain beasts and sacrifices for forty years in the wilderness, house of Israel?
Act 7:43 You accepted the tabernacle of Molech and the star of the deity Kaiwan, and the images that you made to worship them: And I will carry you away beyond Damascus' (Amos 5:26-27).
Act 7:44 Our forefathers had the tabernacle of the testimony in the wilderness, just as Yehowah commanded when he spoke to Moses, that he should make it like the pattern that he had seen.
Act 7:45 This is the tent that our forefathers, in their turn, brought into the land with Joshua. This happened when they entered in on the possession of the ethnicities that Yehowah drove out before the presence of our forefathers. It was like this until the days of David,
Act 7:46 who found grace in the sight of Yehowah; he asked to find a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob.
Act 7:47 But Solomon built Yehowah a temple.

Act 7:48 However, the Most High does not live in temples made with hands; it is like the prophet says,
Act 7:49 ‘Heaven is my throne, and the earth the footstool for my feet. What kind of temple can you build me?’ asks Yehowah: ‘Or where is the place for my rest?
Act 7:50 Did not my hand make all these things?’
Act 7:51 You people who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist Ruach ha’Kodesh; you act just as your forefathers acted.
Act 7:52 Which of the prophets did your forefathers not persecute? They killed the prophets who appeared in advance of the coming of the Righteous One; and you have now become the betrayers and murderers of him also,
Act 7:53 you people who received the law that angels had established, but you did not keep it.”
Act 7:54 Now when the Sanhedrin members heard these things, they became extremely angry in their hearts, and they ground their teeth at Stephen.
Act 7:55 But he, being full of Ruach ha’Kodesh, looked up intently into Heaven and saw the glory of Yehowah; and he saw Yeshua standing at the right hand of Yehowah.
Act 7:56 Stephen exclaimed, “Look, I see Heaven opened, and the Son of Man (Bar Anasha, Dan. 7:13) standing at the right hand of Yehowah!”
Act 7:57 But the Sanhedrin members shouted out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and rushed upon him together;
Act 7:58 they threw him out of the city and stoned him: And the witnesses laid down their outer clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul.
Act 7:59 As they were stoning Stephen, he kept calling out, “Lord Yeshua, receive my spirit!”
Act 7:60 He knelt down and called out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them!” When he had prayed this, he died.

Acts Chapter 8

Act 8:1 Saul was in agreement with Stephen's death. So there began on that day a great persecution against the congregation that was in Jerusalem; and the believers were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.
Act 8:2 Reverent men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him.
Act 8:3 But Saul greatly harmed the congregation; he went into house after house and dragged out men and women, and put them into prison.
Act 8:4 Yet the believers who had been scattered went about preaching the word.
Act 8:5 Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Messiah.
Act 8:6 When multitudes of people heard and saw the signs that Philip did, they paid attention together to what he said.
Act 8:7 For from many people who had them, unclean spirits came out while loudly crying out; and many paralyzed and lame people were healed.
Act 8:8 And there was much joy in that city.
Act 8:9 But there was a certain man in the city named Simon, who had earlier been practicing magic; he used to astonish the people of Samaria, while claiming that he was an important person.
Act 8:10 All the Samaritans, from the least to the greatest, paid attention to him; they said, "This man is that power of Yehowah which is called great."
Act 8:11 They listened to him, because he had astonished them for a long time with his magical arts.
Act 8:12 But when they believed what Philip preached about the good news concerning the Kingdom of Yehowah and the name of Yeshua Messiah, they were immersed, both men and women.
Act 8:13 And Simon also himself believed: After he was immersed, he continued to be with Philip; when he saw signs and mighty deeds being done, he was amazed.
Act 8:14 Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the Word of Yehowah, they sent to them Peter and John.
Act 8:15 When they had come down, they prayed for them, that they might receive Ruach ha'Kodesh.
Act 8:16 For until that time, Ruach ha'Kodesh had not come upon any of them; they had only been immersed into the name of Lord Yeshua.
Act 8:17 Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received Ruach ha'Kodesh.
Act 8:18 Now when Simon saw that Ruach ha'Kodesh was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money.

Act 8:19 He begged, “Give me this power, too, that whoever I place my hands on might receive Ruach ha’Kodesh.”
Act 8:20 But Peter responded to him, “May your silver coins perish along with you, because you thought to obtain the gift of Yehowah with money.
Act 8:21 You have no part or share in this matter, because your heart is not right with Yehowah.
Act 8:22 Therefore, repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray to Yehowah, so that he might perhaps forgive you for the intention of your heart.
Act 8:23 For I see that you are in the poison of bitterness and in the bonds of sin.”
Act 8:24 Simon answered, “Pray to Yehowah for me, that none of the things which you have spoken of may happen to me.”
Act 8:25 When Peter and John had born witness and spoken the Word of Yehowah, they returned to Jerusalem; along the way, they preached the good news to many villages of the Samaritans.
Act 8:26 Now an angel of Yehowah spoke to Philip, “Arise and go toward the south to the desert road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.”
Act 8:27 He arose and went. Behold, there was a man, a eunuch of great authority under Candace Amanitore, queen of the Nubian Kingdom of Meroe (in modern Sudan). He was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship.
Act 8:28 He was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah.
Act 8:29 The Ruach directed Philip, “Go over and stay close to this chariot.”
Act 8:30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”
Act 8:31 He asked, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” He begged Philip to come up into the chariot and sit with him.
Act 8:32 Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this, “He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and as a lamb before his shearer is silent, he does not open his mouth.
Act 8:33 In his humiliation, his judgment was taken away: Who will declare his generation? For his life was taken from the earth” (Isa. 53:7-8).
Act 8:34 So the eunuch asked Philip, “I beg you, of whom is the prophet speaking? Of himself, or of some other person?”
Act 8:35 Philip began to speak; he started with this Scripture in Isaiah to preach Yeshua to him.
Act 8:36 As they went on the road, they came to some water; the eunuch asked, “Look, there is water here; what prevents me from being immersed?”

Act 8:37 Philip answered, “If you believe with all your heart, you may be immersed.” He responded, “I believe that Yeshua Messiah is the Son of Yehowah.”
Act 8:38 So he commanded the chariot to stop. They went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and Philip immersed him.
Act 8:39 When they came up out of the water, the Ruach of Yehowah took Philip away; the eunuch saw him no longer, and he went on his way rejoicing!
Act 8:40 But Philip appeared at Azotus (Ashdod). He passed through that region and preached the good news to all the cities, until he came to Caesarea Maritima.

Acts Chapter 9

Act 9:1 But Saul, still speaking threats even of murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest
Act 9:2 and asked him for letters to the houses of assembly in Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them as prisoners to Jerusalem.
Act 9:3 As he was traveling, it happened that as he came near to Damascus, suddenly there shone all around him a light out of Heaven;
Act 9:4 and he fell upon the ground and heard a voice asking him (in Aramaic; Acts 26:14), "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"
Act 9:5 Saul asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The Lord answered, "I AM Yeshua, whom you are persecuting; it is difficult for you to kick against the goads."
Act 9:6 Also trembling and astounded, he asked, "Lord, what do you desire that I do?" And the Lord answered him, "Rise, enter into the city, and it will be told you what you must do."
Act 9:7 The men who traveled with Saul stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.
Act 9:8 Saul arose from the ground, and when he opened his eyes, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.
Act 9:9 For three days, he was without sight, and he neither ate nor drank.
Act 9:10 Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and the Lord spoke to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he answered, "See, I am here, Lord."
Act 9:11 Yeshua commanded him, "Arise, and go to Straight Street, and at the house of Judah ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul; for he is praying;
Act 9:12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in and laying his hands on him, in order that he may receive his sight."
Act 9:13 But Ananias responded, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to your set-apart adherents in Jerusalem.
Act 9:14 He has authority from the chief priests to arrest everyone here who calls upon your name."
Act 9:15 But Yeshua explained to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine, to carry my name before the ethnicities, kings, and the children of Israel;
Act 9:16 for I will show him how much he must suffer for the cause of my name."
Act 9:17 So Ananias departed and entered into the house. Laying his hands on him, he said, "Brother Saul, Lord Yeshua, who appeared to you on the road when you were coming, has sent me, so that you may receive your sight and be filled with Ruach ha'Kodesh."
Act 9:18 Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he received his sight; he arose and was immersed;

Act 9:19 and he ate and was strengthened. Then Saul stayed with the disciples in Damascus for several days.
Act 9:20 Right away (Gal. 1:17), he proclaimed Messiah in the houses of assembly, preaching that he is the Son of Yehowah.
Act 9:21 All who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who destroyed those in Jerusalem who called on this name? And he has come here in order to bring them bound to the chief priests.”
Act 9:22 But Saul became more and more powerful, and he was causing distress among the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Yeshua is Messiah.
Act 9:23 After many days, the Jews planned together to murder him.
Act 9:24 But their plan became known to Saul. They watched the gates day and night in order to murder him.
Act 9:25 But the disciples took him by night and let him down through the wall, lowering him in a basket.
Act 9:26 When he had come to Jerusalem (c. 36 AD), Saul attempted to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.
Act 9:27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles (Peter and Jacob only, per Gal.1:18-19). And he told them how Saul had seen Yeshua on the road, and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how at Damascus, Saul had boldly preached in the name of Yeshua.
Act 9:28 He met with them as they were coming in and going out of Jerusalem.
Act 9:29 He spoke boldly in the name of Lord Yeshua and debated with the Grecian Jews; but they kept trying to murder him.
Act 9:30 When the brothers learned of this, they brought him down to Caesarea Maritima and sent him away to Tarsus.
Act 9:31 So then the congregation throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up; they grew in numbers, walked in the fear of Yehowah, and in the comfort of Ruach ha’Kodesh.
Act 9:32 Now it came about that, as Peter went throughout the whole region, he came down also to the believers who lived in the town of Lydda.
Act 9:33 There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been in his bed for eight years, for he was paralyzed.
Act 9:34 Peter commanded him, “Aeneas, Yeshua Messiah heals you. Get up and make your bed!” And right away he rose up.
Act 9:35 So everyone who lived in Lydda and in Sharon saw the man, and they turned to the Lord.
Act 9:36 Now there was in Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated as “Dorcas.” This woman was full of good works and merciful deeds that she did for the poor.
Act 9:37 It came about in those days, that she fell sick and died; when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room (1 Cor. 15:29).

Act 9:38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, begging him, “Come to us without delay.”
Act 9:39 Peter arose and went with them. When he had arrived, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing him the coats and garments that Dorcas had made while she had been with them.
Act 9:40 Peter put them all out of the room, knelt down, and prayed; then turning to the body, he commanded, “Tabitha, arise!” She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up.
Act 9:41 Peter then gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he called the believers and the widows, he presented her alive to them.
Act 9:42 This matter became known throughout all Joppa, and many people believed on the Lord.
Act 9:43 It happened that Peter stayed for many days in Joppa with a man named Simon, a tanner.

Acts Chapter 10

Act 10:1 Now there was a certain man in the city of Caesarea Maritima (c. 40 AD), Cornelius by name, a centurion of what was called the Italian cohort.
Act 10:2 He was a reverent man, one who worshiped Yehowah with all his household; he gave a lot of alms to the people and was always praying to Yehowah.
Act 10:3 About 3 pm, he clearly saw in a vision an angel of Yehowah coming to him. The angel called him, “Cornelius!”
Act 10:4 Cornelius stared at the angel and was frightened, and asked, “What is it, sir?” The angel said to him, “Your prayers and your alms to the poor have gone up as a memorial offering into the presence of Yehowah.
Act 10:5 Now send men to the city of Joppa to bring a man named Simon who is called Peter.
Act 10:6 He is staying with a tanner named Simon, whose house is by the seaside. He will tell you what you should do.”
Act 10:7 When the angel who spoke to him had left, Cornelius called two of his house servants, and a reverent soldier from among the soldiers who were also serving him.
Act 10:8 Cornelius told them all that had happened and sent them to Joppa.
Act 10:9 Now on the next day, at about 12 pm, as they were on their journey and were approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray.
Act 10:10 He then became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while the people were cooking some food, he was given a vision,
Act 10:11 and he saw the sky open and a certain container descending, something like a large sheet coming down to the earth, let down by its four corners.
Act 10:12 In it were all kinds of four-footed mammals of the earth, wild animals, reptiles, and birds of the sky.
Act 10:13 Then a voice spoke to him: “Stand up, Peter, kill and eat.”
Act 10:14 But Peter responded, “No way, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that was defiled or unclean.”
Act 10:15 But the voice came to him again a second time: “Whom Yehowah has cleansed, do not call defiled.”
Act 10:16 This happened three times; then the container was immediately taken back up into the sky.
Act 10:17 Now while Peter was confused about what the vision that he had seen could mean, behold, the men who were sent by Cornelius stood before the gate, after they had asked their way to Simon’s house.

Act 10:18 And they called out and asked whether Simon, who was also called Peter, was staying there.
Act 10:19 While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Ruach directed him, "See, three men are looking for you.
Act 10:20 Arise, go down, and go with them. Do not hesitate to go with them, because I have sent them."
Act 10:21 So Peter went down to the men sent from Cornelius and said, "I am he whom you are seeking. What is the reason why you have come?"
Act 10:22 They answered, "A centurion named Cornelius, a righteous man and one who worships Yehowah, and is well spoken of by all the Jewish nation, was told by a set-apart angel of Yehowah to send for you to come to his house, so he could listen to a message from you."
Act 10:23 So Peter invited them to come in and stay with him. On the next day, he rose up and went with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him.
Act 10:24 On the following day, they came to Caesarea Maritima. Cornelius was waiting for them; he had called together his relatives and his close friends.
Act 10:25 It came about that when Peter entered, Cornelius met him and bowed down at his feet to worship him.
Act 10:26 But Peter helped him up, saying, "Stand up! I too am a human."
Act 10:27 While Peter was talking with him, he went in and found many people gathered together.
Act 10:28 He said to them, "You yourselves know that it is not lawful for a Jewish man to associate with or to visit a foreigner. But Yehowah has shown me that I should not call any human defiled or unclean.
Act 10:29 That is why I came without arguing, when I was sent for. So I ask you why you sent for me?"
Act 10:30 Cornelius answered, "Four days ago I was fasting until this hour. I was praying at 3 pm in my house; and see, a man stood before me in bright clothing.
Act 10:31 He said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms to the poor have reminded Yehowah about you.
Act 10:32 So send someone to Joppa, and call to you a man named Simon who is called Peter. He is staying in the house of a tanner named Simon, by the seaside. When he comes, he will preach to you.'
Act 10:33 So at once I sent for you. You are kind to have come. Now then, we are all here present in the sight of Yehowah, to hear everything that you have been instructed by Yehowah to say."
Act 10:34 Then Peter opened his mouth, "Truly, I perceive that Yehowah does not exhibit partiality.
Act 10:35 Instead, in every ethnicity anyone who worships him and does righteous deeds is acceptable to him.

Act 10:36 You know the message that he sent to the people of Israel, when he announced the good news of peace through Yeshua Messiah, who is Lord of all.
Act 10:37 You yourselves know the events that took place, which occurred throughout all Judea, beginning in Galilee, after the immersion that John announced;
Act 10:38 the events concerning Yeshua the Natsari, how Yehowah anointed him with Ruach ha'Kodesh and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the Devil, for Yehowah was with him.
Act 10:39 We are witnesses of all things that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem, this Yeshua whom they murdered, hanging him on a tree (cross).
Act 10:40 This Man, Yehowah raised up on the third day and gave him to be made known,
Act 10:41 not to all the people, but to the witnesses who were chosen beforehand by Yehowah, we ourselves, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
Act 10:42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by Yehowah to be the Judge of the living and the dead.
Act 10:43 It is to him that all the prophets bear witness, so that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."
Act 10:44 While Peter was still preaching these things, Ruach ha'Kodesh fell on all of those who were listening to his message.
Act 10:45 All of the circumcised Messianics who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of Ruach ha'Kodesh was poured out also on the ethnicities.
Act 10:46 For they heard them speaking multilingually and praising Yehowah.
Act 10:47 Then Peter asked, "Can anyone keep water from these people, so they should not be immersed, these who have received Ruach ha'Kodesh as well as we?"
Act 10:48 Then he commanded them to be immersed in the name of Yeshua. Then they asked him to stay with them for several days.

Acts Chapter 11

Act 11:1 Now the apostles and the brethren and sistren who were in Judea heard that the ethnicities also had received the Word of Yehowah.
Act 11:2 When Peter had come up to Jerusalem, they who belonged to the circumcision group criticized him,
Act 11:3 "You associated with uncircumcised men and ate with them!"
Act 11:4 But Peter started to explain the matter to them in chronological detail,
Act 11:5 "I was praying in the city of Joppa, and I had a vision of a container coming down, like a large sheet let down from Heaven by its four corners. It descended to me.
Act 11:6 I gazed at it, and I thought about it. I saw the four-legged mammals of earth, wild animals, reptiles, and birds of the sky.
Act 11:7 Then I heard a voice order me, "Stand up, Peter; kill and eat!"
Act 11:8 I responded, "No way, Lord: For nothing defiled or unclean has ever entered into my mouth."
Act 11:9 But the voice spoke again from Heaven, "Whom Yehowah has cleansed, do not call defiled."
Act 11:10 This happened three times, and then everything was taken back up into Heaven again.
Act 11:11 Behold, right away there were three men standing in front of the house where we were; they had been sent from Caesarea Maritima to me.
Act 11:12 The Ruach told me to go with them, and that I should make no distinction regarding them. These six Messianic brothers went with me, and we went into the man's house.
Act 11:13 He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send men to Joppa and bring back Simon who is called Peter.
Act 11:14 He will preach to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household."
Act 11:15 As I began to speak to them, Ruach ha'Kodesh came on them, just as on us in the beginning (Acts 2; Shavuot; c. 30 AD).
Act 11:16 I remembered the words of Yeshua, how he prophesied, "John indeed immersed with water; but you will be immersed in Ruach ha'Kodesh."
Act 11:17 Then if Yehowah gave to them the same gift as he gave to us when we believed on Lord Yeshua Messiah, who was I, that I could oppose Yehowah?"
Act 11:18 When they heard these things, they said nothing in response, but they glorified Yehowah, "Then Yehowah has given repentance unto life to the ethnicities also!"

Act 11:19 Now those who had been scattered because of the persecution that started with the death of Stephen were spread as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, but they told the message only to Jews (c. 40 AD).
Act 11:20 But some of them, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, came to Antioch and spoke also to the Grecian Jews, telling them the good news of Lord Yeshua.
Act 11:21 And the hand of Yehowah was with them; a large number believed and turned to the Lord.
Act 11:22 News about them came to the ears of the congregation in Jerusalem: And they sent out Barnabas as far as Antioch.
Act 11:23 When he came and saw the grace of Yehowah, he was glad; and he encouraged them all to remain with the Lord with all their heart.
Act 11:24 For he was a good man and full of Ruach ha'Kodesh and faith, and many people were added to the Lord.
Act 11:25 Barnabas then went out to Tarsus to look for Saul.
Act 11:26 When he found him, he brought him to Antioch. It came about, that for an entire year they gathered together with the congregation and taught many people (c. 41 AD). The disciples were called Messianics (Meshichim) first in Antioch.
Act 11:27 Now in these days, some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.
Act 11:28 One of them, Agabus by name, stood up and indicated by the Ruach that a great famine would occur over all the world. This happened in the days of Caesar Claudius I (c. 44 AD).
Act 11:29 So the disciples, as each one was able, decided to send help to the brethren and sistren in Judea.
Act 11:30 They did this; they sent money to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Acts Chapter 12

Act 12:1 Now about that time, King Herod Agrippa I laid hands on some who belonged to the congregation, so that he might mistreat them.
Act 12:2 He murdered Jacob the brother of John with the sword.
Act 12:3 After he saw that this pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. That was during the days of Unleavened Bread.
Act 12:4 After arresting him, he put him in prison and assigned four squads of soldiers to guard him; he was intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover.
Act 12:5 So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer was made earnestly to Yehowah for him by those in the congregation.
Act 12:6 The day before Herod was going to bring him out for execution, that night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains; and guards in front of the door were watching over the prison.
Act 12:7 Behold, an angel of Yehowah suddenly appeared by him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, and said, “Get up quickly.” Then his chains fell off from his hands.
Act 12:8 The angel said to him, “Dress yourself and put on your sandals.” Peter did so. The angel said to him, “Put on your outer garment and follow me.”
Act 12:9 So Peter followed the angel and went out. He did not know that what was done by the angel was real. He thought he was seeing a vision.
Act 12:10 After they had passed by the first guard and the second, they came to the iron gate that led into the city; it opened for them by itself. They went out and went down a street, and the angel left him right away.
Act 12:11 When Peter came to sentience, he said, “Now I truly know that Yehowah has sent his angel and delivered me out of the hand of Herod Agrippa I, and from all the expectation of the Jewish people.”
Act 12:12 After he realized this, he came to the house of Miriam the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; many believers had gathered there and were praying.
Act 12:13 When Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer.
Act 12:14 When she recognized Peter’s voice, out of joy she failed to open the door; instead, she came running into the room; she reported that Peter was standing at the door.
Act 12:15 So they said to her, “You are insane.” But she insisted that it was so. They said, “It is his angel.”
Act 12:16 But Peter continued knocking, and when they had opened the door, they saw him and were amazed.

Act 12:17 Peter motioned to them with his hand to be silent, and he told them how Yehowah had brought him out of prison. He said, “Report these things to Jacob and to the brethren and sistren.” Then he left and went to another place.
Act 12:18 Now when it became day, there was no small excitement among the soldiers, regarding what had happened to Peter.
Act 12:19 After Herod had searched for him and could not find him, he questioned the guards and ordered them to be executed. Then Herod went down from Judea to Caesarea Maritima and stayed there.
Act 12:20 Now Herod Agrippa I was extremely angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon. They went to him together. They persuaded Blastus, the king’s assistant, to help them. Then they asked for peace, because their country received its food from the king’s country.
Act 12:21 On a set day, Herod dressed himself in royal clothing and sat on a throne; he made a speech to them.
Act 12:22 The people shouted, “This is the voice of a deity, not of a human!”
Act 12:23 Immediately, an angel of Yehowah struck him, because he did not give Yehowah the glory; he was eaten by worms and died (c. 44 AD).
Act 12:24 But the Word of Yehowah grew and multiplied.
Act 12:25 After Barnabas and Saul completed their mission to Jerusalem, they returned from there (c. 44 AD); they took with them John, whose surname was Mark.

Acts Chapter 13

Act 13:1 Now in the congregation in Syrian Antioch, there were some prophets and teachers. They were Barnabas, Symeon, called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen, the foster brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
Act 13:2 While they were worshiping Yehowah and fasting, Ruach ha'Kodesh directed, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul, to do the work for which I have called them."
Act 13:3 After they had fasted, prayed, and laid their hands on these men, they sent them off.
Act 13:4 So Barnabas and Saul obeyed Ruach ha'Kodesh and went down to Seleucia; from there they sailed to the island of Cyprus (c. 44 AD; 1st missionary journey).
Act 13:5 When they were in the city of Salamis, they proclaimed the Word of Yehowah in the houses of assembly of the Jews. They also had John Mark as their assistant.
Act 13:6 When they had gone through the whole island to Paphos, they found a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet, whose name was Bar Yehoshua,
Act 13:7 who associated with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, who was an intelligent man. This man summoned Barnabas and Saul, because he wanted to hear the Word of Yehowah.
Act 13:8 But Elymas "the magician," that is how his name is translated, opposed them; he tried to turn the proconsul away from the faith.
Act 13:9 But Saul, who is also called Paul (Acts 22:28, his Roman name), filled with Ruach ha'Kodesh, stared at him intensely,
Act 13:10 and prophesied, "You son of the Devil, you are full of all kinds of deceit and wickedness. You are an enemy of every kind of righteousness. You will never stop twisting the straight Paths of Yehowah, will you?
Act 13:11 Now look, the hand of Yehowah is upon you, and you will become blind. You will not see the sun for awhile." Immediately, there fell on Elymas a mist and darkness; he started going around asking people to lead him by the hand.
Act 13:12 After the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, because he was astonished at the teaching of Yeshua.
Act 13:13 Now Paul and his friends set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. But John Mark left them and returned to Jerusalem.
Act 13:14 Paul and his friends traveled from Perga and came to Pisidian Antioch. There they went into the house of assembly on the Sabbath day and sat down.
Act 13:15 After the reading of the law and the prophets (weekly Torah portion in the Tanakh), the leaders of the house of assembly sent them a message,

“Brothers, if you have any message of encouragement for the people here, express it.”
Act 13:16 So Paul stood up and motioned with his hand; he preached, “Men of Israel and you who honor Yehowah, listen.
Act 13:17 The Mighty One of this people Israel chose our forefathers and made the people numerous when they stayed as foreigners in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm he led them out of it (c. 1650 BC).
Act 13:18 For about forty years, he put up with them in the wilderness.
Act 13:19 After he had destroyed seven ethnicities in the land of Canaan, he gave our people their land for an inheritance,
Act 13:20 for about four hundred fifty years. After all these things, he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet (c. 1123 BC).
Act 13:21 Then the people asked for a king, and Yehowah gave them Saul son of Kish, a man from the tribe of Benjamin, to be king for forty years (died, c. 1063 BC).
Act 13:22 After Yehowah removed him from the kingship, he raised up David to be their king. It was about David that Yehowah said, ‘I have found David son of Jesse to be a man after my heart, who does all I want him to do.’
Act 13:23 From this man’s descendants Yehowah has raised for Israel a Savior, Yeshua, as he promised to do.
Act 13:24 This began to happen when, before Yeshua came, John first announced the immersion of repentance to all the people of Israel.
Act 13:25 As John was finishing his work, he said, ‘Who do you think I am? I am not the One. But listen, One is coming after me, the sandal of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.’
Act 13:26 Brethren and sistren, children of the line of Abraham, and those among you who worship Yehowah, it is to us that the message about this salvation has been sent.
Act 13:27 For they who live in Jerusalem, and their rulers, did not recognize him, and they fulfilled sayings of the prophets that are read every Sabbath, by condemning him.
Act 13:28 Even though they found no good cause for death in him, they asked Pontius Pilate to murder him.
Act 13:29 When they had completed all the things that were written about him, they took him down from the tree (cross) and laid him in a tomb.
Act 13:30 But Yehowah raised him from the dead (c. 30 AD).
Act 13:31 He was seen for many days by those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to the ethnicities.
Act 13:32 So we are bringing you the good news about the promise made to our forefathers:

Act 13:33 Yehowah has kept this promise to us, their children, in that he raised up Yeshua back to life. This is also what was written in the second Psalm: ‘You are my Son, today I have become your Father.’
Act 13:34 Also, about the fact that he raised him up from the dead, so that his body will not return to decomposition, he has spoken like this: ‘I will give you the trustworthy and sure blessings of David.’
Act 13:35 This is why he also says in another Psalm, ‘You will not allow your Set-apart One to see decomposition’ (Psa. 16:10).
Act 13:36 For after David had in his own generation served the desires of Yehowah, he died (c. 1023 BC), was laid with his fathers, and saw decomposition,
Act 13:37 but he whom Yehowah raised up saw no decomposition.
Act 13:38 So let it be known to you, brethren and sistren, that through this Man is proclaimed to you forgiveness of sins.
Act 13:39 By him every one who believes is justified from all the things which the Law of Moses could not justify you.
Act 13:40 So then be careful that the thing the prophets spoke about does not happen to you:
Act 13:41 ‘Look, you despisers, and be astonished and then perish; for I am doing a work in your days, a work that you will never believe, even if someone announces it to you.’”
Act 13:42 As the Jews left the house of assembly, the ethnicities begged Paul and Barnabas, that they might speak these same words again the next Sabbath.
Act 13:43 When the gathering ended, many of the Jews and reverent proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to continue in the grace of Yehowah.
Act 13:44 On the next Sabbath, almost the whole city was gathered together to hear the Word of Yehowah.
Act 13:45 When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and spoke against the things that were said by Paul, insulting him and blaspheming.
Act 13:46 But Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, “It was necessary that the Word of Yehowah should first be spoken to you. Seeing you push it away from yourselves and consider yourselves unworthy of eternal life, see, we will turn to the ethnicities.
Act 13:47 For so has the Lord commanded us, ‘I have placed you as a light for the ethnicities, that you should bring Salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth’” (Isa. 49:6).
Act 13:48 As the non-Jews heard this, they were glad and glorified the Word of Yehowah. As many as were appointed to eternal life believed.
Act 13:49 The Word of Yehowah spread throughout that whole region.

Act 13:50 But the Jews urged on the reverent and important women, as well as the leading men of the city. These stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas and threw them out beyond their borders.
Act 13:51 But Paul and Barnabas shook off the dust from their feet against them. Then they went to the city of Iconium.
Act 13:52 And the disciples were filled with joy and Ruach ha'Kodesh.

Acts Chapter 14

Act 14:1 It came about in Iconium, that Paul and Barnabas entered together into the Jews' house of assembly and spoke in such a way that a great multitude both of Jews and Greeks believed.
Act 14:2 But the Jews who were disobedient stirred up the minds of the ethnicities and made them bitter against the brothers.
Act 14:3 So they stayed there for a long time, speaking boldly with the power of Yehowah, while he gave evidence about the message of his grace. He did this by granting signs and wonders to be done by the hands of Paul and Barnabas.
Act 14:4 But the majority of the city was divided: Some people sided with the Jews and some with the apostles.
Act 14:5 When both ethnicities and Jews attempted to persuade their leaders to mistreat and stone Paul and Barnabas,
Act 14:6 they became aware of it and fled to the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra and Derbe, and the surrounding region,
Act 14:7 and there they were preaching the good news.
Act 14:8 At Lystra a certain man sat, powerless in his feet, a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked.
Act 14:9 This man heard Paul speaking. Paul fixed his eyes on him, and saw that he had faith to be made well.
Act 14:10 So he commanded him in a loud voice, "Stand up on your feet!" And the man jumped up and walked around.
Act 14:11 When the multitude saw what Paul had done, they raised their voice, saying in the dialect of Lycaonia, "The deities have come down to us in the form of men!"
Act 14:12 They called Barnabas, "Zeus," and Paul, "Hermes," because he was the main speaker.
Act 14:13 The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and wreaths to the gates; he and the multitudes wanted to offer sacrifice.
Act 14:14 But when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of it, they tore their clothing and quickly went out into the crowd, crying out,
Act 14:15 "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are humans with the same feelings as you! We bring you the good news, that you should turn from these useless things to living Yehowah, who made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them!
Act 14:16 In the past ages, he allowed all the ethnicities to walk in their own ways.

Act 14:17 But still, he did not leave himself without witness, in that he did good and gave you the rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling your hearts with food and gladness."
Act 14:18 Even with these words, Paul and Barnabas barely kept the multitudes from sacrificing to them.
Act 14:19 But some Jews from Antioch and Iconium came and persuaded the crowds. They stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, thinking according to their custom that he was dead.
Act 14:20 Yet as the disciples were standing around him, he rose up and entered the city. The next day, he went to Derbe with Barnabas.
Act 14:21 After they had preached the good news in that city and discipled many, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch.
Act 14:22 They kept strengthening the souls of the disciples and encouraging them to continue in the faith, "We must enter into the Kingdom of Yehowah through many tribulations."
Act 14:23 When they had appointed for them elders in every congregation, and had prayed with fasting, they entrusted them to the Lord, in whom they had believed.
Act 14:24 Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia.
Act 14:25 When they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.
Act 14:26 From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of Yehowah for the work which they had now completed (c. 46 AD).
Act 14:27 When they arrived in Antioch and gathered the congregation together, they reported all the things that Yehowah had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith for the ethnicities.
Act 14:28 They stayed for a long time with the disciples (c. 46-49 AD).

Acts Chapter 15

Act 15:1 Certain men came down from Judea and taught the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised after the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”
Act 15:2 When Paul and Barnabas had a confrontation and debate with them, the brothers decided that Paul, Barnabas, and certain others should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question (c. 49 AD).
Act 15:3 They therefore, being sent by the congregation, passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria and announced the conversion of the ethnicities. They brought great joy to all the brethren and sistren.
Act 15:4 When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the congregation, the apostles, and the elders, and they reported all the things that Yehowah had done with them.
Act 15:5 But Messianic believers who belonged to the sect of Pharisees stood up and said, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to command them to keep the Law of Moses.”
Act 15:6 So the apostles and the elders gathered together to consider this matter.
Act 15:7 After much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brothers, you know that a good while ago Yehowah made a choice among you, that by my mouth the ethnicities should hear the word of the good news and believe.
Act 15:8 Yehowah, who knows the heart, witnesses to them, giving them Ruach ha’Kodesh, just as he did to us;
Act 15:9 and he made no distinction between us and them, making their hearts clean by faith.
Act 15:10 Now therefore, why do you test Yehowah, that you should put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?
Act 15:11 But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of Lord Yeshua Messiah, just as they were.”
Act 15:12 All the multitude kept silent while they listened to Barnabas and Paul report the signs and wonders Yehowah had worked among the ethnicities through them.
Act 15:13 After they stopped speaking, Jacob answered, “Brothers, listen to me.
Act 15:14 Simon has told how Yehowah first graciously helped the ethnicities in order to take from them a people for his name.
Act 15:15 The words of the prophets agree with this, as it is written,
Act 15:16 ‘After these things I will return, and I will build again the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will set it up and restore its ruins again,
Act 15:17 so that the remnant of people may seek Yehowah, including all the ethnicities called by my name.

Act 15:18 This is what Yehowah declares, who has done these things that have been well known from ancient times' (Amos 9:11-12).
Act 15:19 Therefore, my opinion is that we should not trouble those of the ethnicities who return to Yehowah (Isa. 10:22);
Act 15:20 but that we write to them that they must keep away from the pollution of idols, from sexual immorality, from what is suffocated, and from consuming blood (Lev. 17:10-14; Gen. 9:4; Deut. 12:23; Deut. 15:23).
Act 15:21 From generations of old there are people in every city who are preaching and reading Moses in the houses of assembly every Sabbath (discipleship by studying the weekly Torah portion; Mat. 28:19; Luke 16:29)."
Act 15:22 Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole congregation (Acts 11:26), to choose Judah called Barsabbas, and Silas, who were leaders of the brethren and sistren, and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas.
Act 15:23 They wrote this: "The apostles, the elders and brothers, to the non-Jewish brothers in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia, greetings.
Act 15:24 We have heard that certain men to whom we gave no such commandment, went out from us and have troubled you with teachings that upset your souls, saying you must be circumcised and observe the law.
Act 15:25 So it seemed good to all of us to agree to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,
Act 15:26 people who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Yeshua Messiah.
Act 15:27 We have sent therefore Judah and Silas, who will also tell you the same things.
Act 15:28 For it seemed good to Ruach ha'Kodesh and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things:
Act 15:29 That you turn away from things sacrificed to idols, from consuming blood, from things suffocated, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, it will be well with you. Farewell."
Act 15:30 So they, when they were dismissed, came down to Antioch; after they gathered the multitude together, they delivered the letter.
Act 15:31 When they had read it, they rejoiced because of the encouragement!
Act 15:32 Judah and Silas, also prophets, encouraged the brethren and sistren with many words and strengthened them.
Act 15:33 After they had spent some time there, they were sent away in peace from the brethren and sistren to the apostles.
Act 15:34 But it seemed good to Silas to remain there.
Act 15:35 But Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch along with many others, where they taught and preached the Word of Yehowah.

Act 15:36 After some days Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us return now and visit the brethren and sistren in every city where we proclaimed the Word of Yehowah, and see how they are.
Act 15:37 Barnabas wanted to also take with them John who was called Mark (Col. 4:10).
Act 15:38 But Paul thought it was not good to take Mark, who had left them in Pamphylia and did not go further with them in the work.
Act 15:39 Then there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other, and Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus.
Act 15:40 But Paul chose Silas and left, after he was entrusted by the brothers to the grace of Yehowah.
Act 15:41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the congregations (c. 49 AD; 2nd missionary journey).

Acts Chapter 16

Act 16:1 Paul also came to Derbe and to Lystra; and behold, a certain disciple named Timothy was there, the son of a Messianic Jewess; his father was a Greek.
Act 16:2 He was well spoken of by the brethren and sistren who were at Lystra and Iconium.
Act 16:3 Paul wanted him to travel with him; so he took him and circumcised him, because of the Jews that were in those parts, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.
Act 16:4 As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to the congregations the instructions for them to obey, the instructions that had been written by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem.
Act 16:5 So the congregations were strengthened in the faith and increased in number daily.
Act 16:6 Paul and his companions went through the regions of Phrygia and Galatia, since they had been forbidden by Ruach ha'Kodesh to preach the word in the province of Asia.
Act 16:7 When they came near Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Ruach prevented them.
Act 16:8 So passing by Mysia, they came down to the city of Troas.
Act 16:9 A vision appeared to Paul in the night: A man of Macedonia was standing there, calling him, "Come over into Macedonia and help us!"
Act 16:10 When Paul had seen the vision, immediately we set out to go to Macedonia, concluding that Yehowah had called us to preach the good news to them (c. 49 AD; 2nd missionary journey).
Act 16:11 Setting sail therefore from Troas, we made a straight course to Samothrace, and the next day we came to Neapolis;
Act 16:12 From there we went to Philippi, which is a city of Macedonia, the most important city in the district and a Roman colony, and we stayed in this city for several days.
Act 16:13 On the Sabbath, we went outside the gate by the river, where we thought there would be a place of prayer. We sat down and spoke to the women who had come together.
Act 16:14 A certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple cloth, from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped Yehowah, listened to us. Yehowah opened her heart to pay attention to the things which were spoken by Paul.
Act 16:15 When she was immersed, and her household, she urged us, "If you have judged me to be faithful to Yehowah, come into my house and stay there." And she persuaded us.

Act 16:16 It came about that, as we were going to the place of prayer, a certain young woman who had a spirit of divination encountered us. She brought her masters much gain by fortunetelling.
Act 16:17 This woman followed after Paul and us, and shouted, “These men are servants of Most High Yehowah! They proclaim to you the Way of salvation!”
Act 16:18 She did this for many days. But Paul, being greatly annoyed by her, turned and ordered the spirit, “I command you in the name of Yeshua Messiah to come out of her.” And it came out right away.
Act 16:19 When her masters saw that the hope of their gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities.
Act 16:20 When they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, “These men are Jews and are making a lot of trouble in our city.
Act 16:21 They are teaching things that are not lawful for us to receive or to observe as Romans.”
Act 16:22 Then the crowd rose up together against Paul and Silas; the magistrates tore their garments off them and commanded them to be beaten with rods.
Act 16:23 When they had laid many blows upon them, they threw them into prison and commanded the jailer to keep them securely.
Act 16:24 After he received this command, the jailer threw them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks (c. 49 AD).
Act 16:25 Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to Yehowah, and the other prisoners were listening to them.
Act 16:26 Suddenly, there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately, all the doors were opened, and everyone’s chains were unfastened.
Act 16:27 The jailer was awakened from sleep and saw the open prison doors; he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, because he thought that the prisoners had escaped.
Act 16:28 But Paul shouted with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, because we are all here!”
Act 16:29 The jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling for fear, fell down before Paul and Silas,
Act 16:30 and brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”
Act 16:31 They answered, “Believe in Lord Yeshua Messiah, so that you may be saved, you and your household.”
Act 16:32 They spoke the Word of Yehowah to him, together with everyone in his household.
Act 16:33 Then the jailer took them at the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he and all his household were immersed immediately.

Act 16:34 He brought Paul and Silas up into his house and set food before them. He rejoiced greatly with all his household, because they had all believed in Yehowah.
Act 16:35 Now when it was day, the magistrates sent word to the guards, “Let those men go.”
Act 16:36 The jailer reported the words to Paul, “The magistrates have sent word to me to let you go: Now therefore, come out and go in peace.”
Act 16:37 But Paul replied to them, “They have publicly beaten us, men who are uncondemned Romans, and have thrown us into prison; and do they now drive us out secretly? No indeed; let them come themselves and bring us out.”
Act 16:38 The guards reported these words to the magistrates; the magistrates were afraid when they heard that Paul and Silas were Romans.
Act 16:39 The magistrates came and begged them; and when they had brought them out of prison, they asked Paul and Silas to leave the city.
Act 16:40 So Paul and Silas went out of the prison and came to the house of Lydia. When Paul and Silas saw the brethren and sistren, they encouraged them and then departed from the city.

Acts Chapter 17

Act 17:1 Now when they had passed through the cities of Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to the city of Thessalonica, where there was the Jews' house of assembly.
Act 17:2 Paul, as his custom was, went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures (Tanakh).
Act 17:3 He was opening the Scriptures and explaining that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise again from the dead, "This Yeshua whom I proclaim to you is Messiah."
Act 17:4 Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, including the reverent Greeks, many of the leading women, and a large crowd.
Act 17:5 But the unbelieving Jews, being moved with jealousy, took certain wicked men from the marketplace, gathered a crowd together, and set the city in an uproar. Assaulting the house of Jason, they wanted to bring Paul and Silas out to the people.
Act 17:6 But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and certain other brothers before the officials of the city (Acts 11:26), crying, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also!
Act 17:7 These men whom Jason has welcomed act against the decrees of Caesar Claudius I; they say that there is another king, Yeshua!"
Act 17:8 When the crowd and the officials of the city heard these things, they were troubled.
Act 17:9 After they had taken financial security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.
Act 17:10 That night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas to Berea. When they arrived there, they went into the Jews' house of assembly.
Act 17:11 Now these people were more noble than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with all readiness of mind, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.
Act 17:12 Therefore, many of them believed, including some influential Greek women and many men.
Act 17:13 But when the Jews of Thessalonica learned that Paul was also proclaiming the Word of Yehowah at Berea, they went there and agitated the crowds.
Act 17:14 Then immediately, the brothers sent Paul to go to the sea, but Silas and Timothy stayed there.
Act 17:15 Those who were leading Paul took him as far as the city of Athens. As they left Paul there, they received from him instructions for Silas and Timothy to come to him as quickly as possible.

Act 17:16 Now while Paul was waiting for them in Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw the city full of idols.
Act 17:17 So he reasoned in the house of assembly with the Jews and those who worshiped Yehowah, and also with those he met every day in the marketplace.
Act 17:18 But also, some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some asked, “What is this babbler trying to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign deities,” because he was preaching Yeshua and the resurrection.
Act 17:19 They took Paul and brought him to the Areopagus, asking, “May we know this new teaching which you were speaking?
Act 17:20 For you bring some strange things to our ears. Therefore, we want to know what these things mean.”
Act 17:21 Now all the Athenians and the sojourning foreigners living there spent their time in nothing but either telling or listening to something new.
Act 17:22 So Paul stood in the middle of the Areopagus and preached, “You men of Athens, I see that you are intensely religious in every way.
Act 17:23 For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found an altar with this inscription, “To The Unknown Deity.” What therefore you worship in ignorance, this I announce to you.
Act 17:24 Yehowah, who made the world and everything in it, since he is Lord of Heaven and earth, does not live in temples built with hands.
Act 17:25 Neither is he served by people’s hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives people life, breath, and everything else.
Act 17:26 And from one blood he made every ethnicity of humans living on the surface of the earth, having determined their appointed seasons and the boundaries of their living areas (Deut. 19:14).
Act 17:27 Therefore, they should seek Yehowah, and perhaps they might reach out to him and find him, and indeed, he is not far from any one of us.
Act 17:28 For in him we live and move and have our being, just as one of your own poets has said, ‘For we also are his offspring.’
Act 17:29 Therefore, since we are the offspring of Yehowah, we ought not to think that the Divinity is like gold, or silver, or stones, sculptured with the art and thought of humans.
Act 17:30 Therefore, Yehowah overlooked the times of ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.
Act 17:31 This is because he has set a Day when he will judge the world in righteousness by the Man he has chosen. Yehowah has given proof of this Man to everyone by raising him from the dead.”
Act 17:32 Now when the men of Athens heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked Paul; but others said, “We will listen to you again about this matter.”

Act 17:33 After that, Paul left them.
Act 17:34 But certain men joined him and believed, including Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Acts Chapter 18

Act 18:1 After these things, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth (50 AD).
Act 18:2 There he found a certain Jew named Aquila, a man of Pontus by kinship; he had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Caesar Claudius I had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome (c 49 AD); and Paul came to them;
Act 18:3 Paul lived and worked with them, because he was of the same trade. They were tentmakers.
Act 18:4 So Paul reasoned in the house of assembly every Sabbath. He persuaded both Jews and Greeks.
Act 18:5 But when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was compelled by the Ruach to testify to the Jews that Yeshua is Messiah.
Act 18:6 When the Jews opposed and insulted him, Paul shook out his garment at them and said to them, "May your blood be upon your own heads; I am innocent. From now on I will go to the ethnicities."
Act 18:7 Then he left from there and went to the house of Titius Justus, a man who worshiped Yehowah. His house was next to the house of assembly.
Act 18:8 Crispus, the leader of the house of assembly, and all of his household, believed in the Lord. Many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were immersed (Acts 11:26).
Act 18:9 Yeshua encouraged Paul in a night vision, "Do not be afraid but speak and do not be silent.
Act 18:10 For I am with you, and no one will try to harm you, for I have many people in this city."
Act 18:11 Paul lived there for a year and six months, teaching the Word of Yehowah among them.
Act 18:12 But when Gallio became governor of Achaia, the Jews rose up together against Paul and brought him before the judgment seat;
Act 18:13 they accused, "This man persuades people to worship Yehowah contrary to the law."
Act 18:14 Yet when Paul was about to speak, Gallio declared to the Jews, "You Jews, if indeed it were a matter of wrong or a crime, it would be reasonable to deal with you.
Act 18:15 But since these are questions about words, names, and your own law, settle it yourselves. I will not be a judge of these matters."
Act 18:16 Gallio made them leave the judgment seat.
Act 18:17 So all the non-Jews seized Sosthenes, the ruler of the house of assembly, and beat him in front of the judgment seat. But Gallio did not care what they did.

Act 18:18 Paul, after staying there for many more days, left the brethren and sistren and sailed for Syria with Priscilla and Aquila. Before he left the seaport, Cenchreae, he had his head shaved, because he had just commenced a Nazirite vow (Num. 6; c. 52 AD).
Act 18:19 When they came to Ephesus, Paul left Priscilla and Aquila there, but he himself went into the house of assembly and reasoned with the Jews.
Act 18:20 When they asked Paul to stay a longer time, he declined.
Act 18:21 But he took leave of them, explaining, "I must by all means keep the coming appointment calendar festival (Passover, see ch. 20; c. 52 AD), as is my custom, at Jerusalem, but I will return again to you, if it is the will of Yehowah." And he sailed from Ephesus.
Act 18:22 When Paul had landed at Caesarea Maritima, he went up and greeted the congregation and then went down to Antioch (Acts 11:26).
Act 18:23 After having spent some time there, Paul departed and went through the regions of Galatia and Phrygia consecutively and encouraged all the disciples (c. 53 AD; 3rd missionary journey).
Act 18:24 Now a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, came to Ephesus. He was eloquent in speech and mighty in the Scriptures.
Act 18:25 Apollos had been instructed in the Way of the Lord. Being fervent in the Ruach, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning the Lord, but he knew only the immersion of John.
Act 18:26 Apollos began to speak boldly in the house of assembly. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they befriended him and explained to him the Way of Yehowah more accurately.
Act 18:27 When he desired to pass over into Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples in Achaia to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who believed by grace.
Act 18:28 Apollos publicly overwhelmed the Jews with his power and skill, showing by the Scriptures that Yeshua is Messiah.

Acts Chapter 19

Act 19:1 It came about that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to the city of Ephesus (c. 54-57 AD), and found certain disciples there (Acts 11:26).
Act 19:2 Paul asked them, “Did you receive Ruach ha’Kodesh when you believed?” They said to him, “No, we did not even hear about Ruach ha’Kodesh.”
Act 19:3 Paul asked, “Into what then were you immersed?” They answered, “Into John’s immersion.”
Act 19:4 So Paul replied, “John immersed with the immersion of repentance. He told the people that they should believe in the One who would come after him, that is, in Messiah Yeshua.”
Act 19:5 When the people heard this, they were immersed in the name of Lord Yeshua.
Act 19:6 Then when Paul had laid his hands on them, Ruach ha’Kodesh came on them, and they spoke multilingually and prophesied.
Act 19:7 In all, they were about twelve men.
Act 19:8 Paul went into the house of assembly and spoke boldly for the space of three months. He was leading discussions and persuading people about the things concerning the Kingdom of Yehowah.
Act 19:9 But when some Jews were hardened and disobedient, they began to speak evil of the Way before the crowd. So Paul left them and led the believers away from them (Acts 11:26). He began to speak every day in the lecture hall of Tyrannus.
Act 19:10 This continued for two years, so that all who lived in Asia heard the word of Lord Yeshua, both Jews and Greeks.
Act 19:11 Yehowah was doing mighty deeds by the hands of Paul,
Act 19:12 so that even the sick were healed, and evil spirits went out of them, when they took facecloths and aprons from Paul’s body.
Act 19:13 But there were Jewish exorcists traveling through the area who took the name of Lord Yeshua for their own use. They spoke it over those who had evil spirits, “I command you to leave by Yeshua whom Paul preaches.”
Act 19:14 Those who did this were the seven sons of a Jewish chief priest, Sceva (possibly Kamithos or Sceua).
Act 19:15 An evil spirit answered them, “Yeshua I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?”
Act 19:16 The evil spirit in the man leaped on the exorcists and overpowered them and beat them up. Then they fled out of that house naked and wounded.
Act 19:17 This became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, who lived at Ephesus. They became afraid, and the name of Lord Yeshua was magnified.

Act 19:18 Also, many of the believers came, confessed, and admitted the evil things they had done (Acts 11:26).
Act 19:19 Many who practiced magical arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of everyone. When they counted the value of them, it was fifty thousand silver coins.
Act 19:20 So the Word of Yehowah spread more widely in powerful ways.
Act 19:21 Now after Paul completed his ministry in Ephesus, he decided in the Ruach to pass through Macedonia and Achaia on his way to Jerusalem; he said, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome."
Act 19:22 Paul sent to Macedonia two of his disciples, Timothy and Erastus, who had helped him. But he himself stayed in Asia for awhile.
Act 19:23 At about that time (c. 57 AD), there arose a great disturbance in Ephesus concerning the Way (Acts 11:26).
Act 19:24 A certain silversmith named Demetrius, who made silver statues of Artemis, brought in much business for the craftsmen.
Act 19:25 So he gathered together the workmen of that occupation and said, "Sirs, you know that in this business we make a lot of money.
Act 19:26 You see and hear that, not only at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away many people. He is saying that there are no deities that are made with hands.
Act 19:27 And not only is there danger that our trade will no longer be needed, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis may be considered worthless. Then she would even lose her greatness, she whom all Asia and the world worships."
Act 19:28 When they heard this, they were filled with anger and cried out, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"
Act 19:29 The whole city was filled with confusion, and the people rushed together into the theater. They had seized Paul's travel companions, Gaius and Aristarchus, who came from Macedonia.
Act 19:30 Paul wanted to enter in among the crowd of people, but the disciples prevented him.
Act 19:31 Also, some of the officials of the province of Asia, who were his friends, sent him a message strongly requesting him not to enter the theater.
Act 19:32 Some people were shouting one thing, and some another, for the crowd was in confusion. Most of them did not even know why they had come together.
Act 19:33 The Jews brought Alexander out of the crowd putting him up in front of the people. Alexander motioned with his hand to make an explanation to the people.
Act 19:34 But when they realized that he was a Jew, they all cried out with one voice for about two hours, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"

Act 19:35 When the town clerk had quieted the crowd, he asked, “You people of Ephesus, what human is there who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is temple keeper of the great Artemis, and of the image which fell down from heaven?
Act 19:36 Seeing then that these things are undeniable, you ought to be quiet and do nothing rash.
Act 19:37 For you have brought these men to this court who are neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers of our goddess.
Act 19:38 Therefore, if Demetrius and the craftsmen who are with him have an accusation against anyone, the courts are open and there are proconsuls. Let them accuse one another.
Act 19:39 But if you seek anything about other matters, it will be settled in a lawful assembly.
Act 19:40 For indeed, we are in danger of being accused concerning this day’s riot. There is no cause for this disorder, and we will not be able to explain it.”
Act 19:41 When he had said this, he dismissed the assembly.

Acts Chapter 20

Act 20:1 After the uproar was over (c. 57 AD), Paul sent for the disciples and encouraged them. Then he said farewell to them and left to go into Macedonia.
Act 20:2 When he had gone through those regions and had fruitfully encouraged the believers (Acts 11:26), he went into Greece.
Act 20:3 After he had spent three months there, a plot was formed against him by the Jews, as he was about to sail for Syria, so he decided to return through Macedonia.
Act 20:4 Accompanying him as far as Asia were Sopater son of Pyrrhus from Berea; Aristarchus and Secundus, both from the Thessalonian believers (Acts 11:26); Gaius of Derbe; Timothy; and Tychicus and Trophimus from Asia.
Act 20:5 But these men had gone before us and were waiting for us at Troas.
Act 20:6 We sailed away from Philippi during the days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days we came to them in Troas. There we stayed for the remainder of the seven days (of ULB; c. 58 AD).
Act 20:7 On the first of the Sabbaths (counting to Pentecost), when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul spoke to the believers (Acts 11:26). He was planning to leave the next day, so he kept speaking until midnight.
Act 20:8 There were many lamps in the upper room where we had come together.
Act 20:9 In the window was sitting a young man named Eutychus, who fell into a deep sleep. As Paul spoke even longer, this young man, still sleeping, fell down from the third story and was picked up dead.
Act 20:10 But Paul went down, stretched himself out on him, and embraced him. Then he exclaimed, “Do not be upset any more, for he is alive!”
Act 20:11 Then he went upstairs again, broke bread, and ate. After talking with them much longer until daybreak, he left.
Act 20:12 They brought back the boy alive and were extremely comforted.
Act 20:13 We ourselves went ahead of Paul by ship and sailed away to Assos, where we planned to take Paul on board. This is what he himself desired to do, because he planned to go by land.
Act 20:14 When he met us at Assos, we took him onto the ship and went to Mitylene.
Act 20:15 Then we sailed from there and arrived the next day opposite the island of Chios. The following day we touched at the island of Samos and stayed at Trogyllium; and the day after, we came to the city of Miletus.
Act 20:16 For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not spend any time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be in Jerusalem for the Day of Shavuot (Pentecost, Omer day 50, c. 58 AD), if it were at all possible for him to do so.

Act 20:17 From Miletus, he sent men to Ephesus and called to himself the elders of the congregation (Acts 11:26).
Act 20:18 When they had come to him, he said to them, “You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I always spent my time with you.
Act 20:19 I kept serving the Lord with all humility and with tears, and in sufferings that happened to me because of the plots of the Jews.
Act 20:20 You know how I did not keep back from declaring to you anything that was useful, and how I taught you in public and also going from house to house.
Act 20:21 You know how I kept warning both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward Yehowah and faith in our Lord Yeshua Messiah.
Act 20:22 And now look, I go bound in the Ruach to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there,
Act 20:23 except that Ruach ha’Kodesh witnesses to me in every city and says that chains and sufferings await me.
Act 20:24 But I do not consider that my life is in any way precious to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry that I received from Lord Yeshua, to bear witness to the good news of the grace of Yehowah.
Act 20:25 And now look, I know that you all, among whom I went about preaching the Kingdom of Yehowah, will see my face no more.
Act 20:26 Therefore, I testify to you this day, that I am innocent of the blood of everyone.
Act 20:27 For I did not keep back from declaring to you the whole will of Yehowah.
Act 20:28 Therefore, be careful about yourselves, and about all the flock of which Ruach ha’Kodesh has made you overseers. Be careful to shepherd the congregation of Yehowah (Acts 11:26), which he purchased with his own blood.
Act 20:29 I know that after my departure, vicious wolves will enter in among you and not spare the flock.
Act 20:30 I know that from even among your own selves some men will come and say corrupt things, in order to draw away disciples after themselves.
Act 20:31 So be on guard. Remember that for three years, I did not stop instructing every one of you with tears night and day.
Act 20:32 And now, I entrust you to Yehowah and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are consecrated.
Act 20:33 I coveted no man’s silver, gold, or clothing.
Act 20:34 You yourselves know that these hands served my own needs and the needs of those who were with me.
Act 20:35 In all things, I gave you an example of how you should help the weak by working, and of how you should remember the words of Lord Yeshua, words that he himself taught: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Act 20:36 After he had spoken in this way, he knelt down and prayed with them all.
Act 20:37 They all cried intensely and fell on Paul’s neck and kissed him.
Act 20:38 They were sad most of all because of what he had said, that they would never see his face again. Then they escorted him to the ship.

Acts Chapter 21

Act 21:1 When we had parted from them and had set sail, we took a straight course to the city of Cos, and the next day to the city of Rhodes, and from there to the city of Patara.
Act 21:2 When we found a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail.
Act 21:3 When we had come in sight of the island of Cyprus, we left it on the left, and sailed to Syria, and landed at the city of Tyre (c. 58 AD), because it was there that the ship was to unload its cargo.
Act 21:4 After we found the disciples, we stayed there seven days. These disciples said to Paul through the Ruach that he should not set foot in Jerusalem.
Act 21:5 When we had spent the days, we left and went on our journey. They all, with their wives and children, escorted us on our way, until we were out of the city. Then we knelt down on the beach, prayed, and said farewell to each other.
Act 21:6 We went on board the ship, while they returned home again.
Act 21:7 When we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais. There we greeted the brethren and sistren and stayed with them for one day.
Act 21:8 On the next day, we and Paul left and went to Caesarea Maritima. We entered the house of Philip, preacher of the good news, who was one of the Seven, and we stayed with him.
Act 21:9 Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied.
Act 21:10 As we stayed there for some days, there came down from Judea a certain prophet named Agabus.
Act 21:11 He came to us and took Paul's belt. With it he tied his own feet and hands and prophesied, "Thus says Ruach ha'Kodesh, 'So will the Jews in Jerusalem tie up the man who owns this belt, and they will hand him over into the hands of the ethnicities.'"
Act 21:12 When we heard these things, both we and the people who lived in that place begged Paul not to go up to Jerusalem.
Act 21:13 Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready, not only to be tied up, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of Lord Yeshua."
Act 21:14 Since Paul did not wish to be persuaded, we stopped trying and said, "May the will of Yehowah be done."
Act 21:15 After these days, we picked up our luggage and went up to Jerusalem.
Act 21:16 There also went with us some of the disciples from Caesarea Maritima. They brought with them a man named Mnason, a man from Cyprus, an early disciple (Acts 11:26), with whom we would stay.

Act 21:17 When we had arrived in Jerusalem, the brethren and sistren welcomed us gladly.
Act 21:18 The next day, Paul went with us to Jacob, and all the elders were present.
Act 21:19 When he had greeted them, he reported one by one the things that Yehowah had done among the ethnicities through his ministry.
Act 21:20 When they heard it, they glorified Yehowah, and they said to him, “You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews have believed (Acts 11:26). All the Messianics are determined to uphold the law (Eze. 36:27).
Act 21:21 They have been told about you, that you teach all the Jews who live among the ethnicities to abandon Moses, and that you tell them not to circumcise their children, and not to follow the old customs.
Act 21:22 What should we do? The crowd will certainly gather together, because they will hear that you have come.
Act 21:23 So do what we say to you now: We have four men who made a vow (Num. 6).
Act 21:24 Take these men and purify yourself with them, and pay their expenses for them, so that they may shave their heads. So everyone will know that the things they have been told about you are false. They will learn that you also walk orderly and follow the law.
Act 21:25 But concerning the ethnicities who have believed (Acts 11:26), we wrote and gave the instructions that they should keep themselves from things sacrificed to idols, from consuming blood (Lev. 17:10-14; Gen. 9:4; Deut. 12:23; Deut. 15:23), from what is suffocated, and from sexual immorality.”
Act 21:26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day, purifying himself with them, went into the temple, announcing the completion of the days of purification, until the offering was offered for every one of them.
Act 21:27 When the seven days were almost finished, some Jews from Asia saw Paul in the temple, and excited all the multitude, and laid hands on him.
Act 21:28 They were shouting, “Men of Israel, help us! This is the man who teaches all people everywhere, things that are against the people, the law, and this place. Besides, he has also brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this Set-apart Place!”
Act 21:29 For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, and they thought that Paul had brought him into the temple.
Act 21:30 All the city was excited, and the people ran together and laid hold of Paul. They dragged him out of the temple, and the doors were immediately shut.
Act 21:31 As they were trying to kill him, news came up to the commander of the guard that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.

Act 21:32 Right away he took soldiers and centurions and ran down to the crowd. When the people saw the commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.
Act 21:33 Then the commander approached and laid hold on Paul, and commanded him to be bound with two chains. He asked who he was and what he had done.
Act 21:34 Some in the crowd were shouting one thing and others another. Since the commander could not tell anything, because of all the noise, he ordered that Paul be brought up into Antonia Fortress.
Act 21:35 When he came to the steps, he was carried by the soldiers because of the crowd's violence.
Act 21:36 For the crowd of people followed after and kept shouting out, "Away with him!"
Act 21:37 As Paul was about to be brought into Antonia Fortress, he asked the commander, "May I say something to you?" The commander asked, "Do you speak Greek?
Act 21:38 Are you not then the Egyptian, who previously led a rebellion and took the four thousand terrorists into the wilderness?"
Act 21:39 Paul answered, "I am a Jew, from the city of Tarsus in Cilicia. I am a citizen of an important city. I ask you, allow me to speak to the people."
Act 21:40 When the commander had given him permission, Paul stood on the steps and motioned with his hand to the people. When there was a deep silence, he spoke to them in the Aramaic language (c. 58 AD),

Acts Chapter 22

Act 22:1 “Brothers and fathers, listen to my defense which I will now make to you.”
Act 22:2 When the crowd heard Paul speak to them in the Aramaic language, they became quiet. He testified,
Act 22:3 “I am a Jew (Acts 11:26), born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but educated in this city at the feet of Gamaliel. I was instructed according to the strict ways of the law of our forefathers. I am zealous for Yehowah, just as all of you are today.
Act 22:4 I persecuted this Way to the death; I tied up both men and women and delivered them into prisons.
Act 22:5 Also, the high priest and all the elders can bear witness that I received letters from them for the brothers in Damascus, for me to journey there. I was to bring back in bonds to Jerusalem those of this Way in order to be punished.
Act 22:6 It happened that when I was traveling and nearing Damascus, about noon, suddenly a great light from Heaven began to shine around me.
Act 22:7 I fell to the ground and heard a voice ask me (in Aramaic see Acts 26:14), ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’
Act 22:8 I answered, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ He answered me, ‘I AM Yeshua the Natsari, whom you are persecuting.’
Act 22:9 Those who were with me saw the light, but they did not understand the voice of him who spoke to me.
Act 22:10 I asked, ‘What should I do, Lord?’ Yeshua answered me, ‘Arise and go into Damascus; there you will be told everything that you must do.’
Act 22:11 I could not see because of that light’s brightness, so I went into Damascus being led by the hands of those who were with me.
Act 22:12 There I met a man named Ananias (Acts 11:26), a reverent man according to the law and well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there.
Act 22:13 He came to me, stood by me, and said, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight.’ At that moment I saw him.
Act 22:14 Then he said, ‘Yehowah of our forefathers has chosen you to know his will, to see the Righteous One, and to hear the voice coming from his own mouth.
Act 22:15 For you will be a witness for him to all people about what you have seen and heard.
Act 22:16 And now why are you waiting? Arise, be immersed, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’
Act 22:17 After I had returned to Jerusalem, and while I was praying in the temple, it happened that I was given a vision.
Act 22:18 I saw him say to me, ‘Hurry and leave Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about me.’

Act 22:19 I responded, ‘Lord, they themselves know that I imprisoned and beat those who believed in you in every house of assembly.
Act 22:20 When the blood of Stephen your martyr was spilled, I also was standing by and agreeing, and I was guarding the clothing of those who murdered him.’
Act 22:21 But he ordered me, ‘Leave, because I will send you far away to the ethnicities.’”
Act 22:22 The people allowed him to speak up to this point. But then they shouted, “Away with such a fellow from the earth, for it is not right that he should live!”
Act 22:23 As they were shouting, throwing off their coats, and throwing dust into the air,
Act 22:24 the commander ordered Paul to be brought into Antonia Fortress. He ordered that he should be questioned with scourging, so that he himself might know why they were shouting against him like that.
Act 22:25 When they had tied him up with the thongs, Paul asked the centurion who was standing by, “Is it lawful for you to scourge a man who is a Roman and uncondemned?”
Act 22:26 When the centurion heard this, he went to the commander and told him, “What are you about to do? For this man is a Roman citizen.”
Act 22:27 The commander came and asked him, “Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?” Paul answered, “Yes.”
Act 22:28 The commander stated, “It was only with a large amount of money that I acquired citizenship.” But Paul declared, “I was born a Roman citizen.”
Act 22:29 Then the men who were going to question him left him immediately. The commander also was afraid, when he learned that Paul was a Roman citizen, because he had tied him up.
Act 22:30 On the next day, the commander wanted to know the truth about the Jews’ accusations against Paul. So he untied his bonds and ordered the chief priests and all the Sanhedrin to meet. Then he brought Paul down and placed him in their midst.

Acts Chapter 23

Act 23:1 Paul looked directly at the Sanhedrin members and said, “Brothers, I have lived before Yehowah in all good conscience until this day.”
Act 23:2 The high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth.
Act 23:3 Then said Paul to him, “Yehowah will strike you, you whitewashed wall. Are you sitting to judge me by the law, yet order me to be struck, against the law?”
Act 23:4 Those who stood by asked, “Is this how you insult the high priest of Yehowah?”
Act 23:5 Paul answered, “I did not know, brothers, that he was high priest. For it is written, ‘You will not speak evil of a ruler of your people.’”
Act 23:6 When Paul saw that one part of the Sanhedrin were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he spoke loudly in the Sanhedrin, “Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees! It is because I confidently expect the resurrection of the dead that I am being judged!”
Act 23:7 When he said this, an argument began between the Pharisees and Sadducees, and the crowd was divided.
Act 23:8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, no angels, and no Ruach, but the Pharisees acknowledge all of them.
Act 23:9 So a large uproar occurred, and some of the scribes belonging to the Pharisees stood up and argued, “We find nothing wrong with this man. What if Ruach or an angel has spoken to him? Let us not resist Yehowah.”
Act 23:10 When there arose a great argument, the commander feared that Paul would be torn to pieces by them, so he commanded the soldiers to go down and take him by force from among the Sanhedrin members, and bring him up into Antonia Fortress.
Act 23:11 The following night Yeshua stood beside him and prophesied, “Do not be afraid, for as you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness in Rome.”
Act 23:12 When it became day, some Jews made a pact and called a curse down upon themselves: They swore that they would neither eat nor drink anything, until they had killed Paul.
Act 23:13 There were more than forty men who made this plot.
Act 23:14 They went to the chief priests and the elders, and said, “We have put ourselves under a great curse, to eat nothing until we have killed Paul.
Act 23:15 Now therefore, let the Sanhedrin tell the commander to bring him down to you tomorrow, as if you would decide his case more precisely. As for us, we are ready to kill him before he comes here.”

Act 23:16 But Paul's sister's son heard that they were lying in wait, so he went and entered Antonia Fortress and told Paul.
Act 23:17 Paul called one of the centurions and requested, "Take this young man to the commander, for he has something to tell him."
Act 23:18 So the centurion took the young man and brought him to the commander and reported, "Paul the prisoner called me to him, and asked me to bring this young man to you. He has something to say to you."
Act 23:19 The commander took him by the hand to a private place and asked him, "What is it that you have to tell me?"
Act 23:20 The young man reported, "The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring down Paul tomorrow to the Sanhedrin, as if they were going to ask more precisely about his case.
Act 23:21 But do not give in to them, because there are more than forty men who are lying in wait for him. They have called a curse down on themselves, neither to eat nor to drink, until they have killed him. Even now they are ready, waiting for consent from you."
Act 23:22 So the commander let the young man go, after instructing him, "Tell no one that you have said these things to me."
Act 23:23 Then he called to him two of the centurions and ordered, "Get two hundred soldiers ready to go as far as Caesarea Maritima, and seventy cavalry also, and two hundred spearmen. You will leave at 9 pm."
Act 23:24 He also ordered them to provide animals which Paul could ride, and to take him safely to Felix the governor.
Act 23:25 Then he wrote a letter like this:
Act 23:26 "Claudius Lysias to the most excellent Governor Felix, greetings.
Act 23:27 This man was arrested by the Jews and was about to be murdered by them, when I came upon them with soldiers and rescued him, since I learned that he was a Roman citizen.
Act 23:28 I wanted to know why they accused him, so I took him down to their Sanhedrin.
Act 23:29 I learned that he was being accused about questions concerning their own law, but that there was no accusation against him that deserved execution or imprisonment.
Act 23:30 Then it was made known to me that there was a plot against the man, so I immediately sent him to you, and instructed his accusers also to bring their charges against him in your presence. Farewell."
Act 23:31 So the soldiers obeyed their orders: They took Paul and brought him by night to Antipatris.
Act 23:32 On the next day, most of the soldiers left the cavalry to go with him, and they themselves returned to Antonia Fortress.

Act 23:33 When the cavalry reached Caesarea Maritima and delivered the letter to the governor, they also presented Paul to him.
Act 23:34 When the governor read the letter, he asked what province Paul was from; when he learned that he was from Cilicia,
Act 23:35 he said, “I will hear you fully when your accusers come here.” Then he commanded him to be kept in Herod Agrippa II’s government headquarters.

Acts Chapter 24

Act 24:1 After five days, Ananias the chief priest, certain elders, and an orator named Tertullus, went there. These men brought charges against Paul to the governor.
Act 24:2 When Paul stood before the governor, Tertullus began to accuse him and said to the governor, “Because of you we have great peace; and your foresight brings good reform to our nation;
Act 24:3 so with all thankfulness we welcome everything that you do, most excellent Felix, governor of Judea.
Act 24:4 So that I detain you no more, I ask you to briefly listen to me with kindness.
Act 24:5 For we have found this man to be a pest, and one who causes all the Jews throughout the world to rebel. He is a leader of the (the Way, Messianic) sect of the Natsarim.
Act 24:6 He even tried to desecrate the temple; so we arrested him. And we wanted to judge him according to our law.
Act 24:7 But Lysias, the commander, came and forcibly took him out of our hands,
Act 24:8 commanding his accusers to come to you. When you question Paul about all these matters, you too will be able to learn what we accuse him of.”
Act 24:9 The Jews together accused Paul too, and said that these things were true.
Act 24:10 But when the governor motioned for Paul to speak, Paul answered, “I understand that for many years you have been a judge to this nation, and so I gladly explain myself to you.
Act 24:11 You are able to verify that it has not been more than twelve days since I went up to worship in Jerusalem;
Act 24:12 and when they found me in the temple, I did not argue with anyone, and I did not stir up a crowd, either in the houses of assembly or in the city;
Act 24:13 and they cannot prove to you the accusations that they make against me now.
Act 24:14 But I admit this to you, that according to the Way that they call a (Natsari, Messianic) sect, in that same Way, I serve Yehowah of our forefathers. I am faithful to all that is in the law and the writings of the prophets (aka Tanakh).
Act 24:15 I have the same hope in Yehowah, just as these men also wait for it, the coming resurrection of the dead, of both the righteous and the unrighteous;
Act 24:16 and in this, I work to have a conscience without blame before Yehowah and humans through all things.

Act 24:17 Now after many years, I came to bring help to my nation and gifts of money.
Act 24:18 When I did this, certain Jews from Asia found me in a purification ceremony in the temple, not with a crowd or an uproar.
Act 24:19 These men ought to be before you now and say what they have against me, if they have anything.
Act 24:20 Or else, these same men should say what wrong they found in me, when I stood before the Jewish Sanhedrin;
Act 24:21 unless it is about this one thing that I said out loud when I stood among them, 'It is about the resurrection of the dead that I am being judged today by you!'"
Act 24:22 Felix was well informed about the Way, and so he adjourned the hearing. He said, "Whenever Lysias the commander comes down from Jerusalem, I will decide your case."
Act 24:23 Then he commanded the centurion to guard Paul, but to have leniency, and that no one should stop his friends from helping him or from visiting him.
Act 24:24 After some days, Felix returned with Druscilla his wife, a Jewess, and he sent for Paul, and he heard from him about faith in Messiah.
Act 24:25 But when Paul reasoned with him about righteousness, self control, and the coming judgment, Felix became frightened and ordered, "Go away for now. But when I have the opportunity later on, I will send for you."
Act 24:26 At the same time, he was hoping that Paul would pay him a bribe, so he could set him free, so he often sent for him and spoke with him.
Act 24:27 But when two years passed (c. 58-60 AD), Porcius Festus became the governor of Judea after Felix, but Felix wanted to gain favor with the Jews, so he left Paul to continue under guard.

Acts Chapter 25

Act 25:1 Now Festus entered the province, and after three days, he went from Caesarea Maritima up to Jerusalem.
Act 25:2 The high priest and the prominent Jews brought accusations against Paul to him, and they spoke strongly to Festus.
Act 25:3 And they asked Festus for a favor concerning Paul, that he might call him to Jerusalem, so that they could murder him along the way.
Act 25:4 But Festus answered that Paul was a prisoner in Caesarea Maritima, and that he himself was soon to return there.
Act 25:5 "Therefore, those who can," he said, "should go there with us. If there is something wrong with the man, you should accuse him."
Act 25:6 After he stayed a little more than ten days, he went down to Caesarea Maritima. And on the next day, he sat in the judgment seat and commanded Paul to be brought to him.
Act 25:7 When he arrived, the Jews from Jerusalem stood nearby, and they brought many serious charges against Paul, which they could not prove.
Act 25:8 Paul defended himself, "I have done nothing wrong against the law of the Jews or against the temple, or against Caesar have I sinned at all."
Act 25:9 But Festus wanted to gain the favor of the Jews, and so he asked Paul, "Do you want to go up to Jerusalem and to be judged by me there about these things?"
Act 25:10 Paul answered, "I stand before the judgment seat of Caesar Nero where I must be judged. I have wronged no Jews, just as you also know well enough.
Act 25:11 Though, if I have done wrong, and if I have done what is worthy of death, I do not refuse to die. But if their accusations are nothing, no one may hand me over to them. I appeal to Caesar Nero."
Act 25:12 After Festus talked with the council, he answered, "You appealed to Caesar; you will go to Caesar Nero."
Act 25:13 Now after some days, King Herod Agrippa II and Bernice (brother and sister) arrived at Caesarea Maritima to pay an official visit to Festus.
Act 25:14 After he had been there for many days, Festus presented Paul's case to the king; he said, "A certain man was left behind here by Felix as a prisoner.
Act 25:15 When I was in Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews brought charges against this man to me, and they asked for condemnation against him.
Act 25:16 To this I answered that it is not the custom with Romans to give up a man to die as a favor; rather, the accused man should have an opportunity to face his accusers and to make a defense against the charges.

Act 25:17 Therefore, when they came together here, I did not wait, but the next day I sat in the judgment seat, and I ordered the man to be brought in.
Act 25:18 When the accusers stood up and accused him, I thought that none of the charges that they brought against him were serious.
Act 25:19 Instead, they had certain disputes with him about their own religion and about a certain Yeshua who was dead, whom Paul claims to be alive.
Act 25:20 I was puzzled about how to investigate this matter, and I asked him if he would go to Jerusalem to be judged there about these things.
Act 25:21 But when Paul called to be kept under guard for the emperor's decision, I ordered him to be kept, until I send him to Caesar Nero Augustus."
Act 25:22 Agrippa II spoke to Festus, "I would also like to listen to this man." "Tomorrow," Festus replied, "You will hear him."
Act 25:23 So on the next day, King Herod Agrippa II and Bernice came with much ceremony; they came into the hall with the military officers and with the prominent men of the city. And when Festus spoke the command, Paul was brought to them.
Act 25:24 Festus said, "King Agrippa II, and all you men who are here with us, you see this man; all the multitude of Jews consulted with me in Jerusalem and here also, and they shouted to me that he should no longer live.
Act 25:25 I learned that he had done nothing worthy of death; but because he called upon Augustus, I decided to send him.
Act 25:26 But I do not have something definite to write to the emperor. For this reason, I have brought him to you, especially to you, King Agrippa II, so that I might have something more to write about the case.
Act 25:27 For it seems unreasonable for me to send a prisoner and to not also state the charges against him."

Acts Chapter 26

Act 26:1 So Herod Agrippa II said to Paul, “You may speak for yourself.” Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense.
Act 26:2 “I regard myself as happy, King Agrippa, to make my case before you today against all the accusations of the Jews;
Act 26:3 especially because you are an expert in all the Jewish customs and questions. So I ask you to hear me patiently.
Act 26:4 Truly, all the Jews know how I lived from my youth in my own nation and at Jerusalem.
Act 26:5 They knew me from the beginning, and they should admit that I lived as a Pharisee, an extremely strict sect of our religion.
Act 26:6 Now I stand here to be judged, because I look for the promise that Yehowah made to our fathers.
Act 26:7 For this is the promise our twelve tribes hoped to receive as they earnestly worshiped Yehowah day and night. It is for this hope, King Agrippa, that the Jews accuse me.
Act 26:8 Why should any of you think it is incredible that Yehowah raises the dead?
Act 26:9 At one time, I thought to myself that I should do many things against the name of Yeshua the Natsari.
Act 26:10 I did these in Jerusalem. I locked up many of the believers in prison by the authority I received from the chief priests, and when they were murdered, I cast my vote against them.
Act 26:11 I punished them many times in all the houses of assembly, and I tried to force them to blaspheme. I was furiously enraged against them, and I persecuted them even to foreign cities.
Act 26:12 While I was doing this, I went to Damascus with authority and orders from the chief priests;
Act 26:13 and on the way there, at midday, King, I saw a light from Heaven that was brighter than the sun, and it shone around both me and the men who were traveling with me (Acts 11:26).
Act 26:14 When we all fell to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me in the Aramaic language, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’
Act 26:15 Then I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ He answered, ‘I AM Yeshua the Natsari, whom you persecute.
Act 26:16 Now get up and stand on your feet, because for this purpose I appeared to you, to appoint you to be a servant and a witness concerning the things that you know about me now, and the things that I will show to you later;

Act 26:17 and I will rescue you from the people and from the ethnicities to whom I am now sending you,
Act 26:18 to open their eyes and to turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to Yehowah, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and the inheritance that I give to those who I set apart for myself by faith in me.'
Act 26:19 Therefore, King Agrippa, I did not disobey the heavenly vision;
Act 26:20 but to those in Damascus first, and then at Jerusalem, and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the ethnicities, I preached that they should repent and return to Yehowah, doing deeds worthy of repentance.
Act 26:21 For this cause, the Jews arrested me in the temple and tried to kill me.
Act 26:22 Yehowah has helped me until now, so I stand and testify to the common people and to the great ones about nothing more than what the prophets and Moses said would happen;
Act 26:23 that Messiah must suffer, and that he would be the first from the resurrection of the dead to rise and to proclaim light to the Jewish people and to the ethnicities."
Act 26:24 As Paul completed his defense, Festus exclaimed with a loud voice, "Paul, you are insane; your great learning makes you insane!"
Act 26:25 But Paul answered, "I am not insane, most excellent Festus; but with courage, I speak words of truth and soberness.
Act 26:26 For the king knows about these things; and so I speak freely to him, for I am persuaded that none of this is hidden from him; for this has not been done in a corner.
Act 26:27 Do you believe the prophets, King Agrippa? I know that you believe."
Act 26:28 Agrippa II asked Paul, "In a short time would you persuade me and make me a Messianic" (Acts 11:26)?
Act 26:29 Paul answered, "I pray to Yehowah, that whether in a short or long time, not you only, but also all that hear me today, would be like me, but without these prison chains."
Act 26:30 Then the king stood up, and the governor, and Bernice also, and those who were sitting with them;
Act 26:31 when they left the hall, they talked to one another, "This man does nothing worthy of death or of bonds."
Act 26:32 Agrippa II said to Festus, "This man could have been freed, if he had not appealed to Caesar Nero."

Acts Chapter 27

Act 27:1 When it was decided that we should sail for Italy (c. 60 AD; 4th missionary journey), they put Paul and some other prisoners under the charge of a centurion named Julius of the Augustan Regiment.
Act 27:2 We boarded a ship from Adramyttium, which was about to sail along the coast of Asia. So we went to sea. Aristarchus from Thessalonica in Macedonia went with us.
Act 27:3 The next day, we landed at the city of Sidon, where Julius treated Paul kindly and allowed him to go to his friends to receive their care.
Act 27:4 From there, we went to sea and sailed around the island of Cyprus which was sheltered from the wind, because the wind was against us.
Act 27:5 When we had sailed across the water that is near Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, a city of Lycia.
Act 27:6 There, the centurion found a ship from Alexandria that was going to sail to Italy. He put us in it.
Act 27:7 When we had sailed slowly for many days and had finally arrived with difficulty near Cnidus, the wind no longer allowed us to go that way, so we sailed along the sheltered side of Crete, opposite Salmone.
Act 27:8 We sailed along the coast with difficulty, until we came to a certain place called Fair Havens, which is near the city of Lasea.
Act 27:9 We had now taken much time, the appointment calendar festival Day of Atonements also had passed (10th day of the 7th month, Lev. 23:26-32; Isa. 58; Lev. 16), and it had now become dangerous to sail. So Paul warned them,
Act 27:10 "Men, I see that the voyage we are about to take will be with injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives."
Act 27:11 But the centurion paid more attention to the shipmaster and to the owner of the ship than to those things that were spoken by Paul.
Act 27:12 Because the harbor was not easy to spend the winter in, most of the sailors advised to sail from there, if by any means we could reach the city of Phoenix, to spend the winter there. Phoenix is a harbor in Crete, and it faces northwest and southwest.
Act 27:13 When the south wind began to blow gently, the sailors thought that they had what they needed. So they weighed anchor and sailed along Crete, close to the shore.
Act 27:14 But after a short time a tempestuous wind, called The Northeaster, began to beat down on us from across the island.
Act 27:15 When the ship was caught head on and could not face the wind, we gave in to it and were driven along by it.

Act 27:16 We ran along the sheltered side of a small island called Clauda; and with difficulty we were able to secure the lifeboat.
Act 27:17 When they had hoisted it up, they used its ropes to bind the hull of the ship. They were afraid that we should run upon the sandbars of Syrtis, so they let down the sea anchor and were driven along.
Act 27:18 We were extremely battered by the storm, so the next day, the sailors began to throw the cargo overboard.
Act 27:19 On the third day, the sailors threw overboard the ship's tackle with their own hands.
Act 27:20 When the sun and stars did not shine on us for many days (Gen. 1:16; Psa. 136:8-9; Jer. 31:35), and the great storm still beat upon us, any more hope that we should be saved was abandoned.
Act 27:21 When they had gone long without food, then Paul stood up among the sailors and said, "Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete, so as to realize this injury and loss.
Act 27:22 And now, I advise you to take courage, for there will be no loss of life among you but only the loss of the ship.
Act 27:23 For last night an angel of Yehowah, to whom I belong, whom also I worship, his angel stood beside me
Act 27:24 and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand before Caesar Nero, and see, Yehowah in his kindness has given to you all those who are sailing with you.'
Act 27:25 Therefore, men, take courage, for I trust Yehowah, that it will happen just as it was told me.
Act 27:26 But we must wreck upon some island."
Act 27:27 When the fourteenth night had come, as we were driven this way and that in the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors thought that they were approaching some land.
Act 27:28 They took soundings and found 40 meters; after a little while, they took more soundings and found 30 meters.
Act 27:29 They were afraid that we might crash on the rocks, so they lowered four anchors from the stern and prayed that morning would come soon.
Act 27:30 The sailors were looking for a way to abandon the ship and had lowered the lifeboat into the Sea, and pretended that they would throw down the anchors from the bow.
Act 27:31 But Paul warned the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved."
Act 27:32 Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the boat and let it drift away.
Act 27:33 At dawn, Paul urged them all to take some food, "This day is the fourteenth day that you wait and do not eat; you have eaten nothing.

Act 27:34 So I beg you to take some food, for this is for your survival; and not one hair of your head will be lost.”
Act 27:35 When he had said this, he took bread, and he thanked Yehowah in the sight of everyone. Then he broke the bread and began to eat.
Act 27:36 Then they were all encouraged, and they also took food.
Act 27:37 We were 276 souls in the ship.
Act 27:38 When they had eaten enough, they made the ship lighter by throwing out the wheat into the sea.
Act 27:39 When it was day, they did not recognize the land, but they saw a bay with a beach, and they discussed whether they could drive the ship onto it.
Act 27:40 So they cut loose the anchors and left them in the sea. At the same time they loosed the ropes of the rudders and raised the foresail to the wind; and so they headed to the beach.
Act 27:41 But they came to a place where two currents met, and the ship ran into the ground. The bow of the ship stuck there and remained unmovable, but the stern began to break up because of the violent waves.
Act 27:42 The soldiers’ plan was to kill the prisoners, so that none of them could swim away and escape.
Act 27:43 But the centurion wanted to save Paul, so he stopped their plan; and he ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land.
Act 27:44 Then the rest of the men should follow, some on planks, and some on other things from the ship. In this way, it happened that all of us came safely to land.

Acts Chapter 28

Act 28:1 When we were brought safely through, we learned that the island was called Malta (c. 60-61 AD).
Act 28:2 The native people offered to us not just ordinary kindness, but they lit a fire and welcomed us all because of the constant rain and cold.
Act 28:3 But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and placed them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened onto his hand.
Act 28:4 When the native people saw the venomous snake hanging from his hand, they said one to another, “This man certainly is a murderer who escaped from the sea, yet justice does not permit him to live.”
Act 28:5 But then he shook the animal into the fire and suffered no harm.
Act 28:6 They were waiting for him to become inflamed with a fever or to suddenly drop dead. But after they watched him for a long time and saw that nothing was unusual with him, they changed their minds and said that he was a deity.
Act 28:7 Now in a nearby place there were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, a man named Publius. He welcomed us and kindly provided for us for three days.
Act 28:8 It happened that the father of Publius had been made ill with a fever and dysentery. When Paul went to him, he prayed, placed his hands on him, and healed him.
Act 28:9 After this happened, the rest of the people on the island who were sick also came and were healed.
Act 28:10 The people also honored us with many honors (gifts, rewards). When we were preparing to sail, they gave us what we needed.
Act 28:11 After three months, we set sail in an Alexandrian ship that had wintered at the island, whose figurehead was The Twin Brothers.
Act 28:12 After we landed at the city of Syracuse, we stayed there three days.
Act 28:13 From there, we sailed and arrived at the city of Rhegium. After one day, a south wind sprang up, and in two days, we came to the city of Puteoli.
Act 28:14 There, we found some brethren and sistren and were invited to stay with them for seven days. In this way, we came to Rome.
Act 28:15 From there, the brethren and sistren, after they heard about us, came to meet us as far as The Market of Appius and The Three Taverns. When Paul saw the brethren and sistren, he thanked Yehowah and took courage.
Act 28:16 When we entered Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the commander of the guard (c. 61 AD). But Paul was allowed to live by himself with the soldier who was guarding him.

Act 28:17 Then it came about that after three days, Paul called together those men who were the leaders among the Jews. When they had come together, he said to them, “Brothers, although I have done nothing wrong against the people or the customs of our forefathers, I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.
Act 28:18 After they questioned me, they wished to set me free, because there was no reason in me to be executed.
Act 28:19 But when the Jews spoke against their desire, I was forced to appeal to Caesar Nero, although it is not as if I were bringing any accusation against my nation.
Act 28:20 Because of my appeal, then, I have asked to see you and to speak with you. It is because of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain.”
Act 28:21 Then they replied to him, “We neither received letters from Judea about you, nor did any of the brothers come and report or say anything evil about you.
Act 28:22 But we want to hear from you what you think about this (Natsari, the Way, Messianic) sect, because it is known by us that it is spoken against everywhere.”
Act 28:23 When they had set a day for him, more people came to him at his dwelling place. He presented the matter to them and testified about the Kingdom of Yehowah. He tried to persuade them about Yeshua, both from the Law of Moses and from the prophets (aka Tanakh), from dawn until dusk.
Act 28:24 Some were convinced about the things which were said, while others did not believe.
Act 28:25 When they did not agree with one another, they left, after Paul had spoken this one word, “Ruach ha’Kodesh spoke well through Isaiah the prophet to your forefathers,
Act 28:26 ‘Go to this people and say, “By hearing you will hear but not understand; and seeing you will see but will not perceive.
Act 28:27 For the heart of this people has become dull, and with their ears they hardly hear, and they have shut their eyes. Otherwise, they might see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn around, and I would heal them.”’
Act 28:28 Therefore, you should know that this salvation of Yehowah has been sent to the ethnicities, and they will listen.”
Act 28:29 When he had said these things, the Jews went away. They were having a great dispute among themselves.
Act 28:30 Paul lived for two whole years in his own rented house (c. 61-63 AD), and he welcomed all who came to him.
Act 28:31 He was preaching the Kingdom of Yehowah and was teaching the things about Lord Yeshua Messiah with all boldness. No one stopped him.

Book of Romans

Romans Chapter 1

Rom 1:1 Paul, a servant of Yeshua Messiah, called to be an apostle and set apart for the good news of Yehowah.
Rom 1:2 This is the good news that he promised beforehand by his prophets in the set-apart Scriptures.
Rom 1:3 It is about his Son, Yeshua Messiah, our Lord, who was born from the descendants of David according to the flesh.
Rom 1:4 By resurrection from the dead, he was declared to be the powerful Son of Yehowah by Ruach ha'Kodesh.
Rom 1:5 Through him, we have received grace and apostleship for obedience of faith among all the ethnicities, for the sake of his name.
Rom 1:6 Among whom you also have been called to belong to Yeshua Messiah.
Rom 1:7 This letter is to all who are in Rome, the beloved of Yehowah, who are called as set-apart people. May grace be to you, and peace from Yehowah our Father and Lord Yeshua Messiah.
Rom 1:8 First, I thank Yehowah through Yeshua Messiah for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the whole world.
Rom 1:9 For Yehowah is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the good news of his Son, of how continually I make mention of you.
Rom 1:10 I always request in my prayers that by any means I may at last be successful now by the will of Yehowah in coming to you.
Rom 1:11 For I desire to see you, that I may give you some spiritual gift, in order to strengthen you.
Rom 1:12 That is, I long to be mutually encouraged among you, through each other's faith, yours and mine.
Rom 1:13 Now I do not want you to be unaware, brethren and sistren, that I often intended to come to you, but I was hindered until now. I wanted this in order to have some fruit among you, just as also among the rest of the ethnicities.
Rom 1:14 I am a debtor both to Greeks and to foreigners, both to the wise and to the foolish.
Rom 1:15 So as for me, I am ready to proclaim the good news also to you who are in Rome.

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the good news, for it is the power of Yehowah for salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and equally for the Greek.
Rom 1:17 For in it the righteousness of Yehowah is revealed from faith to faith, as it has been written, “The righteous will live by faith” (Hab. 2:14).
Rom 1:18 For the wrath of Yehowah is revealed from Heaven against all wickedness and unrighteousness of people, who through unrighteousness hold back the truth.
Rom 1:19 This is because that which is known about Yehowah is visible within them. For Yehowah has enlightened them.
Rom 1:20 For his unseen aspects have been clearly visible since the creation of the world. They are understood through the created things. These aspects are his everlasting power and Divinity. As a result, these people are without excuse.
Rom 1:21 This is because, although they knew about Yehowah, they did not glorify him as Yehowah, nor did they give him thanks. Instead, they became foolish in their thoughts, and their senseless hearts were darkened.
Rom 1:22 They claimed to be wise, but they became foolish.
Rom 1:23 They exchanged the glory of imperishable Yehowah for the likenesses of an image of perishable humans, of birds, of four-footed mammals, and of reptiles.
Rom 1:24 Therefore, Yehowah gave them over to the lusts of their hearts for uncleanness, for their bodies to be dishonored among themselves.
Rom 1:25 It is they who changed the truth of Yehowah into a lie, and who worshiped and served the creation instead of the Creator, who is praised forever. Amein.
Rom 1:26 Because of this, Yehowah gave them over to dishonorable passions, for their women exchanged their natural functions for what is against nature.
Rom 1:27 Likewise, the males also left their natural function with women and burned in their lust for one another. These were males who did with males what is indecent, and who received in themselves the penalty that was due their perversion (Lev. 18:22).
Rom 1:28 Because they did not approve of having Yehowah in their awareness, Yehowah gave them up to a depraved mind, for them to do those things that are not proper.
Rom 1:29 They have been filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, and malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, and evil intentions.
Rom 1:30 They are gossips, slanderers, and haters of Yehowah. They are violent, arrogant, and boastful. They are inventors of evil things, and they are disobedient to their parents.

Rom 1:31 They have no understanding; they are untrustworthy, without natural affections or covenant, and unmerciful.
Rom 1:32 They understand the regulations of Yehowah, that those who practice such things are deserving of death. But not only do they do these things, they also approve of others who do them.

Romans Chapter 2

Rom 2:1 Therefore, you are without excuse, O human, you who judge, for what you judge in another you condemn in yourself. For you who judge practice the same things.
Rom 2:2 But we know that the judgment of Yehowah is according to truth when it falls on those who practice such things.
Rom 2:3 But consider this, people, you who judge those who practice such things, although you do the same things. Will you escape from the judgment of Yehowah?
Rom 2:4 Or do you think so little of the riches of his goodness, his delayed punishment, and his patience? Do you not know that the goodness of Yehowah is meant to lead you to repentance?
Rom 2:5 But it is to the extent of your hardness and unrepentant heart that you are storing up for yourself wrath on the Day of wrath, that is, the Day of the revelation of the righteous judgment of Yehowah.
Rom 2:6 He will pay back to every person the same measure of his actions:
Rom 2:7 To those who according to consistent, good actions have sought praise, honor, and incorruptibility, he will give eternal life.
Rom 2:8 But to those who are self-seeking, who disobey the truth but obey unrighteousness, wrath and fierce anger will come.
Rom 2:9 Yehowah will bring tribulation and distress on every human soul that has practiced evil, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.
Rom 2:10 But praise, honor, and peace will come to everyone who practices good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.
Rom 2:11 For there is no partiality with Yehowah.
Rom 2:12 For as many as have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and as many as have sinned in respect to the law will be judged by the law.
Rom 2:13 For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before Yehowah, but it is the doers of the law who will be justified.
Rom 2:14 For when ethnicities, who do not have the law, do by nature the things of the law, they are a law to themselves, although they do not have the law.
Rom 2:15 By this, they show that the actions required by the law are written in their hearts. Their conscience also bears witness to them, and their own thoughts either accuse or defend them to themselves.
Rom 2:16 That will happen on the Day when Yehowah will judge the secrets of all people, according to my good news, through Yeshua Messiah.
Rom 2:17 Suppose that you call yourself a Jew, rest upon the law, rejoice proudly in Yehowah,

Rom 2:18 know his will, and test the things that differ from it, having been instructed by the law.
Rom 2:19 And suppose that you are confident that you yourself are a guide of the blind, a light to those who are in darkness,
Rom 2:20 a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of immature children, and that you have in the law the form of knowledge and the truth.
Rom 2:21 You then who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach not to steal, do you steal?
Rom 2:22 You who say not to commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who detest idols, do you rob temples?
Rom 2:23 You who proudly rejoice in the law, do you dishonor Yehowah through your transgression of the law?
Rom 2:24 For, “The name of Yehowah is dishonored among the ethnicities because of you,” just as it has been written.
Rom 2:25 For circumcision indeed benefits you if you obey the law, but if you are a violator of the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision.
Rom 2:26 If then, the uncircumcised person keeps the requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be considered as circumcision?
Rom 2:27 And will not the one who is naturally uncircumcised judge you if he fulfills the law? This is because you have the written Scriptures and circumcision, yet are a violator of the law!
Rom 2:28 For he is not a Jew who is merely one outwardly; neither is circumcision that which is merely outward in the flesh.
Rom 2:29 But he is a Jew who is one inwardly, and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Ruach, not in the letter. The praise of such a person comes not from people but from Yehowah.

Romans Chapter 3

Rom 3:1 Then what advantage does the Jew have? And what is the benefit of circumcision?
Rom 3:2 It is great in every way. First of all, the Jews were entrusted with the words of Yehowah.
Rom 3:3 For what if some Jews were without faith? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of Yehowah invalid?
Rom 3:4 May it never be! Instead, let Yehowah be found to be true, even though every human is a liar. As it has been written, “That you might be shown to be righteous in your words, and might prevail when you come into judgment.”
Rom 3:5 But if our unrighteousness shows the righteousness of Yehowah, what can we say? Yehowah is not unrighteous when he is inflicting his wrath, is he? I am speaking according to human logic.
Rom 3:6 May it never be! For then how would Yehowah judge the world?
Rom 3:7 But if the truth of Yehowah through my lie provides abundant glory for him, why am I still being judged as a sinner?
Rom 3:8 Why not say, as we are falsely reported to say, and as some affirm that we say, “Let us do evil, so that good may come?” The judgment on them is just.
Rom 3:9 What then? Are we excusing ourselves? Not at all. For we have already accused both Jews and Greeks, all of them, of being under sin.
Rom 3:10 This is as it is written: “There is no one righteous, not one.
Rom 3:11 There is no one who understands. There is no one who seeks after Yehowah.
Rom 3:12 They have all turned from the Way. They together have become useless. There is no one who does good, no, not even one.
Rom 3:13 Their throat is an open grave. Their tongues have deceived. The poison of snakes is under their lips.
Rom 3:14 Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.
Rom 3:15 Their feet are swift to pour out blood.
Rom 3:16 Destruction and suffering are in their paths.
Rom 3:17 These people have not known the Way of peace.
Rom 3:18 There is no fear of Yehowah before their eyes.”
Rom 3:19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to the ones who are under the law. This is in order that every mouth may be shut, and so that all the world may become answerable to Yehowah.
Rom 3:20 This is because no flesh will be justified by the works of the law in his sight. For through the law comes the knowledge of sin.
Rom 3:21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of Yehowah has been made known. It was witnessed by the law and the prophets (aka Tanakh),

Rom 3:22 that is, the righteousness of Yehowah through faith in Yeshua Messiah for all those who believe. For there is no distinction.
Rom 3:23 For all have sinned and come short of the glory of Yehowah.
Rom 3:24 They are freely justified by his grace through the redemption that is in Messiah Yeshua.
Rom 3:25 For Yehowah provided Messiah Yeshua as a propitiation through faith in his blood. He offered Messiah as proof of his justice, because of his disregard of previous sins in the patience of Yehowah.
Rom 3:26 This all happened for the demonstration of his righteousness at this present time. This was so he could prove himself just, and to show that he justifies anyone because of faith in Yeshua.
Rom 3:27 Where then is boasting? It is excluded. On what law? Of works? No, but on the law of faith (covenant).
Rom 3:28 We conclude then that a person is justified by faith without works of the law.
Rom 3:29 Or is he the Mighty One of Jews only? Is he not also of the ethnicities? Yes, of the ethnicities also.
Rom 3:30 Since indeed, one Yehowah will justify the circumcision by faith and the uncircumcision through faith.
Rom 3:31 Do we then nullify the law through faith? May it never be! Instead, we uphold the law (Mat. 5:17).

Romans Chapter 4

Rom 4:1 What then will we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, found?
Rom 4:2 For if Abraham had been justified by works, he would have had a reason to boast but not before Yehowah.
Rom 4:3 For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed Yehowah, and it was counted to him as righteousness.”
Rom 4:4 Now for him who works, the recompense is not counted as grace, but as what is owed.
Rom 4:5 But for him who does not work but instead believes in the One who justifies the wicked, his faith is counted as righteousness.
Rom 4:6 David also pronounces blessing on the person to whom Yehowah counts righteousness without works.
Rom 4:7 He said, “Blessed are those whose violations of the law are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.
Rom 4:8 Blessed is the man against whom Yehowah will not count sin.”
Rom 4:9 Then is this blessing pronounced only on those of the circumcision or also on those of the uncircumcision? For we say, “Faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness.”
Rom 4:10 So how was it counted? When Abraham was in circumcision or in uncircumcision? It was not in circumcision but in uncircumcision.
Rom 4:11 Abraham received the sign of circumcision. This was a seal of the righteousness of the faith that he had already possessed when he was in uncircumcision. The result of this sign was that he became the father of all those who believe, even if they are in uncircumcision. This means that righteousness will be counted for them.
Rom 4:12 This also meant that Abraham became the father of circumcision for those who come not only from the circumcision, but also for those who follow in the steps of our father Abraham. And this was the faith that he had in uncircumcision.
Rom 4:13 For it was not through the law that the promise was given to Abraham and to his descendants, this promise that they would be heirs of the world. Instead, it was through the righteousness of faith.
Rom 4:14 For if those belonging to the law are heirs, faith is made empty, and the promise is nullified.
Rom 4:15 For the law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there disobedience.
Rom 4:16 For this reason this happens by faith, so that it might be by grace. As a result, the promise is sure for all the descendants. And these descendants will

include not only those who know the law, but also those who are from Abraham's faith. For he is the father of us all,
Rom 4:17 as it is written, "I have made you the father of many ethnicities." Abraham was in the presence of him whom he trusted, that is, Yehowah, who gives life to the dead and calls the things that do not exist into existence.
Rom 4:18 Despite all outward circumstances, Abraham confidently trusted Yehowah for the future. So he became the father of many ethnicities, according to what had been spoken, "Thus will be your descendants."
Rom 4:19 He was not weak in faith. Abraham understood that his own body was unable to have children, because he was about a hundred years old (c. 2065 BC). He also acknowledged that Sarah's womb was not able to bear children.
Rom 4:20 But because of the promise of Yehowah, Abraham did not hesitate in unbelief. Instead, he was strengthened in faith and gave glory to Yehowah.
Rom 4:21 He was fully convinced that what Yehowah had promised, he was also able to accomplish.
Rom 4:22 Therefore, this was also counted to him as righteousness.
Rom 4:23 Now it was not written only for his benefit, that it was counted for him.
Rom 4:24 It was written also for us, for whom it will be counted, we who believe in him who raised Yeshua our Lord from the dead.
Rom 4:25 This is the One who was delivered up to execution for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Romans Chapter 5

Rom 5:1 Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with Yehowah through our Lord Yeshua Messiah.
Rom 5:2 Through him we also have our access by faith into this grace in which we stand. We rejoice in the confidence Yehowah gives us for the future, the hope that we will share in the glory of Yehowah.
Rom 5:3 Not only this, but we also rejoice in our sufferings. We know that suffering produces endurance.
Rom 5:4 Endurance produces proven character, and proven character produces hope for the future.
Rom 5:5 This hope does not disappoint, because the unconditional selfless love of Yehowah has been poured into our hearts through Ruach ha'Kodesh, who was given to us.
Rom 5:6 For while we were still weak, at the right time, Messiah died for the wicked.
Rom 5:7 For one will hardly die for a righteous person. That is, perhaps someone would dare to die for a good person.
Rom 5:8 But Yehowah proves his own unconditional selfless love toward us, because while we were still sinners, Messiah died for us.
Rom 5:9 Much more, then, now that we are justified by his blood, we will be saved by him from the wrath of Yehowah.
Rom 5:10 For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to Yehowah through the death of his Son, much more, after having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.
Rom 5:11 Not only this, but we also rejoice in Yehowah through our Lord Yeshua Messiah, through whom we now have received this reconciliation.
Rom 5:12 So then, as through one man sin entered into the world, in this way, death entered through sin. And death spread to all people, because all sinned.
Rom 5:13 For until the law, sin was in the world, but there is no accounting for sin when there is no law.
Rom 5:14 Nevertheless, death ruled from Adam until Moses, even over those who did not sin like Adam's disobedience, who is a pattern of him who was to come.
Rom 5:15 But even so, the free gift is not like the trespass. For if by the trespass of the one, the many died, much more did the grace of Yehowah and the gift by the grace of the one man, Yeshua Messiah, abound for the many.
Rom 5:16 For the gift is not like the outcome of the one who sinned. For on the one hand, the judgment of condemnation came because of the trespass of one man. But on the other hand, the free gift resulting in justification came after many trespasses.

Rom 5:17 For if by the trespass of one, death ruled through the one, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness rule through the life of the One, Yeshua Messiah.
Rom 5:18 So then as through one trespass all people came to condemnation, even so through one act of righteousness came the justification of life for all people.
Rom 5:19 For as through the one man's disobedience, the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One will many be made righteous.
Rom 5:20 But the law came in alongside, in order that the trespass might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded even more.
Rom 5:21 This happened so that, as sin ruled in death, even so grace might rule through righteousness for everlasting life through Yeshua Messiah our Lord.

Romans Chapter 6

Rom 6:1 What then will we say? Should we continue in sin, so that grace may abound?
Rom 6:2 May it never be! We who died to sin, how can we still live in it?
Rom 6:3 Do you not know that as many as were immersed (tevilah) into Yeshua Messiah were immersed into his death?
Rom 6:4 We were buried, then, with him through immersion into death. This happened, in order that just as Messiah was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.
Rom 6:5 For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we will also be united with his resurrection.
Rom 6:6 We know this, that our old self was crucified with him, in order that the body of sin might be destroyed. This happened, so that we should no longer be enslaved to sin.
Rom 6:7 He who has died is declared righteous in respect to sin.
Rom 6:8 But if we have died with Messiah, we believe that we will also live together with him.
Rom 6:9 We know that Messiah has been raised from the dead, and that he is no longer dead. Death no longer rules over him.
Rom 6:10 For in regard to the death that he died to sin, he died once for all. However, the life that he lives, he lives it for Yehowah.
Rom 6:11 In the same way, you also must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive to Yehowah in Yeshua Messiah our Lord.
Rom 6:12 Therefore, do not let sin rule in your mortal body, in order that you may obey its lusts.
Rom 6:13 Do not present the parts of your body to sin, to be tools used for unrighteousness. But present yourselves to Yehowah, as dead who are now living. And present the parts of your body to Yehowah as tools to be used for righteousness.
Rom 6:14 Do not allow sin to rule over you (Gen. 4:7). For you are not under the law (not condemned; John 3:18), but under grace.
Rom 6:15 What then? Should we sin because we are not under the law (not condemned; John 3:18), but under grace? May it never be!
Rom 6:16 Do you not know that the one to whom you present yourselves as servants is the one to which you are obedient, the one you must obey? This is true, whether you are servants to sin which leads to death, or servants to obedience which leads to righteousness.
Rom 6:17 But thanks be to Yehowah! For you were servants of sin, but you have obeyed from the heart the pattern of teaching that you were given.

Rom 6:18 You have been made free from sin, and you have been made servants of righteousness.
Rom 6:19 I speak like a human because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your body parts as slaves to uncleanness and to lawlessness unto lawlessness, in the same way, now present your body parts as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.
Rom 6:20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness.
Rom 6:21 At that time, what fruit then did you have of the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death.
Rom 6:22 But now that you have been made free from sin and are enslaved to Yehowah, you have your fruit for sanctification. The result is eternal life.
Rom 6:23 For sin pays wages of death, but the gift of Yehowah is eternal life in Yeshua Messiah our Lord.

Romans Chapter 7

Rom 7:1 Or do you not know, brethren and sistren, for I am speaking to those who know the law, that the law controls a person for as long as he lives?
Rom 7:2 For the married woman is bound by law to the husband while he lives, but if the husband dies, she is released from the law of marriage.
Rom 7:3 So then while her husband is living, if she lives with another man, she will be called an adulteress. But if the husband dies, she is free from the law, so she is not an adulteress if she lives with another man.
Rom 7:4 Therefore, my brethren and sistren, you were also made dead to the law through the body of Messiah (Gal. 3:13). This is so that you could be joined to another, that is, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might produce fruit for Yehowah.
Rom 7:5 For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions were activated in our members through the law to produce fruit to death.
Rom 7:6 But now, we have been released from the law. We have died to that by which we were held. This is so that we might serve in newness of the Ruach and not in oldness of the letter.
Rom 7:7 What will we say then? Is the law itself sin? May it never be! However, I would never have known sin, if it were not through the law. For I would not have known covetousness, unless the law said, “You must not covet.”
Rom 7:8 But sin took the opportunity through the commandment and brought about every lust in me. For without the law, sin is dead.
Rom 7:9 At one time, I was alive without the law, but when the commandment came, sin regained life, and I died.
Rom 7:10 The commandment that was to bring life turned out to be death for me.
Rom 7:11 For sin took the opportunity through the commandment and deceived me. Through the commandment it killed me.
Rom 7:12 So the law is set-apart, and the commandment is set-apart, righteous, and good.
Rom 7:13 So did what is good become death to me? May it never be! But sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin through what is good, brought about death in me. This was in order that through the commandment, sin might become sinful beyond measure.
Rom 7:14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh. I have been sold under slavery to sin.
Rom 7:15 For what I do, I do not really understand. For what I want to do, I do not do, and what I hate, I do.

Rom 7:16 But if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law that the law is good.
Rom 7:17 But now it is no longer I who do it, but the sin that lives in me.
Rom 7:18 For I know that in me, that is in my flesh, lives no good thing. For the desire for good is with me, but I cannot do it.
Rom 7:19 For the good that I want, I do not do, but the evil that I do not want, that I do.
Rom 7:20 Now if I do what I do not want to do, then it is no longer I who am acting, but rather sin that lives in me.
Rom 7:21 I find, then, the principle in me that I want to do what is good, but that evil is actually present in me.
Rom 7:22 For I rejoice in the Law of Yehowah with the inner self.
Rom 7:23 But I see a different principle in my body parts. It fights against that new principle in my mind. It takes me captive by the principle of sin that is in my body parts.
Rom 7:24 I am a miserable person! Who will deliver me from this body of death?
Rom 7:25 But thanks be to Yehowah through Yeshua Messiah our Lord! So then I myself serve the Law of Yehowah with my mind. However, with the flesh I serve the principle of sin.

Romans Chapter 8

Rom 8:1 There is therefore, now no condemnation for those who are in Messiah Yeshua, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Ruach.
Rom 8:2 For the law of the Ruach of life in Messiah Yeshua has made me free from the law of sin and death.
Rom 8:3 For what the law was unable to do, because it was weak through the flesh, Yehowah did. He sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be an offering for sin, and he condemned sin in the flesh.
Rom 8:4 He did this, in order that the requirements of the law might be fulfilled in us, we who walk not according to the flesh but according to Ruach.
Rom 8:5 Those who live according to the flesh pay attention to the things of the flesh, but those who live according to Ruach pay attention to the things of the Ruach.
Rom 8:6 For the mentality of the flesh is death, but the mentality of the Ruach is life and peace.
Rom 8:7 This is because the mentality of the flesh is hostile toward Yehowah, for it is not subject to the Law of Yehowah, nor is it able to be.
Rom 8:8 Those who are in the flesh are not able to please Yehowah.
Rom 8:9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Ruach, if it is true that the Ruach of Yehowah lives in you. But if someone does not have the Ruach of Messiah, he does not belong to him.
Rom 8:10 If Messiah is in you, the body is dead in respect to sin, but the spirit is alive in respect to righteousness.
Rom 8:11 If the Ruach of him who raised Yeshua from the dead lives in you, he who raised Messiah from the dead will give life also to your mortal bodies through his Ruach, who lives in you.
Rom 8:12 So then brethren and sistren, we are debtors, but not to the flesh to live according to the flesh.
Rom 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh, you are about to die, but if by the Ruach you put to death the body's actions, you will live.
Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Ruach of Yehowah, these are children of Yehowah.
Rom 8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again so as to fear. Instead, you received the Ruach of adoption, by which we cry, "Abba, Father!"
Rom 8:16 Ruach himself bears witness with our spirit, that we are children of Yehowah.
Rom 8:17 If we are children, then we are also heirs, heirs of Yehowah. And we are joint heirs with Messiah, if indeed we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him.

Rom 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that will be revealed in us.
Rom 8:19 For the eager expectation of the creation waits for the revealing of the children of Yehowah.
Rom 8:20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but of him who subjected it. It is in the confident assurance
Rom 8:21 that the creation itself will be delivered from slavery to corruption, and that it will be brought into the freedom of the glory of the children of Yehowah.
Rom 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers with pains of childbirth together even now.
Rom 8:23 Not only that, but even we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Ruach, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for our adoption, the redemption of our body.
Rom 8:24 For by this hope we were saved. But what we are hopeful will happen has not yet been seen, for who confidently waits for what he already sees?
Rom 8:25 But if we are confident about what we do not yet see, then we wait with patience for it.
Rom 8:26 In the same way, Ruach also helps in our weakness. For we do not know how we should pray, but Ruach himself intercedes for us with inexpressible groans.
Rom 8:27 He who searches the hearts knows the mind of the Ruach, because he intercedes on behalf of the believers according to the will of Yehowah.
Rom 8:28 We know that for those who unconditionally selflessly love Yehowah, he works all things together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.
Rom 8:29 Because those whom he foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren and sistren.
Rom 8:30 Those whom he predestined, these he also called. Those whom he called, these he also justified. Those whom he justified, these he also glorified.
Rom 8:31 What then will we say about these things? If Yehowah is for us, who can be against us?
Rom 8:32 He who did not spare his own Son but delivered him up on behalf of us all, how will he not also with him freely give us all things?
Rom 8:33 Who will bring any accusation against the chosen ones of Yehowah? Yehowah is the One who justifies.
Rom 8:34 Who is the one who will condemn? Messiah Yeshua is the One who died for us, and more than that, he also was raised. He is ruling with Yehowah in the place of honor, and he is the One who is interceding for us.

Rom 8:35 What will separate us from the unconditional selfless love of Messiah? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or hunger, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?
Rom 8:36 Just as it is written, “For your benefit we are killed all day long. We were considered as sheep for the slaughter.”
Rom 8:37 In all these things, we are more than conquerors through the One who unconditionally selflessly loved us.
Rom 8:38 For I have been convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor governments, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
Rom 8:39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the unconditional selfless love of Yehowah, which is in Messiah Yeshua our Lord.

Romans Chapter 9

Rom 9:1 I tell the truth in Messiah. I do not lie, and my conscience bears witness with me in Ruach ha'Kodesh,
Rom 9:2 that for me there is great sorrow and unceasing pain in my heart.
Rom 9:3 For I could wish that I myself would be cursed and set apart from Messiah for the sake of my brothers, those of my relatives according to the flesh.
Rom 9:4 They are Israelis. They have the adoption, the glory, the covenants (Gen. 1:1-Exo. 24:11), the legislating of the law (Exo. 24:12-Deut. 31:26), the worship (of Yehowah), and the promises.
Rom 9:5 Theirs are the ancestors from whom Messiah has come with respect to the flesh, he who is over all, Yehowah blessed forever. Amein.
Rom 9:6 But it is not as though the promises of Yehowah have failed. For it is not everyone in Israel who truly belongs to Israel.
Rom 9:7 Neither are all Abraham's descendants truly his children. But, "It is through Isaac that your descendants will be called."
Rom 9:8 That is, the children of the flesh are not the children of Yehowah. But the children of the promise are regarded as descendants.
Rom 9:9 For this is the word of promise: "At this time I will come, and a son will be given to Sarah."
Rom 9:10 Not only this, but after Rebecca also had conceived by one man, our father Isaac,
Rom 9:11 for the children were not yet born and had not yet done anything good or bad, so that the purpose of Yehowah according to choice might stand, not because of actions, but because of him who calls,
Rom 9:12 it was prophesied to her, "The older will serve the younger."
Rom 9:13 It is just as had been written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."
Rom 9:14 What then will we say? Is there unrighteousness with Yehowah? May it never be!
Rom 9:15 For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."
Rom 9:16 So then it is not because of him who wills, nor because of him who runs, but because of Yehowah, who shows mercy.
Rom 9:17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this exact purpose I raised you up, so that I might demonstrate my power in you, and so that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth."
Rom 9:18 So then Yehowah has mercy on whom he wishes, and whom he wishes, he makes stubborn.
Rom 9:19 You will then ask me, "Why does he still find fault? For who has ever withstood his will?"

Rom 9:20 On the contrary, human, who are you who answers against Yehowah? Will what has been molded ask the One who molds it, “Why did you make me this way?”
Rom 9:21 Does the potter not have the right over the clay to make from the same lump a container for special use and another container for daily use?
Rom 9:22 What if Yehowah, who is willing to show his wrath and to make his power known, endured with much patience containers of wrath prepared for destruction?
Rom 9:23 What if he did this, in order that he might make known the riches of his glory upon containers of mercy, which he had previously prepared for glory?
Rom 9:24 What if he did this also for us, whom he also called, not only from among the Jews, but also from among the ethnicities?
Rom 9:25 As he says also in Hosea: “I will call my people who were not my people, and her beloved who was not beloved.
Rom 9:26 And it will be that where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ there they will be called, ‘children of living Yehowah.’”
Rom 9:27 Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, “If the number of the children of Israel were as the sand of the sea, it will be a remnant that will be saved!
Rom 9:28 For Lord Yehowah will carry out his word on the earth, cutting it short in righteousness, soon and completely” (Isa. 10:23)!
Rom 9:29 And it is as Isaiah said before, “If Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces had not left descendants behind for us, we would have become like Sodom and have been made like Gomorrah” (Isa. 1:9).
Rom 9:30 What will we say then? That the ethnicities, who were not pursuing righteousness, obtained righteousness, the righteousness by faith.
Rom 9:31 But Israel, who did pursue a law of righteousness, did not arrive at the law of righteousness.
Rom 9:32 Why not? Because they did not pursue it by faith but by works of the law. They stumbled over the Stone of stumbling,
Rom 9:33 as it has been written, “Look, I am laying in Zion a Stone of stumbling and a Rock of offense. He who believes in him will not be ashamed” (Isa. 8:14-15; 28:16, 13; Rom. 10:11).

Romans Chapter 10

Rom 10:1 Brethren and sistren, my heart's desire and my request to Yehowah is for Israel, for their salvation.
Rom 10:2 For I testify about them that they have a zeal for Yehowah but not according to knowledge.
Rom 10:3 For they do not know of the righteousness of Yehowah, and they seek to establish their own righteousness. They did not submit to the righteousness of Yehowah.
Rom 10:4 For Messiah is the ultimate objective of the law for righteousness for everyone who believes.
Rom 10:5 For Moses writes about the righteousness that comes from the law: "The person who does the righteousness of the law will live by this righteousness" (Lev. 18:4-5).
Rom 10:6 But the righteousness that comes from faith says this, "Do not ask in your heart, 'Who will ascend into Heaven?' That is, to bring Messiah down.
Rom 10:7 And do not ask, 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" That is, to bring Messiah up from the dead.
Rom 10:8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (Deut. 30:11-14). That is the word of faith, which we proclaim.
Rom 10:9 For if you acknowledge Lord Yeshua with your mouth, and believe in your heart that Yehowah raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believes for righteousness, and with the mouth he acknowledges for salvation.
Rom 10:11 For Scripture says, "Everyone who believes on him will not be put to shame" (Isa. 28:16).
Rom 10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek. For the same Lord is Mighty One of all, and he is rich to all who call upon him.
Rom 10:13 For everyone who calls on the name of Yehowah will be saved (Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21).
Rom 10:14 How then can they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without a preacher?
Rom 10:15 And how can they preach, unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who proclaim the good news of peace and glad tidings of good things" (Isa. 52:7; Eph. 6:15)!
Rom 10:16 But they did not all listen to the good news. For Isaiah asks, "Lord, who has believed our message" (Isa. 53:1)?
Rom 10:17 So faith comes from hearing and hearing by the Word of Yehowah.

Rom 10:18 But I ask, “Did they not hear?” Yes, most certainly. “Their sound has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the globe” (Psalm 19:4).
Rom 10:19 Moreover, I ask, “Did Israel not know?” First, Moses says, “I will provoke you to jealousy by what is not an ethnicity. By means of an ethnicity without understanding, I will stir you up to anger” (Deut. 32:21).
Rom 10:20 And Isaiah is quite bold and says, “I was found by those who did not seek me. I appeared to those who did not ask for me” (Isa. 11:10).
Rom 10:21 But to Israel he says, “All the day long I reached out my hands to a disobedient and resistant people” (Isa. 65:1-2).

Romans Chapter 11

Rom 11:1 I ask then, did Yehowah reject his people? May it never be! For I also am an Israeli, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.
Rom 11:2 Yehowah did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says about Elijah, how he pleaded with Yehowah against Israel?
Rom 11:3 “Lord Almighty, they have killed your prophets, they have broken down your altars. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life” (1 Kings 19:10, 14).
Rom 11:4 But what does the answer of Yehowah say to him? “I have reserved for myself seven thousand men who have not bent the knee to Baal.”
Rom 11:5 Even so then, at this present time also, there is a remnant because of the choice of grace (Gen. 45:7).
Rom 11:6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer by works. Otherwise, grace would no longer be grace. But if it is by works, then there is no more grace, otherwise, work is no longer work.
Rom 11:7 What then? The thing that Israel was seeking, it did not obtain, but the chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened.
Rom 11:8 It is just as it is written: “Yehowah has given them a spirit of dullness, eyes so that they should not see, and ears so that they should not hear, to this day.”
Rom 11:9 And David says, “Let their table be made a net, a trap, a stumbling block, and retaliation against them.
Rom 11:10 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they may not see. Always keep their backs bent.”
Rom 11:11 I ask then, “Did they stumble so as to fall?” May it never be! Instead, by their failure, salvation has come to the ethnicities, in order to provoke them to jealousy.
Rom 11:12 Now if their failure is the riches of the world, and if their loss is the riches of the ethnicities, how much greater will their completion be!
Rom 11:13 And now, I am speaking to you ethnicities. As long as I am an apostle to the ethnicities, I honor my ministry.
Rom 11:14 Perhaps I will provoke to jealousy those who are of my own flesh. Perhaps we will save some of them.
Rom 11:15 For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their reception be but life from the dead?
Rom 11:16 If the firstfruits are set-apart, so is the lump of dough. If the root is set-apart, so are the branches.

Rom 11:17 But if some of the branches were broken off, if you, a wild olive branch, were grafted in among them, and if you shared with them in the rich Root of the olive tree (Jer. 11:16; Zech. 4:11-12),
Rom 11:18 do not boast over the branches. But if you do boast, it is not you who supports the Root, but the Root that supports you.
Rom 11:19 You will say then, “Branches were broken off, so that I might be grafted in.”
Rom 11:20 That is true. Because of their unbelief they were broken off, but you stand firm because of your faith. Do not think too highly of yourself but fear.
Rom 11:21 For if Yehowah did not spare the natural branches, perhaps neither will he spare you.
Rom 11:22 Look then at the kind actions and the severity of Yehowah. On the one hand, severity came on the Jews who fell. But on the other hand, the kindness of Yehowah comes on you, if you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off.
Rom 11:23 And also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, they will be grafted back in. For Yehowah is able to graft them in again.
Rom 11:24 For if you were cut out of what is by nature a wild olive tree, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these Jews, who are the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree?
Rom 11:25 For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren and sistren, of this mystery, in order that you will not be wise in your own thinking. This mystery is that a partial hardening has occurred in Israel, until the completion of the ethnicities comes in (Gen. 48:19).
Rom 11:26 Thus in this way, all Israel will be saved, just as it is written: “Out of Zion will come the Deliverer. He will remove wickedness from Jacob.
Rom 11:27 And this will be my covenant with them, when I will take away their sins” (Isa. 59:20-21; 27:9).
Rom 11:28 On the one hand, concerning the good news, they are enemies on your behalf. On the other hand, according to the choice of Yehowah, they are beloved because of the ancestors.
Rom 11:29 For the gifts and the call of Yehowah are irrevocable.
Rom 11:30 For you were formerly disobedient to Yehowah, but now you have received mercy because of their disobedience.
Rom 11:31 In the same way, now these Jews have been disobedient. The result was that by the mercy shown to you, they may also now receive mercy.
Rom 11:32 For Yehowah has shut up all into disobedience, in order that he might show mercy on all.

Rom 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of Yehowah! How unsearchable are his judgments and his Ways beyond discovering!
Rom 11:34 “For who has known the Ruach of Yehowah? Or who has become his advisor (Isa. 40:13)?
Rom 11:35 Or who has first given anything to Yehowah, so it will be paid back to him?”
Rom 11:36 For from him, and through him, and to him, are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amein.

Romans Chapter 12

Rom 12:1 I urge you therefore, brethren and sistren, by the mercies of Yehowah, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, set-apart, acceptable to Yehowah. This is your reasonable service.
Rom 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind. Do this to discern what is the good, acceptable, and perfect will of Yehowah.
Rom 12:3 For I say, because of the grace that was given to me, that everyone who is among you should not think more highly than they ought to think. Instead, they should think in a wise way, just as Yehowah has given out to each one a certain amount of faith.
Rom 12:4 For we have many members in one body, but not all the members have the same function.
Rom 12:5 In the same way, we who are many are one body in Messiah, and are individually members of each other.
Rom 12:6 We have different gifts according to the grace that was given to us. If one's gift is prophecy, let it be done according to the proportion of his faith.
Rom 12:7 If one's gift is service, let him serve. If one has the gift of teaching, let him teach.
Rom 12:8 If one's gift is encouragement, let him encourage. If one's gift is giving, let him do it generously. If one's gift is leading, let it be done with care. If one's gift is in showing mercy, let it be done with cheerfulness.
Rom 12:9 Let unconditional selfless love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; hold on to that which is good.
Rom 12:10 Concerning brotherly love, be affectionate to one another. Concerning honor, respect one another.
Rom 12:11 Concerning diligence, do not be hesitant. Concerning the Ruach, be eager. Concerning Yehowah, serve him.
Rom 12:12 Rejoice in the hope you have about the future. Be patient in your troubles. Keep on praying.
Rom 12:13 Share in the needs of the believers. Find many ways to show hospitality.
Rom 12:14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
Rom 12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.
Rom 12:16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not think in proud ways, but accept lowly people. Do not be wise in your own thoughts.
Rom 12:17 Repay no one evil for evil. Do good things in the sight of all people.
Rom 12:18 If possible, as much as it lies with you, be at peace with all people.

Rom 12:19 Do not avenge yourselves, beloved, but give way to the wrath of Yehowah. For it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay,” declares Yehowah (Deut. 32:35).
Rom 12:20 “But if your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him a drink. For if you do this, you will heap coals of fire on his head.”
Rom 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

Romans Chapter 13

Rom 13:1 Let every soul be submitted to higher authorities, for there is no authority unless it comes from Yehowah. And the authorities that exist have been appointed by Yehowah.
Rom 13:2 Therefore, he who resists that authority opposes the command of Yehowah; and those who oppose it will receive judgment on themselves.
Rom 13:3 For rulers are not a terror to good deeds but to evil deeds. Do you desire to be unafraid of authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from it.
Rom 13:4 For he is a servant of Yehowah to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for he does not carry the sword for no reason. For he is a servant of Yehowah, an avenger for wrath on the one who does evil.
Rom 13:5 Therefore, you must submit (Acts 5:29), not only because of the wrath, but also because of conscience.
Rom 13:6 Because of this, you pay taxes also. For authorities are servants of Yehowah, who attend to this exact thing continually.
Rom 13:7 Pay to everyone what is owed to them: tax to whom tax is due; toll to whom toll is due; respect to whom respect is due; honor to whom honor is due.
Rom 13:8 Owe no one anything except to unconditionally selflessly love one another. For he who unconditionally selflessly loves his neighbor has upheld the law (Mat. 5:17).
Rom 13:9 For, “You will not commit adultery, you will not murder, you will not steal, you will not give false testimony, you will not covet,” and if there is any other commandment also, it is summed up in this sentence: “You will love your neighbor as yourself.”
Rom 13:10 Unconditional selfless love does not harm one’s neighbor. Therefore, unconditional selfless love is the fulfillment of the law.
Rom 13:11 Because of this, you know the time, that it is already time for you to awake out of sleep. For now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.
Rom 13:12 The night has advanced, and the day has come near. Let us therefore put aside the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.
Rom 13:13 Let us walk appropriately, as in the day, not in wild celebrations or drunkenness. And let us not walk in sexual immorality, or in uncontrolled lust, and not in strife or jealousy.
Rom 13:14 But put on Lord Yeshua Messiah, and make no provision for the flesh, for its lusts.

Romans Chapter 14

Rom 14:1 Receive anyone who is weak in faith, without giving judgment about opinions.
Rom 14:2 One person has faith to eat any food, another who is weak eats only vegetables (Lev. 11; 20:25; Deut. 14).
Rom 14:3 May the one who eats not despise the one who does not eat. And may the one who does not eat, not judge the other who eats. For Yehowah has received him.
Rom 14:4 Who are you, you who judge a servant belonging to someone else? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. But he will be made to stand, for Yehowah is able to make him stand.
Rom 14:5 One person values one day above another. Another values every day equally. Let each person be convinced in his own mind.
Rom 14:6 He who observes the day, observes it for Yehowah. And he who eats, eats for Yehowah, for he gives Yehowah thanks. He who does not eat (fasts), refrains from eating for Yehowah (Isa. 58). He also gives thanks to Yehowah.
Rom 14:7 For none of us lives for himself, and none dies for himself.
Rom 14:8 For if we live, we live for Yehowah. And if we die, we die for Yehowah. Then whether we live or die, we belong to Yehowah.
Rom 14:9 For to this purpose Messiah died, rose, and lived again, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.
Rom 14:10 But you, why do you judge your brother or sister? And you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of Messiah.
Rom 14:11 For it is written, “As I live,” declares Yehowah, “to me every knee will bend, and every tongue will profess Yehowah” (Isa. 45:23; Phil 2:9-11).
Rom 14:12 So then each one of us will give an account of himself to Yehowah.
Rom 14:13 Therefore, let us no longer judge one another, but instead decide this, that no one will place a stumbling block or a snare for his brother or sister.
Rom 14:14 I know and am persuaded in Lord Yeshua, that nothing is defiled by itself. Only for him who considers anything to be defiled, for him it is defiled.
Rom 14:15 If because of food your brother or sister is hurt, you are no longer walking in unconditional selfless love. Do not destroy with your food one for whom Messiah died.
Rom 14:16 So do not let your good actions cause people to mock them.
Rom 14:17 For the Kingdom of Yehowah is not about food and drink, but about righteousness, peace, and joy in Ruach ha’Kodesh.
Rom 14:18 For the one who serves Messiah in this Way is acceptable to Yehowah and approved by people.

Rom 14:19 So then let us pursue the things of peace and the things that build up one another.
Rom 14:20 Do not destroy the work of Yehowah because of food (defined in Lev. 11 and Deut. 14). All things are indeed clean, but it is evil for that person who eats and causes him to stumble.
Rom 14:21 It is good not to eat meat, nor to drink wine, nor anything by which your brother or sister stumbles or takes offense, or is weakened.
Rom 14:22 These particular beliefs that you have, keep them between yourself and Yehowah. Blessed is the one who does not condemn himself in respect to what he approves of.
Rom 14:23 He who doubts is condemned if he eats, because it is not from faith. And whatever is not from faith is sin.

Romans Chapter 15

Rom 15:1 Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of the weak, and ought not to please ourselves.
Rom 15:2 Let each one of us please his neighbor for that which is good, in order to build him up.
Rom 15:3 For even Messiah did not please himself. Instead, it was just as it is written, “The insults of those who insulted you fell on me.”
Rom 15:4 For whatever was previously written was written for our instruction, in order that through patience and through encouragement of the Scriptures we would have confidence.
Rom 15:5 Now may Yehowah of patience and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with each other according to Messiah Yeshua.
Rom 15:6 May he do this in order that with one mind and mouth you may glorify Yehowah, the Father of our Lord Yeshua Messiah.
Rom 15:7 Therefore, receive one another, even as Messiah also received you, to the glory of Yehowah.
Rom 15:8 For I say that Yeshua Messiah has been made a servant of the circumcision in behalf of the truth of Yehowah. He did this, so that he might confirm the promises given to the fathers,
Rom 15:9 and for the ethnicities to glorify Yehowah for his mercy. It is as it is written, “Therefore, I will give praise to you among the ethnicities and sing praise to your name” (Psa. 18:49).
Rom 15:10 Again it says, “Rejoice, you ethnicities, with his people” (Deut. 32:43).
Rom 15:11 And again, “Praise the Lord, all you ethnicities; let all the people praise him” (Psa. 117:1).
Rom 15:12 Again, Isaiah says, “There will be the root of Jesse, and the One who will arise to rule over the ethnicities. The ethnicities will have confidence in him” (Isa. 11:10).
Rom 15:13 Now may Yehowah of confidence fill you with all joy and peace for believing, so that you may abound in confidence by the power of Ruach ha’Kodesh.
Rom 15:14 I myself am also convinced about you, my brethren and sistren. I am convinced that you yourselves are also full of goodness, filled with all knowledge. I am convinced that you are also able to exhort one another.
Rom 15:15 But I am writing more boldly to you about some things in order to remind you again, because of the grace that was given me by Yehowah.
Rom 15:16 This grace was that I should be a servant of Yeshua Messiah sent to the ethnicities, to offer as a priest the good news of Yehowah. I should do this,

so that the offering of the ethnicities might become acceptable, consecrated by Ruach ha'Kodesh.
Rom 15:17 So my delight is in Yeshua Messiah and in the things of Yehowah.
Rom 15:18 For I will not dare to speak of anything except what Messiah has accomplished through me for the obedience of the ethnicities. These are things done by word and action,
Rom 15:19 by the power of signs and wonders, and by the power of the Ruach of Yehowah. This was so that from Jerusalem, and round about as far as Illyricum, I might fully carry out the good news of Messiah.
Rom 15:20 In this Way, my desire has been to proclaim the good news, but not where Messiah is known by name, in order that I might not build upon another person's foundation.
Rom 15:21 But as it is written: "Those to whom no report of him came will see him, and those who have not heard will understand" (Isa. 52:15).
Rom 15:22 Therefore, I was also hindered many times from coming to you.
Rom 15:23 But now, I no longer have any place in these regions, and I have been longing for many years to come to you.
Rom 15:24 So whenever I go to Spain (c. 63-67 AD; 5th missionary journey), I hope to see you in passing, and to be sent on my way by you, after I enjoy your company for awhile.
Rom 15:25 But now I am going to Jerusalem to serve the believers.
Rom 15:26 For it was the good pleasure of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution to the poor among the believers who are in Jerusalem.
Rom 15:27 Yes, it was their good pleasure, and indeed, they are their debtors. For if the ethnicities have shared in their spiritual things, they owe it to them also to serve them in material things.
Rom 15:28 Therefore, when I have accomplished this and have certified this fruit to them, I will go on by way of you to Spain.
Rom 15:29 I know that when I come to you, I will come in the fullness of the blessing of the good news of Messiah.
Rom 15:30 Now I urge you, brethren and sistren, by our Lord Yeshua Messiah, and by the unconditional selfless love of Ruach ha'Kodesh, that you strive together with me in your prayers to Yehowah for me.
Rom 15:31 Pray that I may be rescued from those who are disobedient in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the believers.
Rom 15:32 Pray that I may come to you in joy through the will of Yehowah, and that I may, together with you, find renewal.
Rom 15:33 May Yehowah of peace be with you all. Amein.

Romans Chapter 16

Rom 16:1 I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the congregation that is in Cenchrea,
Rom 16:2 in order that you may receive her in the Lord. Do this in a manner worthy of the believers, and stand by her in whatever matter she may have need of you. For she herself as well has become a helper of many, and of myself as well.
Rom 16:3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Messiah Yeshua,
Rom 16:4 who for my life risked their own lives. I give thanks to them, and not only I, but also all the congregations of the ethnicities.
Rom 16:5 Greet the congregation that is in their house. Greet Epaenetus my beloved, who is the firstfruit of Achaia to Messiah.
Rom 16:6 Greet Miriam, who has worked hard for you.
Rom 16:7 Greet Andronicon and Iounias, my kinsfolk, and my fellow prisoners. They are prominent among the apostles, who also were in Messiah before me.
Rom 16:8 Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord.
Rom 16:9 Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Messiah, and Stachys, my beloved.
Rom 16:10 Greet Apelles, the approved in Messiah. Greet those who are of the household of Aristobulus.
Rom 16:11 Greet Herodion, my kinsman. Greet those of the household of Narcissus, who are in the Lord.
Rom 16:12 Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, who work hard in the Lord. Greet Persis the beloved, who has worked much in the Lord.
Rom 16:13 Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.
Rom 16:14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brethren and sistren who are with them.
Rom 16:15 Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the believers who are with them.
Rom 16:16 Greet one another with a set-apart kiss. All the Messianic congregations greet you (Acts 11:26).
Rom 16:17 Now I urge you, brethren and sistren, to watch out for those who are causing the divisions and stumbling. They are going beyond the teaching that you have learned. Turn away from them.
Rom 16:18 For people such as these do not serve our Lord Yeshua Messiah, but their own stomach. By their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the innocent.
Rom 16:19 For your example of obedience reaches everyone. I rejoice, therefore, over you, but I want you to be wise as to that which is good and innocent to that which is evil.

Rom 16:20 Yehowah of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. May the grace of our Lord Yeshua Messiah be with you. Amein.
Rom 16:21 Timothy, my fellow worker, greets you, and Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my kinsmen.
Rom 16:22 I, Tertius, who write down this epistle, greet you in the Lord.
Rom 16:23 Gaius, the host for me and for the whole congregation, greets you. Erastus, the treasurer of the city, greets you, with Brother Quartus.
Rom 16:24 May the grace of our Lord Yeshua Messiah be with you all. Amein.
Rom 16:25 Now to him who is able to make you stand according to my good news and the preaching of Yeshua Messiah, according to the revelation of the mystery that has been kept secret from long ago,
Rom 16:26 but that now has been revealed and made known by the prophetic Scriptures according to the command of eternal Yehowah, for the obedience of faith among all the ethnicities.
Rom 16:27 To Yehowah, solely wise, through Yeshua Messiah, be the glory forever. Amein.

Book of 1st Corinthians

1 Corinthians Chapter 1

1Co 1:1 Paul, called by Yeshua Messiah to be an apostle by the will of Yehowah, and Sosthenes our brother,
1Co 1:2 to the congregation of Yehowah at Corinth, to those who have been consecrated in Messiah Yeshua, who are called to be set-apart people. We are also writing to all who call on the name of our Lord Yeshua Messiah in every place, their Lord and ours.
1Co 1:3 May grace and peace be to you from Yehowah our Father and Lord Yeshua Messiah.
1Co 1:4 I always give thanks to Yehowah for you, because of the grace of Yehowah that Yeshua Messiah gave to you.
1Co 1:5 He has made you rich in every way, in all speech and with all knowledge,
1Co 1:6 just as the testimony about Messiah has been confirmed as true among you.
1Co 1:7 Therefore, you lack no spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for the revelation of our Lord Yeshua Messiah.
1Co 1:8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you will be blameless on the Day of our Lord Yeshua Messiah.
1Co 1:9 Yehowah is faithful, who called you into the fellowship of his Son, Yeshua Messiah our Lord.
1Co 1:10 Now I urge you, brethren and sistren, through the name of our Lord Yeshua Messiah, that you all agree, and that there be no divisions among you. I urge that you be joined together with the same mind and by the same purpose.
1Co 1:11 For it has been made clear to me, my brethren and sistren, by Chloe's people, that there are factions among you.
1Co 1:12 I mean this: Each one of you says, "I am with Paul," or "I am with Apollos," or "I am with Cephas," or "I am with Messiah."
1Co 1:13 Is Messiah divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you immersed in the name of Paul?
1Co 1:14 I thank Yehowah that I immersed none of you, except Crispus and Gaius.
1Co 1:15 This was so that no one would say that you were immersed into my name.
1Co 1:16 I also immersed the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know if I immersed any others.

1Co 1:17 For Messiah did not send me to immerse but to preach the good news. He did not send me to preach with words of human wisdom, so that the cross of Messiah should not be emptied of its power.
1Co 1:18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are dying. But among those whom Yehowah is saving, it is the power of Yehowah.
1Co 1:19 For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise. I will frustrate the understanding of the intelligent."
1Co 1:20 Where is the wise person? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this world? Has not Yehowah turned the wisdom of the world into foolishness?
1Co 1:21 Since in the wisdom of Yehowah, the world in its wisdom did not know Yehowah, it pleased Yehowah through the foolishness of preaching to save those who believe.
1Co 1:22 For Jews ask for miraculous signs and Greeks seek wisdom.
1Co 1:23 But we preach Messiah crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Greeks.
1Co 1:24 But to those whom Yehowah has called, both Jews and Greeks, we preach Messiah as the power of Yehowah and the wisdom of Yehowah.
1Co 1:25 For the foolishness of Yehowah is wiser than humans, and the weakness of Yehowah is stronger than humans.
1Co 1:26 Look at your calling, brethren and sistren. Not many of you were wise by human standards. Not many of you were powerful. Not many of you were of noble birth.
1Co 1:27 But Yehowah chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise. Yehowah chose what is weak in the world to shame what is strong.
1Co 1:28 Yehowah chose what is low and despised in the world. He even chose things that are regarded as nothing, to bring to nothing things that are held as valuable.
1Co 1:29 He did this, so that no one would have a reason to boast before him.
1Co 1:30 Because of what Yehowah did, now you are in Messiah Yeshua, who became for us wisdom from Yehowah. He became our righteousness, consecration, and redemption.
1Co 1:31 As a result, as Scripture says, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord" (Jer. 9:24).

1 Corinthians Chapter 2

1Co 2:1 When I came to you, brethren and sistren, I did not come with eloquence of speech or wisdom as I proclaimed hidden truths about Yehowah.
1Co 2:2 For I decided to know nothing when I was among you except Yeshua Messiah, and him crucified.
1Co 2:3 And I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling.
1Co 2:4 And my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of human wisdom. Instead, they were with the demonstration of the Ruach and of power,
1Co 2:5 so that your faith might not be in the wisdom of humans, but in the power of Yehowah.
1Co 2:6 Now we do speak wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this world, or of the rulers of this age, who are passing away.
1Co 2:7 Instead, we speak the wisdom of Yehowah in hidden truth, the hidden wisdom that Yehowah predestined before the ages for our glory.
1Co 2:8 None of the rulers of this age knew this wisdom, for if they had understood it at that time, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
1Co 2:9 But as it is written, “Things that no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has imagined, the things that Yehowah has prepared for those who love him” (Isa. 64:4).
1Co 2:10 These are the things that Yehowah has revealed to us through the Ruach. For the Ruach searches everything, even the deep things of Yehowah.
1Co 2:11 For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of the person in him? So also, no one knows the deep things of Yehowah except the Ruach of Yehowah.
1Co 2:12 But we did not receive the spirit of the world, but the Ruach who is from Yehowah, so that we might know the things freely given to us by Yehowah.
1Co 2:13 We speak about these things in words that human wisdom cannot teach, but which Ruach ha’Kodesh teaches us. The Ruach interprets spiritual words with spiritual wisdom.
1Co 2:14 The sensual person does not receive the things that belong to the Ruach of Yehowah, for they are foolishness to him. He cannot know them, because they are spiritually discerned.
1Co 2:15 The one who is spiritual judges all things, but he is not subject to the judgment of others.
1Co 2:16 “For who can know the mind of Yehowah, that he can instruct him” (Isa. 40:13)? But we have the mind of Messiah.

1 Corinthians Chapter 3

1Co 3:1 And I, brethren and sistren, could not speak to you as spiritual people, but instead as to fleshly people, as to immature children in Messiah.
1Co 3:2 I fed you milk and not meat, for you were not ready for meat. And even now you are not ready.
1Co 3:3 For you are still fleshly. For where jealousy, strife, and dissensions exist among you, are you not living according to the flesh, and are you not walking by human standards?
1Co 3:4 For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another says, “I follow Apollos,” are you not fleshly?
1Co 3:5 Who then is Apollos? And who is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, to each of whom the Lord gave tasks.
1Co 3:6 I planted, Apollos watered, but Yehowah gave the growth.
1Co 3:7 So then neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything. But it is Yehowah who gives the growth.
1Co 3:8 Now he who plants, and he who waters are united, and each will receive his own wages according to his own labor.
1Co 3:9 For we are the fellow workers of Yehowah. You are the garden of Yehowah, the building of Yehowah.
1Co 3:10 According to the grace of Yehowah that was given to me as a skilled master builder, I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But let each one be careful how he builds on it.
1Co 3:11 For no one can lay a foundation other than the One that has been laid, that is, Yeshua Messiah.
1Co 3:12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw,
1Co 3:13 his work will be revealed, for the Day will reveal it. For it will be revealed in fire. The fire will test the quality of what each one had done.
1Co 3:14 If anyone’s work that he built remains, he will receive a reward;
1Co 3:15 but if anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, as though escaping through fire.
1Co 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of Yehowah, and that the Ruach of Yehowah lives in you?
1Co 3:17 If anyone destroys the temple of Yehowah, Yehowah will destroy that person. For the temple of Yehowah is set-apart, and so are you.
1Co 3:18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks he is wise in this age, let him become a fool, that he may become wise.
1Co 3:19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with Yehowah. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness.”

1Co 3:20 And again, “Yehowah knows that the reasoning of the wise is futile” (Psa. 94:11).
1Co 3:21 So no more boasting about people! For all things are yours,
1Co 3:22 whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come. All things are yours,
1Co 3:23 and you belong to Messiah, and Messiah belongs to Yehowah.

1 Corinthians Chapter 4

1Co 4:1 This is how a person should regard us, as servants of Messiah and stewards of the hidden truths of Yehowah.
1Co 4:2 In this connection, it is a requirement for stewards that they be faithful.
1Co 4:3 But for me, it is extremely insignificant that I should be judged by you or by any human court. For I do not even judge myself.
1Co 4:4 I am not aware of any charge being made against me, but that does not mean I am innocent. It is Yehowah who judges me.
1Co 4:5 Therefore, do not pronounce judgment about anything before the time, before the Lord comes. He will bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his praise from Yehowah.
1Co 4:6 Now brethren and sistren, I applied these principles to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that from us you might learn the meaning of the saying, “Do not hold an opinion beyond what is written.” This is so that none of you may be puffed up in grace of one against the other.
1Co 4:7 For who sees any difference between you and others? What do you have that you did not freely receive? If you have freely received it, why do you boast as if you had not done so?
1Co 4:8 Already you have all you could want! Already you have become rich! You began to reign, and that quite apart from us! Indeed, I wish you did reign, so that we could reign with you.
1Co 4:9 For I think Yehowah has put us apostles on display as the last in line in a procession, and like men sentenced to death. We have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to humans.
1Co 4:10 We are fools for the sake of Messiah, but you are wise in Messiah. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we are held in dishonor.
1Co 4:11 Up to this present hour, we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed, we are brutally beaten, and we are homeless.
1Co 4:12 We work hard, working with our own hands. When we are reviled, we bless. When we are persecuted, we endure.
1Co 4:13 When we are slandered, we speak with kindness. We have become, and are still considered to be, the refuse of the world and the filthiest of all things.
1Co 4:14 I do not write these things to shame you but to correct you as my beloved children.
1Co 4:15 For even if you have ten thousand tutors in Messiah, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Messiah Yeshua through the good news.
1Co 4:16 So I urge you to be imitators of me.

1Co 4:17 That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord. He will remind you of my Ways in Messiah, just as I teach them everywhere and in every congregation (Acts 11:26).
1Co 4:18 Now some of you have become arrogant, acting as though I were not coming to you.
1Co 4:19 But I will come to you soon, if Yehowah wills. Then I will know not merely the talk of these who are so arrogant, but I will see their power.
1Co 4:20 For the Kingdom of Yehowah does not consist in talk but in power.
1Co 4:21 What do you want? Should I come to you with a rod or with unconditional selfless love and in the Ruach of gentleness?

1 Corinthians Chapter 5

1Co 5:1 We heard a report that there is sexual immorality among you, a kind of immorality that is not even permitted among the ethnicities. The report is that one of you is having sex with his father's wife (Lev. 20:11; Deut. 22:30, 27:30).
1Co 5:2 And you are so arrogant! Should you not mourn instead? The one who did this must be removed from among you.
1Co 5:3 For although I am absent in body but still present in spirit, I have already judged the one who did this, just as though I were there.
1Co 5:4 When you gather together in the name of our Lord Yeshua Messiah, and my spirit is there as well in the power of our Lord Yeshua Messiah, I have already judged this person.
1Co 5:5 I have done this to hand this person over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved on the Day of Lord Yeshua.
1Co 5:6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole loaf?
1Co 5:7 Cleanse yourselves of the old yeast, so that you may be new dough, since you are unleavened. For Messiah, our Passover, has been sacrificed.
1Co 5:8 So let us then celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of bad behavior and wickedness. Instead, let us celebrate with unleavened sincerity and truth.
1Co 5:9 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people.
1Co 5:10 In no way did I mean the immoral people of this world, or the greedy, or scammers, or idolaters, since to stay away from them you would need to go out of the world.
1Co 5:11 But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who is called a brother or sister, but who is living in sexual immorality, or who is greedy, or is an idolater, or is verbally abusive, or is a drunkard, or a scammer. Do not even eat a meal with such a person.
1Co 5:12 For how am I involved with judging those who are outside the congregation? Instead, are you not to judge those who are inside the congregation?
1Co 5:13 But Yehowah judges those who are on the outside. "Remove the evil person from among you."

1 Corinthians Chapter 6

1Co 6:1 When one of you has a dispute with another, does he dare to go to the civil court before an unbelieving judge, rather than before the believers?
1Co 6:2 Do you not know that the believers will judge the world? And if you will judge the world, are you not able to settle unimportant matters?
1Co 6:3 Do you not know that we will judge the angels? How much more, then, can we judge matters of this life?
1Co 6:4 If then, you have to make judgments that pertain to daily life, why do you lay such cases as these before those who have no standing in the congregation?
1Co 6:5 I say this to your shame. Is there no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between brethren and sistren?
1Co 6:6 But as it stands, one believer goes to court against another believer, and that case is placed before a judge who is an unbeliever!
1Co 6:7 The fact that there are any lawsuits at all between believers is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer the wrong? Why not rather allow yourselves to be cheated?
1Co 6:8 But you have wronged and cheated others, and these are your own brethren and sistren!
1Co 6:9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the Kingdom of Yehowah? Do not believe lies. The sexually immoral, idolaters, adulterers, male prostitutes, those who practice homosexuality (Lev. 18; 20; Deut. 22),
1Co 6:10 thieves, the greedy, drunkards, slanderers, and scammers, none of them will inherit the Kingdom of Yehowah.
1Co 6:11 And such were some of you. But you have been cleansed, you have been sanctified, you have been made right with Yehowah in the name of Lord Yeshua and by the Ruach of Yehowah.
1Co 6:12 “Everything done lawfully is for me,” but not everything is beneficial. “Everything done lawfully is for me,” but I will not be mastered by any of them.
1Co 6:13 “Food is for the stomach, and the stomach is for food,” but Yehowah will do away with both of them. The body is not intended for sexual immorality. Instead, the body is for the Lord, and the Lord will provide for the body.
1Co 6:14 Yehowah both raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.
1Co 6:15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Messiah? Should I then take away the members of Messiah and join them to a prostitute? May it not be!
1Co 6:16 Do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one flesh with her? As Scripture says, “The two will become one flesh.”
1Co 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

1Co 6:18 Run away from sexual immorality! Every other sin that a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.
1Co 6:19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of Ruach ha'Kodesh, who lives within you, whom you have from Yehowah? Do you not know that you are not your own?
1Co 6:20 For you were bought with a price. Therefore, glorify Yehowah with your body, and with your spirit, which belong to Yehowah.

1 Corinthians Chapter 7

1Co 7:1 Now concerning the issues you wrote about: “It is good for a man not to touch a woman.”
1Co 7:2 But because of temptations for many immoral acts, each man should have his own wife, and each woman should have her own husband.
1Co 7:3 The husband should give to the wife her conjugal rights and likewise the wife to her husband.
1Co 7:4 It is not the wife who has authority over her own body, it is the husband. And likewise, the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.
1Co 7:5 Do not deprive each other, except by mutual agreement and for a specific period of time. Do this, so that you may devote yourselves to fasting and prayer. Then you should come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.
1Co 7:6 But I say these things to you as a concession and not as a command.
1Co 7:7 I wish that everyone were as I am. But each one has his own gift from Yehowah. One has this kind of gift and another that kind.
1Co 7:8 To the unmarried and to widows I say that it is good for them if they remain unmarried, as I am.
1Co 7:9 But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better for them to marry than to burn with passion.
1Co 7:10 Now to the married I give this command, not I, but the Lord: “The wife should not separate from her husband” (without a written contract of divorce).
1Co 7:11 But if she does separate from her husband, she should remain unmarried or else be reconciled to him. And, “The husband should not divorce his wife” (Mat. 19; Deut. 24:1-4).
1Co 7:12 But to the rest I say, I, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and if she is content to live with him, he should not divorce her.
1Co 7:13 If a woman has an unbelieving husband, and if he is content to live with her, she should not divorce him.
1Co 7:14 For the unbelieving husband is set apart because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is set apart because of the husband. Otherwise, your children would be unclean, but actually they are set apart.
1Co 7:15 But if the non-believing partner departs, let him go (with a written contract of divorce). In such cases, the brother or sister is not bound to their vows. Yehowah has called us to live in peace.
1Co 7:16 For how do you know, woman, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

1Co 7:17 Only let each one live the life Yehowah has assigned him, each as the Lord has called him. This is my rule in all the congregations.
1Co 7:18 Was anyone circumcised when he was called to believe? He should not try to appear uncircumcised. Was anyone uncircumcised when he was called to faith? He should not be circumcised.
1Co 7:19 For it is neither circumcision nor uncircumcision that matters. What matters is obeying the commandments of Yehowah.
1Co 7:20 Each one should remain in the calling he was in when Yehowah called him to believe.
1Co 7:21 Were you a slave when Yehowah called you? Do not be concerned about it. But if you can become free, take advantage of it.
1Co 7:22 For someone who is called by the Lord as a slave is the freeman of the Lord. Likewise, the one who was free when he was called to believe is the slave of Messiah.
1Co 7:23 You have been bought with a price, so do not become slaves of people.
1Co 7:24 Brethren and sistren, in whatever life each of us was in when we were called to believe, let us remain like that in Yehowah.
1Co 7:25 Now concerning those who never married, I have no commandment from the Lord. But I give my opinion as one who, by the mercy of the Lord, is trustworthy.
1Co 7:26 Therefore, I think that because of the impending crisis, it is good for a man to remain as he is.
1Co 7:27 Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free of her. Are you free of a wife? Do not seek a wife.
1Co 7:28 But if you do marry, you have not committed a sin. And if an unmarried woman marries, she has committed no sin. Yet those who marry will have many kinds of trouble while living, and I would like to spare you from them.
1Co 7:29 But this I say, brothers: The time is short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none.
1Co 7:30 Those who weep should act as though they were not weeping, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who are buying anything as though they did not possess anything.
1Co 7:31 And those who make use of the world should not act as though they are making total use of it, for the system of this world is coming to an end.
1Co 7:32 I would like you to be free from worries. The unmarried person is concerned about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord.
1Co 7:33 But the married person is concerned about the things of the world, how to please his wife.
1Co 7:34 The unmarried woman or the virgin is concerned about the things of the Lord, how to be set apart in body and in spirit. But the married woman is concerned about the things of the world, how to please her husband.

1Co 7:35 I say this for your own benefit and not to put any constraint on you. I say this for what is right, so that you may be devoted to the Lord without any distraction.
1Co 7:36 But if anyone thinks that he is not treating his virgin daughter with respect, if she is beyond the age of marriage, and it must be so, he should do what he wants. He is not sinning. He should let her marry.
1Co 7:37 But if he is standing firm in his heart, if he is not under pressure but can control his own will, and if he has decided in his own heart to do this, to keep his own daughter a virgin, he will do well.
1Co 7:38 So the one who lets his virgin daughter marry does well, and the one who chooses not to let her marry will do even better.
1Co 7:39 A wife is bound by the law to her husband for as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to marry whomever she wishes to marry but only in the Lord.
1Co 7:40 Yet, in my judgment she would be happier if she lives as she is. And I think that I also have the Ruach of Yehowah.

1 Corinthians Chapter 8

1Co 8:1 Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that, “we all have knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but unconditional selfless love builds up.
1Co 8:2 If anyone thinks he knows something, that person does not yet know as he should know.
1Co 8:3 But if anyone unconditionally selflessly loves Yehowah, that person is known by him.
1Co 8:4 So about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that “an idol in this world is nothing,” and that “Yehowah is Oneness.”
1Co 8:5 For maybe so-called deities do exist, either in Heaven or on earth, just as there are many “deities” and many “lords.”
1Co 8:6 Yet for us, “There is only one Father, Yehowah, from him are all things, and for whom we live, and one Lord Yeshua Messiah, through whom all things exist, and through whom we exist.”
1Co 8:7 However, this knowledge is not in everyone. Instead, some previously practiced idol worship, and they eat this food as if it were something sacrificed to an idol. Their conscience is thereby corrupted, because it is weak.
1Co 8:8 But food will not present us to Yehowah. We are not worse if we do not eat, nor better if we do eat it.
1Co 8:9 But take care that your freedom does not become a reason for someone who is weak in faith to stumble.
1Co 8:10 For suppose that someone sees you, who have knowledge, eating a meal in an idol’s temple. Is not his weak conscience emboldened to eat what is offered to idols?
1Co 8:11 So because of your understanding about the true nature of idols, the weaker one, the brother or sister for whom Messiah died, is destroyed.
1Co 8:12 Thus, when you sin against your brethren and sistren and wound their weak consciences, you sin against Messiah.
1Co 8:13 Therefore, if food causes my brother or sister to stumble, I will never eat meat again, so that I may not cause my brother or sister to fall.

1 Corinthians Chapter 9

1Co 9:1 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Yeshua Messiah our Lord? Are you not my workmanship in the Lord?
1Co 9:2 If I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you. For you are the proof of my apostleship in the Lord.
1Co 9:3 This is my defense to those who examine me:
1Co 9:4 Do we not have the right to eat and drink?
1Co 9:5 Do we not have the right to take along with us a wife who is a believer, as do the rest of the apostles, and the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?
1Co 9:6 Or is it only Barnabas and I who must work?
1Co 9:7 Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink milk from it?
1Co 9:8 Do I say these things based on human authority? Does not the law also say this?
1Co 9:9 For it is written in the Law of Moses, “Do not put a muzzle on an ox when it is treading out the grain.” Is it really the oxen that Yehowah cares about (Deut. 25:4)?
1Co 9:10 Is he not speaking about us? It was written for us, because the one who plows should plow in hope, and the one who threshes should thresh in the expectation of sharing in the harvest.
1Co 9:11 If we sowed spiritual things among you, is it too much for us to reap material things from you?
1Co 9:12 If others exercised this right from you, do we not have even more? Nevertheless, we did not claim this right. Instead, we endured everything rather than be a hindrance to the good news of Messiah.
1Co 9:13 Do you not know that those who serve in the temple get their food from the temple? Do you not know that those who serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar?
1Co 9:14 In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the good news should get their living from the good news.
1Co 9:15 But I have not claimed any of these rights. And I do not write this so something might be done for me. I would rather die than anyone deprive me of this boast.
1Co 9:16 For if I preach the good news, I have no reason for boasting, because I must do this. And woe be to me if I do not preach the good news!
1Co 9:17 For if I do this willingly, I have a reward. But if not willingly, I still have a responsibility that was entrusted to me.
1Co 9:18 What then is my reward? That when I preach, I may offer the good news without charge and so not take full use of my right in the good news.

1Co 9:19 For though I am free from all, I became a servant to all, in order that I might win more.
1Co 9:20 To the Jews I became like a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law, I became like one under the law, in order to win those under the law.
1Co 9:21 To those outside the law, I became like one outside the law, although I was not outside the Law of Yehowah myself, but under the law of Messiah. I did this, so that I may win those outside the law.
1Co 9:22 To the weak, I became weak, so that I may win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I may by all means save some.
1Co 9:23 I do all things for the good news' sake, so that I may participate in its blessings.
1Co 9:24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run the race, but that only one receives the prize? So run to win the prize.
1Co 9:25 An athlete exercises self-control in all his training. They do it to receive a wreath that is perishable, but we run, so that we might receive an imperishable wreath.
1Co 9:26 Therefore, I do not run without purpose or box by beating the air.
1Co 9:27 But I subdue my body and make it a slave, so that after I have preached to others, I myself may not be disqualified.

1 Corinthians Chapter 10

1Co 10:1 I want you to know, brethren and sistren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the SEA.
1Co 10:2 All were immersed into Moses in the cloud and in the SEA,
1Co 10:3 and all ate the same spiritual food.
1Co 10:4 All drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from a spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Messiah.
1Co 10:5 But Yehowah was not well pleased with most of them, and their corpses were scattered about in the wilderness.
1Co 10:6 Now these things were examples for us, so we would not lust for evil things as they did.
1Co 10:7 Do not be idolaters, as some of them were. This is as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.”
1Co 10:8 Let us not commit sexual immorality, as many of them did. In one day, twenty-three thousand people died because of it (Num. 25:9).
1Co 10:9 Neither let us put Messiah to the test, as many of them did and were destroyed by snakes.
1Co 10:10 Also, do not grumble, as many of them did and were destroyed by an angel of death.
1Co 10:11 Now these things happened to them as examples for us. They were written for our instruction, for us on whom the end of the ages has come.
1Co 10:12 Therefore, let anyone who thinks he stands, be careful that he does not fall.
1Co 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to all humanity. Instead, Yehowah is faithful. He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability. With the temptation, he will also provide the way of escape, so that you may be able to endure it.
1Co 10:14 Therefore, my beloved emissaries, run away from idolatry.
1Co 10:15 I speak to you as thoughtful people, so you may judge what I say.
1Co 10:16 The cup of blessing with which we bless Yehowah, is it not a sharing in the blood of Messiah? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Messiah?
1Co 10:17 Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body. We all take of one bread together.
1Co 10:18 Look at the people of Israel: Are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar?
1Co 10:19 What am I saying then? That an idol is anything? Or that food sacrificed to an idol is anything?

1Co 10:20 But I say about the things the ethnicities sacrifice, that they offer these things to demons and not to Yehowah. I do not want you to be participants with demons!
1Co 10:21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot have fellowship at the table of the Lord and the table of demons.
1Co 10:22 Or do we provoke Yehowah to jealousy? Are we stronger than he is?
1Co 10:23 “All things done lawfully are for me,” but not everything is beneficial. “All things done lawfully are for me,” but not everything builds people up.
1Co 10:24 No one should seek his own good. Instead, each one should seek the good of his neighbor.
1Co 10:25 Whatever is sold in the market, eat nothing until you ask questions for the sake of conscience.
1Co 10:26 For, “The earth belongs to Yehowah and the fullness of it” (Psa. 24:1).
1Co 10:27 If an unbeliever invites you to eat a meal, and you wish to go, eat nothing that is set before you, until you ask questions for the sake of conscience.
1Co 10:28 And if someone says to you, “This food was from a pagan sacrifice,” do not eat it. This is for the sake of the one who informed you and for the sake of conscience. For, “The earth belongs to Yehowah and the fullness of it.”
1Co 10:29 I do not mean your own conscience, but the other person’s conscience. For why should my freedom be judged by another’s conscience?
1Co 10:30 If I partake of the meal with gratitude, why am I being insulted for that for which I gave thanks?
1Co 10:31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of Yehowah.
1Co 10:32 Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks, or to the congregation of Yehowah.
1Co 10:33 I try to please all people in all things. I do not seek my benefit but that of the many. I do this, so that they may be saved.

1 Corinthians Chapter 11

1Co 11:1 Be imitators of me, just as I am an imitator of Messiah.
1Co 11:2 Now I praise you, brethren and sistren, because you remember me in everything. I praise you, because you hold fast to the traditions, just as I delivered them to you.
1Co 11:3 Now I want you to understand that Messiah is the head of every man, that a man is the head of a woman, and that Yehowah is the head of Messiah.
1Co 11:4 Any man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head.
1Co 11:5 But any woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head. For it is one and the same thing as if her head were shaved.
1Co 11:6 For if a woman will not cover her head, she should cut her hair short. If it is disgraceful for a woman to have her hair cut off, or for her to shave her head, let her cover her head.
1Co 11:7 For a man should not have his head covered effeminately (Deut. 22:5), since he is the image and glory of Yehowah. But the woman is the glory of the man.
1Co 11:8 For man was not made from woman. Instead, woman was made from man.
1Co 11:9 For neither was man created for woman. Instead, woman was created for man.
1Co 11:10 This is why the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.
1Co 11:11 Nevertheless, in Yehowah, the woman is not independent from the man, nor is the man independent from the woman.
1Co 11:12 For as the woman comes from the man, so does the man come from the woman. And all things come from Yehowah.
1Co 11:13 Judge for yourselves: Is it proper for a woman to pray to Yehowah with her head uncovered?
1Co 11:14 Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a disgrace for him (Eze. 44:20)?
1Co 11:15 Does not nature teach you that if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair has been given to her as a covering.
1Co 11:16 But if anyone wants to argue about this, we do not have any other practice, nor do the congregations of Yehowah.
1Co 11:17 But in the following instructions, I do not praise you. For when you come together, it is not for the better but for the worse.
1Co 11:18 For in the first place, I hear that when you come together in the congregation, there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it.

1Co 11:19 For there must also be factions among you, so that those who are approved may be recognized among you.
1Co 11:20 For when you come together, it is not to eat the supper of the Lord.
1Co 11:21 When you eat, each one eats his own food before the others have their supper. One is hungry, and another becomes drunk.
1Co 11:22 Do you not have houses to eat and to drink in? Do you despise the congregation of Yehowah and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I praise you? I will not praise you for this!
1Co 11:23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you, that Lord Yeshua, on the night when he was betrayed, took unleavened bread.
1Co 11:24 After he had given thanks to Yehowah, he broke it and said, "Take, eat, this represents my body, which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
1Co 11:25 In the same way, he took the cup after supper, and he said, "This cup represents the New Covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me" (Lev. 17:10-14; Gen. 9:4; Luke 22:19; Num. 10:10; the Zikkaron).
1Co 11:26 For every time you eat this unleavened bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of Yeshua until he comes.
1Co 11:27 Whoever, therefore, eats the unleavened bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, will be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.
1Co 11:28 Let a person examine himself first, and in this Way, let him eat of the unleavened bread and drink of the cup.
1Co 11:29 For he who eats and drinks irreverently, without discerning the body of the Lord, eats and drinks judgment to himself.
1Co 11:30 That is why many among you are weak and ill, and some of you have died.
1Co 11:31 But if we examine ourselves, we will not be judged.
1Co 11:32 But when we are judged by Yehowah, we are disciplined, so that we may not be condemned along with the world.
1Co 11:33 Therefore, my brethren and sistren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.
1Co 11:34 If anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, so that when you come together, it will not be for judgment. And about the other things you wrote, I will give directions when I come.

1 Corinthians Chapter 12

1Co 12:1 About spiritual gifts, brethren and sistren, I do not want you to be uninformed.
1Co 12:2 You know that when you were pagans, you were led astray to voiceless idols, in whatever ways you were led by them.
1Co 12:3 Therefore, I want you to know that no one who speaks by the Ruach of Yehowah can say, “Yeshua is accursed.” No one can say, “Yeshua is Lord,” except by Ruach ha’Kodesh (Deut. 21:22-23; Gal. 3:13-14).
1Co 12:4 Now there are different gifts but the same Ruach.
1Co 12:5 And there are different ministries but the same Lord.
1Co 12:6 And there are different kinds of work, but it is Yehowah who makes them possible in everyone.
1Co 12:7 Now to each one is given the outward display of the Ruach for the benefit of all.
1Co 12:8 For to one is given by the Ruach the word of wisdom, and to another the word of knowledge by the same Ruach.
1Co 12:9 To another is given faith by the same Ruach, and to another gifts of healing by the same Ruach.
1Co 12:10 To another is given deeds of power, and to another prophecy. To another is given the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another speaking multilingually, and to another the interpretation of languages.
1Co 12:11 But the one and the same Ruach works in all of these, giving the gifts to each one individually, as he chooses.
1Co 12:12 For as the body is one and has many members and all are members of the same body, so it is with Messiah.
1Co 12:13 For by one Ruach we were all immersed into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and all were made to drink of one Ruach.
1Co 12:14 For the body is not a single member but many.
1Co 12:15 If the foot says, “Since I am not the hand, I am not part of the body,” it is not any less a part of the body.
1Co 12:16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not part of the body,” it is not any less a part of the body.
1Co 12:17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?
1Co 12:18 But Yehowah arranged each part of the body as he designed it.
1Co 12:19 And if they were all the same member, where would the body be?
1Co 12:20 So now they are many members but only one body.
1Co 12:21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you.” Nor does the head say to the feet, “I have no need of you.”

1Co 12:22 But the members of the body that appear to be weaker are essential.
1Co 12:23 And the parts of the body that we think are less honorable, we give them greater honor, and our unpresentable members have more dignity.
1Co 12:24 Now our presentable members have no need to be treated with dignity, for they already have dignity. But Yehowah has joined all the members together, and he gave more honor to those that lacked it.
1Co 12:25 He did this, so there may be no division within the body, but that the members should care for one another with the same affection.
1Co 12:26 And when one member suffers, all the members suffer together. Or when one member is honored, all the members rejoice together.
1Co 12:27 Now you are the body of Messiah and individually members of it.
1Co 12:28 And Yehowah has appointed in the congregation first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then those who do powerful deeds, then gifts of healing, those who provide helps, those who do the work of administration, and those who speak multilingually.
1Co 12:29 Are all of them apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all do powerful deeds?
1Co 12:30 Do all of them have gifts of healing? Do all of them speak multilingually? Do all of them interpret languages?
1Co 12:31 Zealously seek the greater gifts. And I will show you a more excellent Way.

1 Corinthians Chapter 13

1Co 13:1 Suppose that I speak the languages of humans and of angels. But if I do not have unconditional selfless love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
1Co 13:2 Suppose that I have the gift of prophecy and understand all hidden truths and knowledge, and that I have all faith so as to remove mountains. But if I do not have unconditional selfless love, I am nothing.
1Co 13:3 And suppose that I give all I own to feed the poor, and that I give my body to be burned. But if I do not have unconditional selfless love, I gain nothing.
1Co 13:4 Unconditional selfless love is patient and kind. Unconditional selfless love does not envy. Unconditional selfless love does not boast. It is not arrogant or rude.
1Co 13:5 It is not self-serving. It is not easily angered, nor does it keep a count of wrongs.
1Co 13:6 It does not rejoice in unrighteousness. Instead, it rejoices in the truth.
1Co 13:7 Unconditional selfless love bears all things, believes all things, has confidence concerning all things, and endures all things.
1Co 13:8 Unconditional selfless love never ends. If there are prophecies, they will pass away. If there are languages, they will cease. If there is knowledge, it will pass away.
1Co 13:9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.
1Co 13:10 But when the Perfect comes, that which is incomplete will pass away.
1Co 13:11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put away childish things.
1Co 13:12 For now we see indistinctly in a (bronze) mirror but then face to face. Now I know incompletely, but then I will know fully, just as I have been fully known.
1Co 13:13 But now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is unconditional selfless love.

1 Corinthians Chapter 14

1Co 14:1 Pursue unconditional selfless love and be zealous for spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.
1Co 14:2 For the one who speaks multilingually does not speak to people but to Yehowah. For no one understands him, because he speaks hidden things in the Ruach.
1Co 14:3 But the one who prophesies speaks to people to build them up, to encourage them, and to comfort them.
1Co 14:4 The one who speaks multilingually builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the congregation.
1Co 14:5 Now I wish that you all spoke multilingually. But even more than that, I wish that you would prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks multilingually, unless someone interprets, so that the congregation may be built up (Acts 11:26).
1Co 14:6 But now, brethren and sistren, if I come to you speaking multilingually, how will I benefit you? I cannot, unless I speak to you with revelation, or knowledge, or prophecy, or teaching.
1Co 14:7 If lifeless instruments are producing sounds, like the flute or the harp, and they do not produce different tones, how will anyone know what tune the flute or harp is playing?
1Co 14:8 For if the trumpet is played with an uncertain sound, how will anyone know when it is time to prepare for battle?
1Co 14:9 So it is with you. If you utter speech that is unintelligible, how will anyone understand what you have said? You will be speaking, and no one will understand you.
1Co 14:10 There are doubtless many different languages in the world (7,170 by 2026 AD), and none is without meaning.
1Co 14:11 But if I do not know the meaning of a language, I will be a foreigner to the speaker, and the speaker will be a foreigner to me.
1Co 14:12 Likewise with you. Since you are eager for the manifestations of the Ruach, be zealous to abound in building up the congregation.
1Co 14:13 So the one who speaks multilingually should pray that he may interpret.
1Co 14:14 For if I pray multilingually, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.
1Co 14:15 What am I to do? I will pray with the Ruach, but I will also pray with my mind. I will sing with the Ruach, and I will also sing with my mind.
1Co 14:16 Otherwise, if you praise with the Ruach, how will the outsider say, “Amein,” when you are giving thanks to Yehowah, if he does not know what you are saying?

1Co 14:17 For you certainly give thanks well enough, but the other person is not built up.
1Co 14:18 I thank Yehowah that I speak multilingually more than all of you.
1Co 14:19 But in the congregation I would rather speak five words with my understanding, so that I might instruct others, than ten thousand words multilingually.
1Co 14:20 Brethren and sistren, do not be children in your thinking. Rather, in regard to evil, be like infants. But in your thinking be mature.
1Co 14:21 In the Tanakh it is written, “By the lips of foreigners, I will speak multilingually to this people. Even then they will not hear me,” declares Yehowah (Isa. 28:11-12).
1Co 14:22 Therefore, speaking multilingually is a sign, not to believers but to unbelievers. But prophesying is for a sign, not for unbelievers but for believers.
1Co 14:23 If, therefore, the whole congregation comes together and all speak multilingually, and outsiders and unbelievers come in, would they not say that you are insane?
1Co 14:24 But if you all were prophesying and an unbeliever or an outsider came in, he would be convicted by all he hears. He would be judged by all that is said.
1Co 14:25 The secrets of his heart would be revealed. As a result, he would fall on his face and worship Yehowah. He would declare that Yehowah is really among you.
1Co 14:26 What is next then, brethren and sistren? When you come together, each one has a psalm, a teaching, a revelation, an unlearned language, or an interpretation. Do everything so that you build up the congregation.
1Co 14:27 If anyone speaks multilingually, let there be two or at most three, and each one in turn. And someone should interpret what is said.
1Co 14:28 But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in the congregation. Let each one speak to himself alone and to Yehowah.
1Co 14:29 Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others listen with discernment to what is said.
1Co 14:30 But if an insight is given to one who is sitting in the service, let the one who had been speaking be silent.
1Co 14:31 For each of you can prophesy one by one, so that each one may learn, and all may be encouraged.
1Co 14:32 For the spirits of the prophets are under the control of the prophets.
1Co 14:33 For Yehowah is not of confusion but of peace. This is the rule in all congregations of the believers.
1Co 14:34 The women should not interrupt the congregations. For they are not permitted to interrupt. Instead, they should be in submission, as also the law says.

1Co 14:35 If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is disgraceful for a woman to interrupt the congregation.
1Co 14:36 Did the Word of Yehowah come from you? Are you the only ones it has reached?
1Co 14:37 If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I write to you are a command of the Lord.
1Co 14:38 But if anyone does not recognize this, let him not be recognized.
1Co 14:39 So then brethren and sistren, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid anyone from speaking multilingually.
1Co 14:40 But let all things be done properly and in order.

1 Corinthians Chapter 15

1Co 15:1 Now I remind you, brethren and sistren, of the good news I proclaimed to you, which you received and on which you stand.
1Co 15:2 It is by this good news that you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.
1Co 15:3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: That Messiah died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
1Co 15:4 that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.
1Co 15:5 And that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.
1Co 15:6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren and sistren at once. Most of them are still alive (c. 55 AD), but some have died.
1Co 15:7 Then he appeared to Jacob, then to all the apostles.
1Co 15:8 Last of all, he appeared to me, as if to a child born at the wrong time.
1Co 15:9 For I am the least of the apostles. I am unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the congregation of Yehowah (Acts 11:26).
1Co 15:10 But by the grace of Yehowah I am what I am, and his grace in me was not in vain. Instead, I worked harder than all of them. Yet it was not I, but the grace of Yehowah that is with me.
1Co 15:11 Therefore, whether it is I or they, so we preach, and so you believed.
1Co 15:12 Now if Messiah is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead?
1Co 15:13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Messiah has been raised.
1Co 15:14 And if Messiah has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith also is in vain.
1Co 15:15 And we are found to be false witnesses of Yehowah, because we testified against Yehowah, saying he raised up Messiah when he did not, if it's true that the dead are not raised.
1Co 15:16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Messiah has been raised.
1Co 15:17 And if Messiah has not been raised, your faith is in vain, and you are still in your sins.
1Co 15:18 Then those who have died in Messiah have also perished.
1Co 15:19 If only in this life we have confidence for the future in Messiah, of all people we are most to be pitied.
1Co 15:20 But now, Messiah has been raised from the dead, the Firstfruit of those who died.
1Co 15:21 For since death came by a man, by a Man also came the resurrection of the dead.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Messiah will all be made alive.
1Co 15:23 But each in his own order: Messiah, the Firstfruit, and then those who belong to Messiah at his coming.
1Co 15:24 Then the end, when Messiah will hand over the kingdom to Yehowah the Father. This is when he will abolish all rule, all authority, and power.
1Co 15:25 For he must reign, until he has put all his enemies under his feet.
1Co 15:26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
1Co 15:27 For, “He has put everything under his feet.” But when it says, “He has put everything,” it is clear that this does not include Yehowah who put everything in subjection to himself (Psa. 8:4-6; Heb. 2:8).
1Co 15:28 When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subjected to the One who subjected everything to him. This will happen, so that Yehowah the Father may be all in all.
1Co 15:29 Or else, what will those do who are immersed for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they immersed for the hope of them (1 John 3:2; Acts 9:37)?
1Co 15:30 And why are we in danger every hour?
1Co 15:31 I affirm by my boasting in you, which I have in Messiah Yeshua our Lord, I die daily.
1Co 15:32 What do I gain, from a human point of view, if I fought with beasts at Ephesus, if the dead are not raised? “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”
1Co 15:33 Be not deceived: “Bad company corrupts good morals.”
1Co 15:34 Sober up! Live righteously! Do not keep sinning. For some of you have no knowledge of Yehowah. I say this to your shame.
1Co 15:35 But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body will they come?”
1Co 15:36 You are so ignorant! What you sow will not sprout life unless it dies.
1Co 15:37 And what you sow is not the body that will be but a bare seed. It may become wheat or something else.
1Co 15:38 But Yehowah will give it a body as he chooses, and to each seed its own body.
1Co 15:39 Not all flesh is the same. Instead, there is one flesh of humans, and another flesh for livestock, and another flesh for birds, and another for fish.
1Co 15:40 There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies. But the glory of the heavenly body is one kind and the glory of the earthly is another.
1Co 15:41 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.
1Co 15:42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, and what is raised is imperishable (Eze. 37:12).
1Co 15:43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.

1Co 15:44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.
1Co 15:45 So also it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living soul” (Gen. 2:7). The last Adam is life-giving Ruach.
1Co 15:46 But the spiritual did not come first but the natural, and then the spiritual.
1Co 15:47 The first man is of the earth, made of dust. The second Man is the Lord from Heaven.
1Co 15:48 Just as the one made from dust is, so also are those who are made of the dust. And as the Man of Heaven is, so also are those who are of Heaven.
1Co 15:49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the heavenly Man.
1Co 15:50 Now this I say, brethren and sistren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of Yehowah. Neither does what is perishable inherit what is imperishable.
1Co 15:51 Look! I tell you a secret truth: We will not all die, but we will all be changed.
1Co 15:52 We will be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet (Mat. 24:31; 1 Thes. 4:16; Rev. 11:15; 20:4-5). For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.
1Co 15:53 For this perishable body must put on what is imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.
1Co 15:54 But when this perishable body has put on what is imperishable, and when this mortal body has put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, “Death is swallowed up in victory!”
1Co 15:55 “Grave, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?”
1Co 15:56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law (Hos. 13:14).
1Co 15:57 But thanks to Yehowah, who gives us the victory through our Lord Yeshua Messiah!
1Co 15:58 Therefore, my dear brethren and sistren, be steadfast and immovable. Always abound in the work of the Lord, because you know that your work in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians Chapter 16

1Co 16:1 Now concerning the collection for the believers, as I directed the congregations of Galatia, so you are to do.
1Co 16:2 On the first of Shavuot (Omer day 1), each of you is to put something aside and store it up as you are able. Do this so that there will be no collections when I come.
1Co 16:3 And when I arrive, whomever you approve, I will send with letters to deliver your offering to Jerusalem.
1Co 16:4 And if it is appropriate for me to go also, they will go with me.
1Co 16:5 But I will come to you when I pass through Macedonia. For I will pass through Macedonia.
1Co 16:6 Perhaps, I may stay with you or even spend the winter, so that you may help me on my journey, wherever I go.
1Co 16:7 For I do not wish to see you now for a short time. For I hope to spend some time with you, if Yehowah permits.
1Co 16:8 But I will stay in Ephesus until Shavuot,
1Co 16:9 for a wide opportune door has opened for me, and there are many adversaries.
1Co 16:10 Now when Timothy comes, see that he is with you unafraid, for he is doing the work of the Lord, as I am doing.
1Co 16:11 Let no one despise him. Help him on his way in peace, so that he may come to me. For I am expecting him to come along with the brothers.
1Co 16:12 Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly encouraged him to visit you with the brothers. But it was not at all his will that he come now. However, he will come when the time is right.
1Co 16:13 Be watchful, stand fast in the faith, act like men, be strong.
1Co 16:14 Let all that you do be done in unconditional selfless love.
1Co 16:15 You know the household of Stephanas, that they were the first converts in Achaia, and that they have set themselves to the service of the believers. Now I urge you, brethren and sistren,
1Co 16:16 to be in submission to such people, to everyone who helps in the work, and labors with us.
1Co 16:17 And I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus. They have made up for your absence.
1Co 16:18 For they have refreshed my spirit and yours. So then recognize people like this.
1Co 16:19 The congregations of Asia send greetings to you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you in the Lord, with the congregation that is in their home (Acts 11:26).

1Co 16:20 All the brethren and sistren greet you. Greet one another with a set-apart kiss.
1Co 16:21 I, Paul, write this with my own hand.
1Co 16:22 If any one does not affectionately love Lord Yeshua Messiah, may he be accursed at the coming Judgment!
1Co 16:23 The grace of Lord Yeshua Messiah be with you.
1Co 16:24 My unconditional selfless love be with you all in Messiah Yeshua. Amein.

Book of 2nd Corinthians

2 Corinthians Chapter 1

2Co 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Yeshua Messiah by the will of Yehowah, and Brother Timothy, to the congregation of Yehowah that is in Corinth, and to all the believers in the entire region of Achaia.
2Co 1:2 May grace be to you and peace from Yehowah our Father and Lord Yeshua Messiah.
2Co 1:3 May Yehowah the Father of our Lord Yeshua Messiah be praised. Yehowah is the Father of mercies and of all comfort.
2Co 1:4 Yehowah comforts us in all our affliction, so that we can comfort those who are in any affliction. We comfort others with the same comfort that Yehowah used to comfort us.
2Co 1:5 For just as the sufferings of Messiah abound for our sake, so also our comfort abounds through Messiah.
2Co 1:6 But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation. And if we are comforted, it is for your comfort. Your comfort is working effectively when you patiently share in the same sufferings that we also suffer.
2Co 1:7 And our confidence about you is certain. We know that as you also share the sufferings, you also share the comfort.
2Co 1:8 For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren and sistren, about the troubles we had in Asia. We were completely crushed beyond what we could bear, so much that we did not even hope to live any longer.
2Co 1:9 Indeed, we had the sentence of death on us. But that was to make us not put our trust in ourselves, but instead in Yehowah, who raises the dead.
2Co 1:10 He rescued us from such a deadly peril, and he will rescue us again. We have set our confidence in him, that he will deliver us yet again.
2Co 1:11 He will do this as you also help us by your prayer. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor given to us through the prayers of many.
2Co 1:12 We are proud of this: the testimony of our conscience. For it is in pure motives and divine sincerity that we have conducted ourselves in the world. We have done this all the more with you, not in earthly wisdom but by the grace of Yehowah.
2Co 1:13 We do not write to you anything you cannot read or understand. I hope that you will understand even to the end,

2Co 1:14 just as you have understood us in part, we will be your reason for boasting on the Day of our Lord Yeshua, just as you will be our reason to boast.
2Co 1:15 Because I was confident about this, I wanted to come to you first, so that you might receive the benefit of two visits.
2Co 1:16 I was planning to visit you on my way to Macedonia. Then I wanted to visit you again on my trip from Macedonia, and then for you to send me on my way to Judea.
2Co 1:17 When I was thinking this way, was I hesitating? Do I plan things according to human standards, so that I say, “Yes, yes” and, “No, no” at the same time?
2Co 1:18 But just as Yehowah is faithful, we do not say both “Yes” and “No.”
2Co 1:19 For the Son of Yehowah, Yeshua Messiah, whom Silas, Timothy, and I proclaimed among you, is not “Yes” and “No.” Instead, he is always “Yes.”
2Co 1:20 For all the promises of Yehowah are “Yes” in him. So also through him we say, “Amein!” to the glory of Yehowah.
2Co 1:21 Now it is Yehowah who confirms us with you in Messiah, and he commissioned us.
2Co 1:22 He set his seal on us and gave us the Ruach in our hearts as a guarantee of what he would later give us.
2Co 1:23 Instead, I call Yehowah to bear witness for me, that the reason I did not come to Corinth was so that I might spare you.
2Co 1:24 This is not because we are trying to control what your faith should be. Instead, we are working with you for your joy, as you stand in your faith.

2 Corinthians Chapter 2

2Co 2:1 So I decided for my own part that I would not again come to you in painful circumstances.
2Co 2:2 If I caused you pain, who could cheer me up except the one who was hurt by me?
2Co 2:3 I wrote as I did in order that when I came to you, I might not be hurt by those who should have made me rejoice. I have confidence about all of you that my joy is the same joy you all have.
2Co 2:4 For I wrote to you from great affliction, with anguish of heart, and with many tears. I did not want to cause you pain. Instead, I wanted you to know the depth of the unconditional selfless love that I have for you.
2Co 2:5 If anyone has caused pain, he has not caused it only to me, but in some measure, not to put it too harshly, to all of you.
2Co 2:6 This punishment of that person by the majority is enough.
2Co 2:7 So now rather than punishment, you should forgive and comfort him. Do this so that he is not overwhelmed by too much sorrow.
2Co 2:8 So I encourage you to publicly affirm your unconditional selfless love for him.
2Co 2:9 This was the reason I wrote, so that I might test you and know whether you are obedient in everything.
2Co 2:10 If you forgive anyone, I forgive that person as well. What I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, it is forgiven for your sake in the presence of Messiah.
2Co 2:11 This is so that Satan will not trick us. For we are not ignorant of his plans.
2Co 2:12 A door was opened to me by Yehowah, when I came to the city of Troas to preach there the good news of Messiah.
2Co 2:13 Even so, I had no peace of mind, because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I left them and returned to Macedonia.
2Co 2:14 But may thanks be to Yehowah, who in Messiah always leads us in triumph! Through us he spreads the sweet aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere.
2Co 2:15 For we are to Yehowah the sweet aroma of Messiah, both among those who are saved and among those who are perishing.
2Co 2:16 To the people who are perishing, it is an aroma from death to death. To the ones being saved, it is an aroma from life to life. Who is worthy of these things?

2Co 2:17 For we are not like so many people peddling the Word of Yehowah for profit. Instead, with purity of motives, we speak in Messiah, as we are sent from Yehowah, in the sight of Yehowah.

2 Corinthians Chapter 3

2Co 3:1 Are we beginning to praise ourselves again? We do not need letters of recommendation to you or from you, like some people, do we?
2Co 3:2 You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, known and read by all people.
2Co 3:3 And you show that you are a letter from Messiah, delivered by us. It was written not with ink but by the Ruach of living Yehowah. It was not written on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.
2Co 3:4 And this is the confidence that we have in Yehowah through Messiah.
2Co 3:5 We are not competent in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us. Instead, our competence is from Yehowah.
2Co 3:6 It is Yehowah who made us able to be servants of a New Covenant. This is a covenant not of the letter but of the Ruach. For the letter kills, but the Ruach gives life.
2Co 3:7 Now the service that produced death, engraved in letters on stones, came in such glory that the people of Israel could not look directly at Moses' face. This is because of the glory of his face, a glory that was fading.
2Co 3:8 How much more glorious will be the service that the Ruach does?
2Co 3:9 For if the service of condemnation had glory, how much more does the service of righteousness abound in glory!
2Co 3:10 For indeed, that which was once made glorious is no longer glorious in this respect, because of the glory that exceeds it.
2Co 3:11 For if that which was passing away had glory, how much more will what is permanent have glory!
2Co 3:12 Since we have such confidence, we are quite bold.
2Co 3:13 We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face, so that the children of Israel were not able to look directly at the ending of a glory that was passing away.
2Co 3:14 But their minds were closed. Even until this day, the same veil remains on the reading of the First Covenant. It is not opened up to the Jews, because only in Messiah is the veil removed.
2Co 3:15 But even today, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts.
2Co 3:16 But when a person turns to the Lord, the veil is lifted away.
2Co 3:17 Now the Lord is the Ruach. Where the Ruach of the Lord is, there is freedom.
2Co 3:18 Now all of us, with unveiled faces, see as in a (bronze) mirror the glory of Yehowah. We are being transformed into the same glorious likeness from one degree of glory into another, just as from the Ruach of Yehowah.

2 Corinthians Chapter 4

2Co 4:1 Therefore, because we have this ministry, and just as we have received mercy, we do not become discouraged.
2Co 4:2 Instead, we have renounced the ways that are shameful and hidden. We do not live by craftiness, and we do not mishandle the Word of Yehowah. By presenting the truth, we recommend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of Yehowah.
2Co 4:3 But if our good news is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing.
2Co 4:4 In their case, the deity of this world has blinded their unbelieving minds. As a result, they are not able to see the light of the good news of the glory of Messiah, who is the image of Yehowah shining on them.
2Co 4:5 For we do not proclaim ourselves, but Messiah Yeshua as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for the sake of Yeshua.
2Co 4:6 For Yehowah is the One who declared, "Light will shine out of darkness." He has shone in our hearts, to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of Yehowah in the presence of Yeshua Messiah.
2Co 4:7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay, so that it is clear that the exceedingly great power belongs to Yehowah and not to us.
2Co 4:8 We are afflicted in every way but not overwhelmed. We are perplexed but not filled with despair.
2Co 4:9 We are persecuted but not forsaken. We are struck down but not destroyed.
2Co 4:10 We always carry in our body the death of Lord Yeshua, so that the life of Yeshua also may be shown in our bodies.
2Co 4:11 We who are alive are always carrying around in our body the death of Yeshua, so that the life of Yeshua may be shown in our human bodies.
2Co 4:12 So death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.
2Co 4:13 But we have the same spirit of faith according to that which was written: "I believed, and so I spoke." We also believe, and so we also speak.
2Co 4:14 We know that the One who raised Lord Yeshua will also raise us through Yeshua. We know that he will bring us with you into his presence.
2Co 4:15 Everything is for your sake, so that as grace is spread to many people, thanksgiving may increase to the glory of Yehowah.
2Co 4:16 So we do not become discouraged. Even though outwardly we are wasting away, inwardly we are being renewed day by day.
2Co 4:17 For this momentary, light affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory that exceeds all measurement.

2Co 4:18 For we are not watching for things that are seen but for things that are unseen. The things which we can see are temporary, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

2 Corinthians Chapter 5

2Co 5:1 We know that if the earthly dwelling that we live in is destroyed, we have a building from Yehowah. It is a house not made by human hands, but an eternal house, in Heaven.
2Co 5:2 For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling.
2Co 5:3 We long for this, because by putting it on, we will not be found to be naked.
2Co 5:4 For indeed, while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened. We do not want to be unclothed. Instead, we want to be clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.
2Co 5:5 The One who prepared us for this exact thing is Yehowah, who gave us the Ruach as a pledge of what is to come.
2Co 5:6 Therefore, always be confident. Be aware that while we are at home in the body, we are away from the Lord.
2Co 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.
2Co 5:8 So we have confidence. We would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.
2Co 5:9 So we make it our goal, whether we are at home or away, to please him.
2Co 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Messiah, so that each one may receive what is due for the things done in the body, whether for good or for bad.
2Co 5:11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade people. What we are is clearly seen by Yehowah. I hope that it is also clear to your conscience.
2Co 5:12 We are not trying to persuade you again to view us as sincere. Instead, we are giving you a reason to be proud of us, so you may have an answer for those who boast about appearances but not about what is in the heart.
2Co 5:13 For if we are out of our minds, it is for Yehowah. And if we are in our right minds, it is for your sake.
2Co 5:14 For the unconditional selfless love of Messiah compels us, because we are certain of this: That one Person died for all, and that therefore all have died.
2Co 5:15 And Messiah died for all, so that those who live should live no longer for themselves. Instead, they should live for him who died for them and was raised.
2Co 5:16 For this reason, from now on we do not judge anyone according to human standards, even though we once regarded Messiah in this way. But now we do not judge anyone in this way any longer.
2Co 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Messiah, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away. See, they have become new.

2Co 5:18 All these things are from Yehowah. He reconciled us to himself through Yeshua Messiah, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
2Co 5:19 That is, in Messiah, Yehowah is reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them. He is entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
2Co 5:20 So we are appointed as the representatives of Messiah, as though Yehowah were making his appeal through us. We plead with you, for the sake of Messiah: “Be reconciled to Yehowah!”
2Co 5:21 He made Messiah become the sacrifice for our sin. He is the One who never sinned. He did this, so that we might become the righteousness of Yehowah in him.

2 Corinthians Chapter 6

2Co 6:1 And so, working together, we beg you not to receive the grace of Yehowah to no effect.
2Co 6:2 For he says, “In a favorable time I paid attention to you, and in the Day of Salvation I helped you.” Look, now is the favorable time. Look, now is the Day of Salvation.
2Co 6:3 We do not place a stumbling block in front of anyone, for we do not wish our ministry to be brought into disrepute.
2Co 6:4 Instead, we prove ourselves by all our actions, that we are the servants of Yehowah. We are his servants in much endurance, affliction, distress, hardship,
2Co 6:5 beatings, imprisonments, riots, in hard work, in sleepless nights, in hunger,
2Co 6:6 in purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, in Ruach ha’Kodesh, and in genuine love.
2Co 6:7 We are his servants in the Word of Truth, in the power of Yehowah. We have the armor of righteousness for the right hand and for the left.
2Co 6:8 We work in honor and dishonor, in slander and praise. We are accused of being deceitful, and yet we are truthful.
2Co 6:9 We work as if we were unknown, and we are still well known. We work as dying and see, we are still living. We work as being punished for our actions but not as condemned to death.
2Co 6:10 We work as sorrowful, but we are always rejoicing! We work as poor, but we are making many rich. We work as having nothing and yet as possessing all things.
2Co 6:11 We have spoken the whole truth to you, Corinthians, and our heart is wide open.
2Co 6:12 Your hearts are not restrained by us, but you are restrained by your own feelings.
2Co 6:13 Now in fair exchange, I speak as to children, open your hearts wide.
2Co 6:14 Do not be tied together with unbelievers. For what association does righteousness have with lawlessness? And what fellowship does light have with darkness?
2Co 6:15 What agreement can Messiah have with Satan (Belial)? Or what share does a believer have together with an unbeliever?
2Co 6:16 And what agreement is there between the temple of Yehowah and idols? For we are the temple of living Yehowah, just as Yehowah promised: “I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their Divine One, and they will be my people.”

2Co 6:17 Therefore, “Come out from among them, and be set apart,” commands Yehowah (Rev. 18:4; Jer. 51:45). “Touch no impure thing (moral or religious), and I will welcome you.
2Co 6:18 I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters,” declares our Most Powerful Lord.

2 Corinthians Chapter 7

2Co 7:1 Loved ones, since we have these promises, let us cleanse ourselves of everything that makes us unclean in our body and spirit. Let us pursue consecration in the fear of Yehowah.
2Co 7:2 Make room for us! We have not wronged anyone. We have not harmed anyone or taken advantage of anyone.
2Co 7:3 It is not to condemn you that I say this. For I have already said that you are in our hearts, for us to die together and to live together.
2Co 7:4 I have great confidence in you, and I am proud of you. I am filled with comfort. I overflow with joy even in all of our afflictions!
2Co 7:5 When we came to Macedonia, our bodies had no rest. Instead, we were troubled in every way by conflicts on the outside and fears on the inside.
2Co 7:6 But Yehowah, who comforts the discouraged, comforted us by the arrival of Titus.
2Co 7:7 It was not only by his arrival that Yehowah comforted us. It was also by the comfort that Titus had received from you. He told us of your great affection, your sorrow, and your deep concern for me. So I rejoiced even more.
2Co 7:8 Even though my letter made you sad, I do not regret it. But I did regret it, when I saw that my letter made you sad. But you were sad just for a little while.
2Co 7:9 Now I am happy, not because you were distressed, but because your sadness brought you to repentance. You experienced a divine sorrow, so you suffered no loss because of us.
2Co 7:10 For divine sorrow brings about repentance that accomplishes salvation without regret. Worldly sorrow, however, brings about death.
2Co 7:11 See what great determination this divine sorrow produced in you. How great was the determination in you to prove you were innocent. How great was your indignation, your fear, your longing, your zeal, and your desire to see that justice should be done! In everything you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter.
2Co 7:12 Although I wrote to you, I did not write for the sake of the wrongdoer, nor for the one who suffered the wrong. I wrote so that our earnestness for you should be made known to you in the sight of Yehowah.
2Co 7:13 It is by this that we are encouraged. In addition to our own comfort, we also rejoiced even more because of Titus' joy, because his spirit was refreshed by all of you.
2Co 7:14 For if I boasted to him about you, I was not embarrassed. On the contrary, just as everything we said to you was true, our boasting about you to Titus proved to be true.

2Co 7:15 His affection for you is even greater, as he remembers the obedience of all of you, how you welcomed him with fear and trembling.
2Co 7:16 I rejoice, because I have complete confidence in you!

2 Corinthians Chapter 8

2Co 8:1 We want you to know, brethren and sistren, about the grace of Yehowah that has been given to the congregations of Macedonia (Acts 11:26).
2Co 8:2 During a great test of affliction, the abundance of their joy and the extremity of their poverty have produced great riches of generosity.
2Co 8:3 For I bear witness that they voluntarily gave as much as they were able, and even beyond what they were able.
2Co 8:4 With much begging, they pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the believers.
2Co 8:5 This did not happen as we had expected. Instead, they first gave themselves to the Lord. Then they gave themselves to us by the will of Yehowah.
2Co 8:6 So we urged Titus, who had already begun this task, to bring to completion this act of generosity on your part.
2Co 8:7 But you abound in everything, in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your unconditional selfless love for us. So also make sure that you abound in this generous deed.
2Co 8:8 I say this not as a command. Instead, I say this in order to test the sincerity of your unconditional selfless love by comparing it to the eagerness of other people.
2Co 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Yeshua Messiah. Even though he was rich, for your sakes he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich.
2Co 8:10 In this matter, I will give you advice that will help you. One year ago, you not only started to do something, but you desired to do it.
2Co 8:11 Now finish it. Just as there was an eagerness and desire to do it then, may you also bring it to completion, as much as you can.
2Co 8:12 For if you are eager to do this deed, it is a good and acceptable thing. It must be based on what a person has, not on what he does not have.
2Co 8:13 For this task is not in order that others may be relieved, and you may be burdened.
2Co 8:14 Instead, there should be fairness. Your abundance at the present time will supply what they need. This is also so that their abundance may supply your need, and so that there may be fairness.
2Co 8:15 It is as it is written: “The one with much did not have anything left over, and the one who had little did not have any lack” (Exo. 16:16-18).
2Co 8:16 But thanks be to Yehowah, who put into Titus’ heart the same earnest care that I have for you.
2Co 8:17 For he not only accepted our appeal, but he was also quite earnest about it. He came to you of his own free will.

2Co 8:18 We have sent with him the brother who is praised among all of the congregations for his work in proclaiming the good news.
2Co 8:19 Not only this, but he also was selected by the congregations to travel with us in our carrying out this act of generosity. This is for the glory of the Lord himself and for your eagerness to help.
2Co 8:20 We are avoiding the possibility that anyone should complain about us concerning this generosity that we are carrying out.
2Co 8:21 We take care to do what is honorable, not only before Yehowah but also before people.
2Co 8:22 We are also sending another brother with them. We have often tested him, and we have found him enthusiastic for many tasks. He is now even more diligent because of the great confidence he has in you.
2Co 8:23 As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker for you. As for our brothers, they are sent by the congregations. They are the glory of Messiah.
2Co 8:24 So show them your unconditional selfless love, and show to the congregations the reason for our boasting about you.

2 Corinthians Chapter 9

2Co 9:1 Concerning the ministry for the believers, it is not necessary for me to write to you.
2Co 9:2 I know about your desire, which I boasted about to the people of Macedonia. I told them that Achaia has been getting ready since last year. Your eagerness has motivated most of them to action.
2Co 9:3 Now I have sent the brothers, so that our boasting about you may not be futile, and so that you would be ready, as I said you would be.
2Co 9:4 Otherwise, if any Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we would be ashamed, I say nothing about you, for being so confident in you.
2Co 9:5 So I thought it was necessary to urge the brothers to come to you and to make arrangements in advance for the gift you have promised. This is so that it might be ready as a blessing, and not as something extorted.
2Co 9:6 The point is this: The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows for the purpose of a blessing will also reap a blessing.
2Co 9:7 Let each one give as he has planned in his heart. Let him not give out of sorrow or compulsion. For Yehowah unconditionally selflessly loves a cheerful giver.
2Co 9:8 And Yehowah is able to make every blessing multiply for you, so that always, in all things, you may have all you need. This will be so that you may multiply every good deed.
2Co 9:9 As it is written: “He has distributed his riches and given them to the poor. His righteousness lasts forever.”
2Co 9:10 He who supplies seed to the farmer who sows and bread for food, will also supply and multiply your seed for sowing. He will increase the harvest of your righteousness.
2Co 9:11 You will be enriched in every way, so you can be generous. This will bring about thanksgiving to Yehowah through us.
2Co 9:12 For carrying out this service not only meets the needs of the believers, it also multiplies into many acts of thanksgiving to Yehowah.
2Co 9:13 Because of your being tested and proved by this service, you will also glorify Yehowah by obedience to your confession of the good news of Messiah. You will also glorify Yehowah by the generosity of your gift to them and to everyone.
2Co 9:14 They long for you, and they are praying for you. They do this because of the great grace of Yehowah that is on you.
2Co 9:15 May thanks be to Yehowah for his inexpressible gift!

2 Corinthians Chapter 10

2Co 10:1 I, Paul myself, appeal to you by the humility and gentleness of Messiah. I am meek when I am in your presence, but I am bold toward you when I am away.
2Co 10:2 I beg of you that, when I am present with you, I will not need to be bold with self-confidence. But I think I will need to be bold when I oppose those who assume that we are living according to the flesh.
2Co 10:3 For even though we walk in the flesh, we do not wage war according to the flesh.
2Co 10:4 For the weapons we fight with are not fleshly. Instead, they have divine power through Yehowah to destroy strongholds.
2Co 10:5 They bring to nothing misleading arguments. We also destroy every high thing that rises up against the knowledge of Yehowah. We take every thought captive into obedience to Messiah.
2Co 10:6 And we are getting ready to punish every act of disobedience, as soon as your obedience is complete.
2Co 10:7 Look at what is clearly in front of you. If anyone is convinced that he belongs to Messiah, let him remind himself that just as he belongs to Messiah, so also we belong to Messiah.
2Co 10:8 For even if I boast a little too much about our authority, which the Lord gave for us to build you up and not to destroy you, I will not be ashamed.
2Co 10:9 I do not want it to appear that I am terrifying you by my letters.
2Co 10:10 For some people say, “His letters are serious and powerful, but physically he is weak. His words are not worth listening to.”
2Co 10:11 Let such people be aware that what we are in the words of our letters when we are absent is what we will be in our actions when we are there.
2Co 10:12 We do not go so far as to group ourselves or compare ourselves with those who praise themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with each other, they have no insight.
2Co 10:13 We, however, will not boast beyond limits. Instead, we will do so only within the limits of what Yehowah has assigned to us, limits that reach as far as you.
2Co 10:14 For we did not overextend ourselves when we reached you. We were the first to reach as far as you with the good news of Messiah.
2Co 10:15 We have not boasted beyond limits about the labors of others. Instead, we hope as your faith grows that our own area of work will be greatly expanded, and still within its proper limits.

2Co 10:16 We hope for this, so that we may preach the good news even in regions beyond you. We will not boast about the work being done in another's area.
2Co 10:17 "But let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."
2Co 10:18 For it is not the one who recommends himself who is approved. Instead, it is the one whom Yehowah recommends.

2 Corinthians Chapter 11

2Co 11:1 I wish that you could put up with me in some foolishness. But you are indeed putting up with me!
2Co 11:2 For I am jealous about you. I have a divine jealousy for you, since I promised you in marriage to one husband. I promised to present you as a pure virgin to Messiah.
2Co 11:3 But I am afraid that somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your thoughts might be led astray, away from a sincere and pure devotion to Messiah.
2Co 11:4 For suppose that someone comes and proclaims another Yeshua than the One we preached. Or suppose that you receive a different spirit than Whom you received. Or suppose that you receive a different good news than the one you received. You put up with these things well enough!
2Co 11:5 For I think that I am not in the least inferior to those so-called super-apostles.
2Co 11:6 But even if I am untrained in giving speeches, I am not untrained in knowledge. In every way and in all things, we have made this known to you.
2Co 11:7 Did I sin by humbling myself, so you might be exalted? For I freely preached the good news of Yehowah to you.
2Co 11:8 I robbed other congregations by accepting support from them, so that I could serve you.
2Co 11:9 When I was with you and I was in need, I did not burden anyone. For my needs were met by the brothers who came from Macedonia. In everything I have kept myself from being a burden to you, and I will continue to do that.
2Co 11:10 As the truth of Messiah is in me, this boasting of mine will not be silenced in the parts of Achaia.
2Co 11:11 Why? Because I do not unconditionally selflessly love you? Yehowah knows.
2Co 11:12 And what I do I will keep doing, in order that I may take away the claim for criticizing me and the claim for which they want to boast, that they are found to be doing the same work that we are doing.
2Co 11:13 For such people are false apostles and deceitful workers. They disguise themselves as the apostles of Messiah.
2Co 11:14 And this is no surprise, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.
2Co 11:15 It is no great surprise if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their fate will be what their deeds deserve.
2Co 11:16 I say again: Let no one think I am a fool. But if you do, receive me as a fool, so I may boast a little.

2Co 11:17 What I am saying about this boastful confidence is not condoned by the Lord, but I am speaking as a fool.
2Co 11:18 Since many people boast according to the flesh, I will also boast.
2Co 11:19 For you gladly put up with fools. You are wise yourselves!
2Co 11:20 For you put up with someone if he enslaves you, if he consumes you, if he takes advantage of you, if he considers himself better than you, or if he slaps you in the face.
2Co 11:21 I will say to our shame that we were too weak to do that. Yet if anyone boasts, I am speaking like a fool, I too will boast.
2Co 11:22 Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelis? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I.
2Co 11:23 Are they the servants of Messiah? I speak as though I were out of my mind. I am more. I have been in even more hard work, in far more prisons, in beatings beyond measure, in facing many dangers of death.
2Co 11:24 From Jews, I received five times the “forty lashes minus one.”
2Co 11:25 Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. I have spent overnight in the open sea.
2Co 11:26 I have been on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, in danger from robbers, in danger from my own people, in danger from ethnicities, in danger in the city, in danger in the wilderness, in danger at sea, in danger from false brethren and sistren.
2Co 11:27 I have been at hard work and in hardship, in many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often in fasting, in cold and nakedness.
2Co 11:28 Apart from everything else, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the congregations.
2Co 11:29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who has been caused to stumble, and I do not burn?
2Co 11:30 If I must boast, I will boast about what shows my weakness.
2Co 11:31 Yehowah, the Father of Lord Yeshua Messiah, the One who is praised forever, knows that I am not lying!
2Co 11:32 At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas IV was guarding the city of Damascus to arrest me.
2Co 11:33 But I was lowered in a basket through a window in the wall, and I escaped from his hands.

2 Corinthians Chapter 12

2Co 12:1 I must boast, but nothing is gained by it. But I will go on to visions and revelations from Yehowah.
2Co 12:2 I knew a man in Messiah prior to fourteen years ago who, whether in the body or out of the body, I do not know, Yehowah knows, was caught up into the third Heaven.
2Co 12:3 And I know that this man, whether in the body or out of the body, I do not know, Yehowah knows,
2Co 12:4 was caught up into paradise and heard ineffable living words, which a human is not allowed to speak.
2Co 12:5 On behalf of such a person I will boast. But on behalf of myself I will not boast, except about my weaknesses.
2Co 12:6 If I wanted to boast, I would not be foolish, for I would be speaking the truth. But I will keep from boasting, so that no one will think more of me than what is seen in me or heard from me.
2Co 12:7 I will also keep from boasting because of the extraordinary kind of those revelations. Therefore, so I would not be puffed up with pride, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger from Satan to harass me, so I would not become too proud.
2Co 12:8 Three times I begged the Lord about this, for him to take it away from me.
2Co 12:9 And he said to me, "My grace is enough for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." So I would much rather boast about my weakness, so that the power of Messiah might reside on me.
2Co 12:10 Therefore, I am content for the sake of Messiah in weaknesses, in insults, in troubles, in persecutions and distressing situations. For whenever I am weak, then I am strong.
2Co 12:11 I have become a fool in boasting! You forced me to this, for I should have been praised by you. For I was not at all inferior to the so-called super-apostles, even though I am nothing.
2Co 12:12 The true signs of an apostle were performed among you with complete patience, signs, wonders, and mighty deeds.
2Co 12:13 For how were you less important than the rest of the congregations, except that I was not a burden to you? Forgive me for this wrong!
2Co 12:14 Look! I am ready to come to you a third time. I will not be a burden to you, for I do not want what is yours. I want you. For children should not save up for the parents. Instead, the parents should save up for the children.

2Co 12:15 I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls. If I unconditionally selflessly love you more, am I to be unconditionally selflessly loved less?
2Co 12:16 But as it is, I did not burden you. But since I am so crafty, I am the one who caught you by deceit.
2Co 12:17 Did I take advantage of you by anyone I sent to you?
2Co 12:18 I urged Titus to go to you, and I sent the other brother with him. Did Titus take advantage of you? Did we not walk in the same Ruach? Did we not walk in the same steps?
2Co 12:19 Do you think all of this time we have been defending ourselves to you? In the sight of Yehowah, we have in Messiah been saying everything for your strengthening.
2Co 12:20 For I fear that when I come I may not find you as I wish. I fear that you might not find me as you wish. I fear that there may be arguments, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, gossip, slander, pride, and disorder.
2Co 12:21 I fear that when I come back, Yehowah might humble me before you. I fear that I might be grieved by many of those who have sinned before now, and who did not repent of the impurity, sexual immorality, and lustful indulgence that they practiced.

2 Corinthians Chapter 13

2Co 13:1 This is the third time that I am coming to you. “Every accusation must be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses” (Deut. 19:15; 17:6).
2Co 13:2 I have already said to those who sinned before and to all the rest when I was there the second time, and I say it again: When I come again, I will not spare them.
2Co 13:3 I tell you this, because you are looking for evidence that Messiah is speaking through me. He is not weak toward you. Instead, he is powerful in you.
2Co 13:4 For he was crucified in weakness, but he is alive by the power of Yehowah. For we also are weak in him, but we will live with him by the power of Yehowah among you.
2Co 13:5 Examine yourselves to see if you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Yeshua Messiah is in you? He is, unless you are not approved.
2Co 13:6 And I am confident that you will find that we are not unapproved.
2Co 13:7 Now we pray to Yehowah that you may not do any wrong. I do not pray that we may appear to have passed the test. Instead, I pray that you may do what is right, although we may seem to have failed the test.
2Co 13:8 For we are not able to do anything against the truth but only for the truth.
2Co 13:9 For we rejoice when we are weak, and you are strong. We also pray that you may be made complete.
2Co 13:10 I write these things while I am away from you, so that when I am with you, I do not have to deal harshly with you in the use of my authority, which Yehowah gave to me, so that I may build you up and not tear you down.
2Co 13:11 Finally, brethren and sistren, rejoice! Work for restoration, be encouraged, agree with one another, live in peace. Loving peaceful Yehowah will be with you.
2Co 13:12 Greet each other with a set-apart kiss.
2Co 13:13 All of the believers greet you.
2Co 13:14 May the grace of Lord Yeshua Messiah, the unconditional selfless love of Yehowah, and the fellowship of Ruach ha’Kodesh be with all of you. Amein.

Book of Galatians

Galatians Chapter 1

Gal 1:1 Paul, an apostle, not an apostle from humans nor through human agency, but through Yeshua Messiah and Yehowah the Father, who raised him from the dead,
Gal 1:2 and all the brothers with me, to the congregations of Galatia (Acts 11:26):
Gal 1:3 Grace to you and peace from Yehowah our Father and Lord Yeshua Messiah,
Gal 1:4 who gave himself for our sins, so that he may deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of Yehowah our Father,
Gal 1:5 to him be the glory forever and ever. Amein.
Gal 1:6 I am amazed that you are turning away so quickly from him who called you by Messiah's grace. I am amazed that you are turning to a different good news.
Gal 1:7 This is not to say that there is other good news, but there are some people who cause you trouble and want to corrupt the good news of Messiah.
Gal 1:8 But even if we or an angel from Heaven should proclaim to you good news other than the good message we proclaimed to you, let him be cursed.
Gal 1:9 As we have said before, so now I say again, "If someone proclaims to you good news other than the good message you received, let him be cursed."
Gal 1:10 For am I now seeking the approval of humans or Yehowah? Am I seeking to please humans? If I am still trying to please humans, I am not the servant of Messiah.
Gal 1:11 For I want you to know, brethren and sistren, that the good news I proclaimed is not a human's good news.
Gal 1:12 I did not receive it from any human, nor was I taught it. Instead, it was by revelation of Yeshua Messiah to me.
Gal 1:13 You have heard about my former life in Judaism, how I was persecuting the Messianic congregation of Yehowah beyond measure, and that I was trying to destroy it.
Gal 1:14 I advanced in Judaism beyond many of those who were my own age, from out of my own people. That is how extremely zealous I was for the traditions of my fathers.
Gal 1:15 But when Yehowah, who had set me apart from my mother's womb, and who called me through his grace,

Gal 1:16 was pleased to reveal his Son in me, so that I would proclaim him among the ethnicities, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood.
Gal 1:17 I did not go up to Jerusalem to those who had become apostles before me. Instead, I went to Arabia and then returned to Damascus.
Gal 1:18 Then after three years (c. 33-36 AD), I went up to Jerusalem to get to know Cephas, and I stayed with him fifteen days.
Gal 1:19 But I saw none of the other apostles except Jacob, the brother of the Lord.
Gal 1:20 In what I write to you, I assure you before Yehowah, that I am not lying.
Gal 1:21 Then I went to the regions of Syria and Cilicia.
Gal 1:22 I was still not personally known to the Messianic congregations of Judea (Acts 11:26).
Gal 1:23 They only heard it being said, “The man who once persecuted us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy.”
Gal 1:24 And they glorified Yehowah because of me.

Galatians Chapter 2

Gal 2:1 Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me (Acts 15; c. 49 AD).
Gal 2:2 I went up because of a revelation, and set before them the good news that I proclaim among the ethnicities. I spoke privately to those who seemed to be important, in order to make sure that I was not running, or had not run, in vain.
Gal 2:3 But not even Titus, who was with me, and who was a Greek, was forced to be circumcised.
Gal 2:4 The false brothers came in secretly to spy on the liberty we have in Messiah Yeshua. They desired to make us slaves,
Gal 2:5 but we did not yield in submission to them for a moment, so that the truth of the good news would remain with you.
Gal 2:6 But those who seemed to be important, whatever they were does not matter to me, Yehowah shows no partiality, those I say, who seemed important added nothing to me.
Gal 2:7 On the contrary, they saw that I had been entrusted with the good news to those who are uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the good news to those who are circumcised.
Gal 2:8 For Yehowah, who worked in Peter for the apostleship to those who are circumcised, also worked in me to the ethnicities.
Gal 2:9 When Jacob, Cephas, and John, who were recognized as those who built up the congregation, understood the grace that had been given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me. They did this, so that we should go to the ethnicities, and so that they should go to those who are circumcised.
Gal 2:10 They requested only that we remember the poor, the exact thing that I was eager to do.
Gal 2:11 But when Cephas came to Antioch (c. 52 AD), I opposed him to his face, because he was declared to be in the wrong.
Gal 2:12 Before certain men came from Jacob, Cephas was eating with the ethnicities. But when these men came, he stopped and kept away from the non-Jews. He was afraid of those who were demanding circumcision.
Gal 2:13 Also, the rest of the Messianic Jews joined in this hypocrisy. Even Barnabas was led astray with them by their hypocrisy.
Gal 2:14 But when I saw that their behavior was not following the truth of the good news, I said to Cephas in front of all of them, “If you are a Messianic Jew but are living like a pagan and not like a Messianic Jew, how can you force the ethnicities to live like Messianic Jews” (Acts 11:26)?

Gal 2:15 We ourselves are Jews by birth and not pagan sinners;
Gal 2:16 yet we know that no person is justified by the works of the law but through faith in Yeshua Messiah. We also came to faith in Yeshua Messiah, so that we might be justified by faith in Messiah and not by the works of the law. For by the works of the law no flesh will be justified (Mark 7:1-9).
Gal 2:17 But if, while we seek to be justified in Messiah, we too were found to be sinners, does Messiah then promote sin? Absolutely not!
Gal 2:18 For if I rebuild those things I once destroyed, I prove myself to be a lawbreaker.
Gal 2:19 For through the law, I died to the law, so that I might live for Yehowah.
Gal 2:20 I have been crucified with Messiah. It is no longer I who live, but Messiah lives in me. The life I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of Yehowah, who unconditionally selflessly loved me and gave himself for me.
Gal 2:21 I do not set aside the grace of Yehowah, for if righteousness could be gained through the law (Heb. 7:11), then Messiah died for nothing!

Galatians Chapter 3

Gal 3:1 Foolish Galatians! Who has put a spell on you not to obey the truth? Before your eyes Yeshua Messiah was vividly portrayed as crucified among you.
Gal 3:2 This is the only thing I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Ruach by the works of the law or by believing what you heard?
Gal 3:3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Ruach, are you now going to finish by the flesh?
Gal 3:4 Have you suffered so many things for nothing, if indeed it was for nothing?
Gal 3:5 Does he who gives the Ruach to you and works miracles among you do so by the works of the law, or by hearing with faith?
Gal 3:6 Just as Abraham "believed Yehowah, and it was credited to him as righteousness" (Gen. 15:6),
Gal 3:7 in the same Way, understand then, that those of faith are the children of Abraham.
Gal 3:8 The Scripture, foreseeing that Yehowah would justify the ethnicities by faith, preached the good news beforehand to Abraham, "In you will all the ethnicities be blessed" (Gen. 12:3).
Gal 3:9 So then, those of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.
Gal 3:10 All who rely on the works of the law are under a curse; and so it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all the things written in the Book of the Law, and do them" (Deut. 27:26; Lev. 26:14-43).
Gal 3:11 Now it is clear that no one is justified before Yehowah by the law, because the righteous will live by faith.
Gal 3:12 But the law is not of faith, rather, "The person who does the works of the law must live by them."
Gal 3:13 Messiah redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree (cross)" (Deut. 21:22-23; 1 Cor. 12:3),
Gal 3:14 so that the blessing of Abraham might come to the ethnicities in Yeshua Messiah, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Ruach.
Gal 3:15 Brethren and sistren, let me speak in human terms. In a man-made contract, no one can set it aside or add to it, once it is established by law.
Gal 3:16 Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his descendant. It does not say, "to descendants," referring to many, but instead to only One, "and to your descendant," who is Messiah.
Gal 3:17 Now what I mean is this: The law, which came 430 years afterward (Exo. 12:40-41), does not set aside the covenant previously established by Yehowah in Messiah (Gen. 15), so as to nullify the promise.

Gal 3:18 For if the inheritance comes by the law, then it no longer comes by promise. But Yehowah gave it to Abraham by a promise (Gen. 12; Eph. 2:12).
Gal 3:19 What then was the purpose of the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the Descendant of Abraham would come to whom the promise had been made. The law was put into force through angels by a mediator.
Gal 3:20 Now a mediator implies more than one person, and Yehowah is Oneness.
Gal 3:21 So is the law against the promises of Yehowah? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law.
Gal 3:22 But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin. Yehowah did this, so that the promise to save us by faith in Yeshua Messiah might be given to those who believe.
Gal 3:23 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law (Exo. 24:12-Deut. 31:26), imprisoned until faith should be revealed.
Gal 3:24 So then the law became our tutor until Messiah came, so that we might be justified by faith.
Gal 3:25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.
Gal 3:26 For you are all children of Yehowah through faith in Messiah Yeshua.
Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were immersed into Messiah, you have received Messiah.
Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female (Gen. 1:27-28), for you are all oneness in Messiah Yeshua.
Gal 3:29 And if you belong to Messiah, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.

Galatians Chapter 4

Gal 4:1 I am saying that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is owner of the entire estate.
Gal 4:2 But he is under guardians and trustees, until the date set by his father.
Gal 4:3 So also we, when we were children, were held enslaved to the elemental principles of the world.
Gal 4:4 But when the fullness of time had come, Yehowah sent out his Son, born of a woman, born under the law (Lev. 12; Luke 2:22).
Gal 4:5 He did this to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.
Gal 4:6 And because you are children, Yehowah has sent the Ruach of his Son into your hearts, who calls out, “Abba, Father!”
Gal 4:7 So you are no longer a slave, but a child, and if a child, then you are also an heir of Yehowah through Messiah.
Gal 4:8 But at that time, when you did not know Yehowah, you were made to be slaves to those who are, by nature, not deities at all.
Gal 4:9 But now that you have come to know Yehowah, or rather that you are known by Yehowah, how is it that you are turning back to the weak and worthless elemental principles? Do you want to be enslaved all over again?
Gal 4:10 You observe days, months, appointed festivals, and years!
Gal 4:11 I am afraid for you that somehow my work with you may have been for nothing.
Gal 4:12 I beg you, brethren and sistren, become like me, for I also have become like you. You did me no wrong.
Gal 4:13 But you know that it was because of a physical illness that I proclaimed the good news to you the first time.
Gal 4:14 Though my physical condition put you to the test, you did not despise or reject me. Instead, you welcomed me as if I were an angel of Yehowah, as if I were Messiah Yeshua himself.
Gal 4:15 Where then is your blessing now? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have torn out your own eyes and given them to me.
Gal 4:16 So then, have I become your enemy, because I am telling you the truth?
Gal 4:17 They are zealous to win you over but for no good. They want to shut you out, so you may be zealous for them.
Gal 4:18 It is always good to be zealous for a good purpose, and not only when I am present with you.
Gal 4:19 My little children, again I am in the pains of childbirth for you, until Messiah is formed in you.

Gal 4:20 I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, because I am perplexed about you.
Gal 4:21 Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law?
Gal 4:22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave girl and one by the free woman.
Gal 4:23 But the one was born by the slave girl according to the flesh, but the other was born by the free woman through promise.
Gal 4:24 These things may be interpreted as an allegory, for these women represent two covenants. One of them is from Mount Sinai, and she gives birth to children who are slaves. This is Hagar.
Gal 4:25 Now Hagar represents Mount Sinai in Arabia; and she represents the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children.
Gal 4:26 But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother.
Gal 4:27 For it is written, “Rejoice, you barren one who does not give birth. Cry out and shout for joy, you who are not suffering the pains of childbirth. Because the children of the abandoned woman are more numerous than the woman who has a husband” (Isa 54:1).
Gal 4:28 But you brethren and sistren, like Isaac, are children of promise.
Gal 4:29 At that time, the one who was born according to the flesh persecuted the one born according to the Ruach. It is the same now.
Gal 4:30 But what does the Scripture say? “Send away the slave girl and her son. For the son of the slave girl will not share in the inheritance with the son of the free woman” (Gen. 21:10).
Gal 4:31 Therefore, brethren and sistren, we are not children of a slave girl but of the free woman.

Galatians Chapter 5

Gal 5:1 For freedom, Messiah has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not again be put under the control of a yoke of slavery.
Gal 5:2 Look, I, Paul, say to you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Messiah will not benefit you in any way.
Gal 5:3 I testify again to every man who lets himself be circumcised, that he is obligated to obey the whole law.
Gal 5:4 You are cut off from Messiah, you who would be justified by the law; you no longer experience grace.
Gal 5:5 For through the Ruach, by faith, we eagerly wait for the certain hope of righteousness.
Gal 5:6 In Yeshua Messiah, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but only faith working through unconditional selfless love.
Gal 5:7 You were running well. Who prevented you from obeying the truth?
Gal 5:8 This persuasion does not come from him who calls you!
Gal 5:9 A little yeast makes the whole batch of dough rise (Mat. 16:6-12; Mark 8:15).
Gal 5:10 I have confidence in Yehowah that you will take no other view. The one who is troubling you will pay the penalty, whoever he is.
Gal 5:11 Brethren and sistren, if I still proclaim circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case, the stumbling block of the cross has been removed.
Gal 5:12 As for those who are disturbing you, I wish they would castrate themselves!
Gal 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brethren and sistren. But do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the sinful nature; rather, through unconditional selfless love serve one another.
Gal 5:14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one commandment; in, “You must love your neighbor as yourself” (Lev. 19:18, 34; Deut. 10:18-19).
Gal 5:15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.
Gal 5:16 But I say, walk by the Ruach, and you will not carry out the desires of the sinful nature.
Gal 5:17 For the desires of the sinful nature are against the Ruach, and the desires of the Ruach are against the sinful nature. For these are in conflict with each other, so that you cannot do the things you delight in.
Gal 5:18 But if you are led by the Ruach, you are not under the law (Rom. 7-8).
Gal 5:19 Now the works of the sinful nature are evident: adultery, sexual immorality, impurity (Lev. 11; Deut. 14; 2 Cor. 6:17-18), lustfulness,

Gal 5:20 idolatry, drug sorcery, hostilities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, rivalry, dissension, divisions,
Gal 5:21 envy, murders, intoxication, nighttime drunken riots, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of Yehowah.
Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Ruach is unconditional selfless love, joy, peace (#H7965), long-tempered patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
Gal 5:23 meekness producing gentleness, and self-control; there is no law opposing such things.
Gal 5:24 Those who belong to Messiah Yeshua have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.
Gal 5:25 If we live by the Ruach, let us also walk by the Ruach.
Gal 5:26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Galatians Chapter 6

Gal 6:1 Brethren and sistren, if a person is caught in some sin, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of humility. Be concerned about yourself, so you also may not be tempted.
Gal 6:2 Carry one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Messiah (Rom. 15:1-3).
Gal 6:3 For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.
Gal 6:4 Each one should examine his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in someone else (1 Cor. 3:13-15; Mat. 5:16; John 14:1-12; Titus 2:7, 14).
Gal 6:5 For each one will carry his own load.
Gal 6:6 The one who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches.
Gal 6:7 Do not be deceived. Yehowah is not mocked, for whatever a person plants, that he will also harvest.
Gal 6:8 For he who plants seed to his own sinful nature, from the sinful nature will gather in destruction. The one who plants seed to the Ruach, from the Ruach will gather in eternal life.
Gal 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the right time we will gather in a harvest, if we do not give up.
Gal 6:10 So then, as we have the opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the household of faith.
Gal 6:11 See what large letters I write to you with my own hand.
Gal 6:12 Those who want to make a good impression in the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. They do this only to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Messiah.
Gal 6:13 For not even those who circumcised themselves keep the law, but they want you to be circumcised, so that they may boast about your flesh.
Gal 6:14 But may I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Yeshua Messiah, through which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.
Gal 6:15 For in Messiah Yeshua, neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but what counts is a new creation.
Gal 6:16 And to all who live according to this standard, peace and mercy be upon them, even upon the Israel of Yehowah.
Gal 6:17 From now on let no one trouble me, for I carry on my body the marks of Lord Yeshua.
Gal 6:18 May the grace of our Lord Yeshua Messiah be with your spirit, brethren and sistren. Amein.

Book of Ephesians

Ephesians Chapter 1

Eph 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Yeshua Messiah through the will of Yehowah, to the set-apart adherents in Ephesus, who are faithful in Messiah Yeshua.
Eph 1:2 Grace to you and peace from Yehowah our Father and Lord Yeshua Messiah.
Eph 1:3 May Yehowah the Father of our Lord Yeshua Messiah be praised, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing of Heaven in Messiah.
Eph 1:4 Yehowah chose us in him before the beginning of the world, that we may be set apart and blameless in his sight in unconditional selfless love.
Eph 1:5 Yehowah chose us beforehand for adoption as children through Yeshua Messiah to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.
Eph 1:6 Our adoption results in the praise of his glorious grace that he has freely given us in the One he unconditionally selflessly loves.
Eph 1:7 In Yeshua we have redemption through his blood and the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.
Eph 1:8 He lavished this grace upon us with all wisdom and understanding.
Eph 1:9 Yehowah made known to us the hidden purpose of his will, according to what pleased him, and which he demonstrated in Messiah,
Eph 1:10 with a view to a plan for the fullness of appointment calendar times, to bring all things together, all things in Heaven and on earth, under one head, even Messiah.
Eph 1:11 In Messiah, we were appointed as heirs. We were decided on beforehand according to the plan of him who works out everything according to the purpose of his will.
Eph 1:12 Yehowah appointed us as heirs, so that we might be the first to have confident hope in Messiah, so we would be for the praise of his glory.
Eph 1:13 In Messiah, you also, when you had heard the Word of Truth, the good news of your salvation, you believed in him and were sealed with the promised Ruach Kodesh,
Eph 1:14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance, until we take full possession of it, to the praise of his glory.
Eph 1:15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in Lord Yeshua and your unconditional selfless love for all the set-apart people of Yehowah,
Eph 1:16 I have not stopped thanking Yehowah for you, as I mention you in my prayers:

Eph 1:17 That the Mighty One of our Lord Yeshua Messiah, the Father of glory, will give to you the Ruach of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him.
Eph 1:18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, that you may know the confident hope to which he has called you and the riches of his glorious inheritance among all the set-apart people of Yehowah.
Eph 1:19 And in my prayers I ask that you may know the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great strength.
Eph 1:20 This is the same power that Yehowah worked in Messiah when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in Heaven.
Eph 1:21 He seated Messiah far above all rule, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named. Messiah will rule, not only in this age, but also in the age to come.
Eph 1:22 Yehowah put all things under the feet of Messiah and gave him to the congregation as head over all things.
Eph 1:23 The congregation is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ephesians Chapter 2

Eph 2:1 And as for you, you were dead in your trespasses and sins.
Eph 2:2 It was in these trespasses and sins that you once lived according to the ways of this world. You were living according to the ruler of the authorities of the air, the spirit that is working in the children of disobedience.
Eph 2:3 Once, we all lived among these people, fulfilling the evil desires of our sinful nature, and carrying out the desires of the body and of the mind. We were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of humanity.
Eph 2:4 But Yehowah is rich in mercy, because of his great love with which he unconditionally selflessly loved us.
Eph 2:5 While we were dead in trespasses, he made us alive together in Messiah, by grace you have been saved.
Eph 2:6 Yehowah raised us up together with Messiah, and Yehowah made us sit together in Heaven in Messiah Yeshua,
Eph 2:7 so that in the ages to come, he might show to us the immeasurably great riches of his grace expressed in his kindness toward us in Messiah Yeshua.
Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this did not come from you, it is the gift of Yehowah.
Eph 2:9 Grace is not from works, so no one may boast.
Eph 2:10 For we are the workmanship of Yehowah, created in Messiah Yeshua to do good deeds that Yehowah planned long ago for us, so that we would walk in them.
Eph 2:11 Therefore, remember that once you were ethnicities in the flesh. You are called “uncircumcision” by what is called the “circumcision” in the flesh made by human hands.
Eph 2:12 For at that time, you were separated from Messiah. You were estranged to the community of Israel. You were foreigners to the covenants of the promise (Gen. 1:1-Exo. 24:11). You had no certain hope about the future. You were without Yehowah in the world.
Eph 2:13 But now in Messiah Yeshua you who once were far away from Yehowah have been brought near by the blood of Messiah.
Eph 2:14 For he is our peace. He made the two (Jews and non-Jews) oneness. He destroyed the partition barrier that divided us.
Eph 2:15 The hostility in his flesh nullifying the law of injunctions in regulations (Col. 2:14), that he should be creating the two, in himself, into one new human being, making peace.
Eph 2:16 Messiah reconciles both people (Jews and non-Jews) into one body to Yehowah through the cross, putting to death the hostility.

Eph 2:17 Yeshua came and proclaimed peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.
Eph 2:18 For through Yeshua we both have access in one Ruach to the Father.
Eph 2:19 So then now, you are no longer foreigners and resident aliens. Instead, you are fellow citizens with the set-apart people of Yehowah and members of the household of Yehowah.
Eph 2:20 You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, and Yeshua Messiah himself is the chief Cornerstone.
Eph 2:21 In him, the whole building fits together and grows as a set-apart temple in the Lord.
Eph 2:22 It is in him that you also are being built together as a dwelling place for Yehowah in the Ruach.

Ephesians Chapter 3

Eph 3:1 Because of this, I, Paul, am the prisoner of Yeshua Messiah for you ethnicities.
Eph 3:2 I assume that you have heard of the stewardship of the grace of Yehowah that was given to me for you.
Eph 3:3 I am writing according to the revelation made known to me. This is the hidden truth about which I briefly wrote to you.
Eph 3:4 When you read about this, you will be able to understand my insight into this hidden truth about Messiah.
Eph 3:5 In other generations, this truth was not made known to the children of mankind. But now it has been revealed by the Ruach to his apostles and prophets, who were set apart for this work.
Eph 3:6 This hidden truth is that the non-Jews are fellow heirs, and fellow members of the body, and they share the promise in Messiah through the good news.
Eph 3:7 For I became a servant of this good news by the gift of the grace of Yehowah given to me through the working of his power.
Eph 3:8 Yehowah gave this gift to me, although I am the least of all the set-apart people of Yehowah. This gift is that I should proclaim to the ethnicities the good news of the unsearchable riches of Messiah.
Eph 3:9 The gift of Yehowah to me is that I will bring to light to everyone what the plan of Yehowah is. This plan had been hidden for ages in the past by Yehowah, who created all things through Yeshua Messiah.
Eph 3:10 This plan was made known through the congregation, so the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms would come to know the many-sided nature of the wisdom of Yehowah.
Eph 3:11 This happened according to the eternal plan that he accomplished in Messiah Yeshua our Lord.
Eph 3:12 For in Messiah we have boldness and access with confidence because of our faith in him.
Eph 3:13 Therefore, I ask you not to be discouraged because of what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.
Eph 3:14 For this reason, I bend my knees to the Father of our Lord Yeshua Messiah,
Eph 3:15 from whom every family in Heaven and on earth is named.
Eph 3:16 I pray that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened in spirit with power through his Ruach, who is in you.
Eph 3:17 I pray that Messiah may live in your hearts through faith, that you will be rooted and grounded in his unconditional selfless love.

Eph 3:18 May you have strength so you can understand, along with all the believers, what is the width, the length, the height, and the depth,
Eph 3:19 and that you may know the unconditional selfless love of Messiah, which goes beyond knowledge, and that you may be filled with all the fullness of Yehowah.
Eph 3:20 Now to him who is able to do far beyond all that we ask or think, according to his power that works in us,
Eph 3:21 to him be glory in the congregation in Messiah Yeshua to all generations forever and ever. Amein.

Ephesians Chapter 4

Eph 4:1 I, therefore, as the prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk worthily of the calling by which you were called.
Eph 4:2 I urge you to live with great humility, gentleness, and long-tempered patience, putting up with one another in unconditional selfless love.
Eph 4:3 Do your best to keep the unity of the Ruach in the bond of peace.
Eph 4:4 There is one body and one Ruach (Rev. 1:4; 3:1; Isa. 11:2-4), just as also you were called in one certain hope of your calling.
Eph 4:5 And there is one Lord, one faith, one immersion,
Eph 4:6 one Yehowah, Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in you all.
Eph 4:7 To each one of us grace has been given according to the measure of the gift of Messiah.
Eph 4:8 It is as Scripture says: "When he ascended to the heights, he led our vanquished enemies into captivity, and he received gifts from humans" (Psa. 68:18).
Eph 4:9 What is the meaning of, "He ascended," except that he also descended into the lower regions of the earth?
Eph 4:10 He who descended is the same Person who also ascended far above all of Heaven, that he might fill all things.
Eph 4:11 Messiah gave some to be apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers.
Eph 4:12 He gave these offices to equip his set-apart adherents for the work of service, for the building up of the body of Messiah.
Eph 4:13 He continues to build up his body, until we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of Yehowah, and that we become a complete person and so reach the measure of maturity of the fullness of Messiah.
Eph 4:14 Messiah builds us up, so that we should no longer be immature children who are tossed back and forth by the waves, and carried away by every wind of teaching and by the trickery of people in their deceitful schemes.
Eph 4:15 Instead, speaking the truth in unconditional selfless love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, that is, Messiah.
Eph 4:16 Messiah builds the whole body, and it is joined and held together by every supporting ligament, and when each part works together, that makes the body grow, so that it builds itself up in unconditional selfless love.
Eph 4:17 Therefore, I say and insist on this in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the ethnicities live, in the futility of their minds.
Eph 4:18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of Yehowah, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their hearts.

Eph 4:19 They have no shame and have given themselves over to licentiousness, and they are continually practicing every kind of impurity with avarice.
Eph 4:20 But that is not how you learned about Messiah.
Eph 4:21 I assume that you have heard about him, and that you were taught in him, as the truth is in Yeshua.
Eph 4:22 You were taught to put off what belongs to your former manner of life, to put off the old self. It is the old self that is corrupt because of its deceitful desires.
Eph 4:23 You were taught to be renewed in the spirit of your mind,
Eph 4:24 and to put on the new self that is created in the image of Yehowah, in true righteousness and consecration.
Eph 4:25 Therefore, get rid of lies, and let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor, because we are members of one another.
Eph 4:26 Be angry and do not sin. Do not let the sun go down on your anger.
Eph 4:27 Do not give an opportunity to the Devil.
Eph 4:28 The one who had been stealing must steal no longer. He must labor, doing useful work with his hands, so that he may have something to share with those who are in need.
Eph 4:29 Do not let any filthy talk come out of your mouth. Use only words that are helpful for building others up, according to their needs, that your words would be helpful to those who hear you.
Eph 4:30 And do not grieve Ruach ha'Kodesh of Yehowah, by whom you were sealed for the Day of Redemption (Rev. 9:4).
Eph 4:31 Put away all bitterness, anger, rage, quarreling, and insults, along with every kind of evil.
Eph 4:32 Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as Yehowah in Messiah forgave you.

Ephesians Chapter 5

Eph 5:1 Therefore, be imitators of Yehowah, as dearly loved children.
Eph 5:2 And walk in unconditional selfless love, as also Messiah unconditionally selflessly loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to Yehowah.
Eph 5:3 But there must not be even a suggestion among you of sexual immorality or any kind of impurity (Lev. 11; Deut. 14; 2 Cor. 6:17-18), or of greed, for these are improper for set-apart adherents.
Eph 5:4 Let there be no filthiness, no foolish talk, and no crude jokes, all of which are improper. Instead, there should be thanksgiving.
Eph 5:5 For you can be sure of this, that no sexually immoral, (morally or religiously) impure, or greedy person, that is, an idolater, has any inheritance in the Kingdom of Messiah and Yehowah.
Eph 5:6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the anger of Yehowah is coming upon the children of disobedience.
Eph 5:7 Therefore, do not join in with them.
Eph 5:8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light,
Eph 5:9 for the fruit of the Ruach consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth,
Eph 5:10 and find out what is pleasing to the Lord.
Eph 5:11 Do not associate with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather expose them.
Eph 5:12 For it is shameful even to mention the things they do in secret.
Eph 5:13 But when anything is exposed, it is illuminated by the light, it becomes visible. For anything that becomes visible is light.
Eph 5:14 Therefore, it says, “Awake, you sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Messiah will illuminate you.”
Eph 5:15 Look carefully how you live, not as unwise but as wise.
Eph 5:16 Redeem the time, because the days are evil.
Eph 5:17 Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of Yehowah is.
Eph 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that leads to reckless behavior. Instead, be filled with the Ruach,
Eph 5:19 speaking to each other in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart,
Eph 5:20 always giving thanks for everything, in the name of our Lord Yeshua Messiah to Yehowah the Father,
Eph 5:21 submitting yourselves to one another in reverence for Yehowah.

Eph 5:22 Wives, submit to your husbands, as to the Lord.
Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Messiah also is the head of the congregation (Acts 11:26), and he is its Savior.
Eph 5:24 But as the congregation submits to Messiah, so also wives must submit to their husbands in everything.
Eph 5:25 Husbands, unconditionally selflessly love your wives, as Messiah unconditionally selflessly loved the congregation and gave himself up for her.
Eph 5:26 Messiah gave himself for the congregation, so that he might consecrate her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the spoken word,
Eph 5:27 so that he might present her to himself as a glorious congregation, without stain or wrinkle or any such thing, but set apart and without fault.
Eph 5:28 In the same way, husbands ought to unconditionally selflessly love their own wives as their own bodies. He who unconditionally selflessly loves his own wife unconditionally selflessly loves himself.
Eph 5:29 For no one ever hated his own body, but nourishes and treats it with care, just as the Lord nourishes and treats the congregation with care,
Eph 5:30 because we are members of his body, his flesh and bones.
Eph 5:31 “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and will be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”
Eph 5:32 This hidden truth is great, but I am speaking about Messiah and the congregation (Acts 11:26).
Eph 5:33 Nevertheless, each of you also must unconditionally selflessly love his own wife as himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Ephesians Chapter 6

Eph 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
Eph 6:2 “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise,
Eph 6:3 “so that it may be well with you, and you may live long on the earth.”
Eph 6:4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger. Instead, raise them in the discipline and instruction of Yehowah.
Eph 6:5 Slaves, be obedient to your earthly masters with deep respect and trembling, in the honesty of your heart. Be obedient to them as you would be obedient to Messiah.
Eph 6:6 Be obedient not only when your masters are watching in order to please them. Instead, be obedient as slaves of Messiah, who do the will of Yehowah from your heart.
Eph 6:7 Serve with all your heart, as though you were serving Yehowah and not people,
Eph 6:8 because we know that for whatever good deed each person does, he will receive a reward from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.
Eph 6:9 Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them. You know that he who is both their Master and yours is in Heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.
Eph 6:10 Finally, be strong in Yehowah and in the strength of his might.
Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of Yehowah (High Priest’s garments), so that you may be able to stand against the scheming plans of the Devil.
Eph 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood. Instead, it is against the governments, spiritual authorities, and rulers of the realm of evil darkness of this age, against the evil spirits in the heavenlies.
Eph 6:13 Therefore, put on the whole armor of Yehowah (High Priest’s garments), so that you may be able to stand in this time of evil, and after you have done everything, to stand firm.
Eph 6:14 Stand, therefore, after you have put on the belt of truth and the breastplate of righteousness (High Priest’s garments).
Eph 6:15 Then as sandals for your feet, put on the readiness to proclaim the good news of peace.
Eph 6:16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, by which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.
Eph 6:17 And take the turban of salvation and the sword of the Ruach, which is the spoken Word of Yehowah (High Priest’s garments; Exo. 28:4; Isa. 59:17; 1 Thes. 5:8).

Eph 6:18 With every prayer and request, pray at all times in the Ruach. With this mind, always be watching with all perseverance, as you offer prayers for all the set-apart people of Yehowah.
Eph 6:19 And pray for me, that a message might be given to me when I open my mouth. Pray that I might make known with boldness the hidden truth of the good news.
Eph 6:20 It is for the good news that I am an ambassador who is kept in chains, so that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.
Eph 6:21 Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you may know how I am doing.
Eph 6:22 I have sent him to you for this exact purpose, so that you may know how we are, and so that he may encourage your hearts.
Eph 6:23 Peace be to the brethren and sistren, and unconditional selfless love with faith from Yehowah the Father and Lord Yeshua Messiah.
Eph 6:24 May grace be with all those who perpetually and unconditionally selflessly love our Lord Yeshua Messiah. Amein.

Book of Philippians

Philippians Chapter 1

Php 1:1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Yeshua Messiah, to all those set apart in Messiah Yeshua who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons.
Php 1:2 May grace be to you and peace from Yehowah our Father and Lord Yeshua Messiah.
Php 1:3 I thank Yehowah in every remembrance of you.
Php 1:4 Always, in every prayer of mine for you all, it is with joy that I make my prayer.
Php 1:5 I give thanks for your fellowship in the good news from the first day until now.
Php 1:6 I am confident of this exact thing, that he who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the Day of Yeshua Messiah.
Php 1:7 It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, because I have you in my heart. You all have been my partners in grace both in my imprisonment and in my defense and confirmation of the good news.
Php 1:8 For Yehowah is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Yeshua Messiah.
Php 1:9 And I am praying this: That your unconditional selfless love may abound more and more in knowledge and all understanding.
Php 1:10 I pray for this, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so you may be sincere and without offense into the Messianic Age.
Php 1:11 I pray that you also will be filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Yeshua Messiah, to the glory and praise of Yehowah.
Php 1:12 Now I want you to know, brethren and sistren, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the good news.
Php 1:13 As a result, my chains in Messiah came to light throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else.
Php 1:14 And most of the brethren and sistren have far more confidence in Yeshua because of my chains, and they have courage to fearlessly speak the word.
Php 1:15 Some indeed even proclaim Messiah out of envy and strife, and also others out of good will.
Php 1:16 The latter do it out of unconditional selfless love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the good news.

Php 1:17 But the former proclaim Messiah out of selfish ambition, not sincerely. They think they will afflict me while I am imprisoned.
Php 1:18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Messiah is proclaimed, and in this I rejoice! Yes, and I will rejoice,
Php 1:19 for I know that this will result in my deliverance through your prayers and the help of the Ruach of Yeshua Messiah.
Php 1:20 It is according to my eager expectation and certain hope that I will not be at all ashamed, and yet with all boldness, now as always, Messiah will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.
Php 1:21 For to me to live is Messiah and to die is gain.
Php 1:22 But if I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which to choose? I do not know.
Php 1:23 For I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Messiah, which is far better,
Php 1:24 yet to remain in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.
Php 1:25 And being convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith.
Php 1:26 So that in me you may have increasing reasons to boast in Yeshua Messiah when I come to you again.
Php 1:27 Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the good news of Messiah, so that whether I come to see you or am absent, I may hear about you, that you are standing firm in one Ruach, with one mind striving together for the faith of the good news.
Php 1:28 And do not be frightened in any respect by those who are your opponents. This is a sign to them of their destruction but of your salvation, and this from Yehowah.
Php 1:29 For it has been granted to you, for the sake of Messiah, not only to believe in him but also to suffer for his sake,
Php 1:30 having the same conflict which you saw in me, and now you hear is in me.

Philippians Chapter 2

Php 2:1 If there is any encouragement in Messiah, if there is any comfort from his unconditional selfless love, if there is any fellowship of the Ruach, if there are any tender mercies and compassions,
Php 2:2 then make my joy full by thinking alike, having the same unconditional selfless love, being united in Ruach, and having the same purpose.
Php 2:3 Do nothing out of selfishness or empty conceit. Instead, with humility consider others better than yourselves.
Php 2:4 Each of you should take care not only for your own needs but also for the needs of others.
Php 2:5 Think in the Way that was also in Messiah Yeshua.
Php 2:6 He existed in the form of Yehowah, but he did not consider his equality with Yehowah as something to hold on to.
Php 2:7 Instead, he emptied himself. He took the form of a servant. He appeared in the likeness of humans.
Php 2:8 And being found in the circumstance of a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death of a cross!
Php 2:9 Therefore, Yehowah also highly exalted him. He gave him the name that is above every name.
Php 2:10 He did this, so that at the name of Yeshua every knee should bend, the knees of those in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth (Gen. 41:43).
Php 2:11 And he did this, so that every tongue should confess that Yeshua Messiah is Lord, to the glory of Yehowah the Father (Isaiah 45:23; Rom. 14:11).
Php 2:12 So then my beloved, as you always obey, not only in my presence but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.
Php 2:13 For it is Yehowah who is working in you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.
Php 2:14 Do all things without complaining or arguing.
Php 2:15 Act in this Way, so that you may become blameless and honest, children of Yehowah without blemish. Act in this Way, so that you may shine as lights in the world, in the middle of a crooked and depraved generation.
Php 2:16 Hold tightly to the word of life, so that I may have reason to glory on the Day of Messiah. For then I will know that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.
Php 2:17 But even if I am poured out as an offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice, and I rejoice with you all!
Php 2:18 In the same manner, you also rejoice, and you rejoice with me!

Php 2:19 But I hope in Lord Yeshua to send Timothy to you soon, so that I may also be encouraged when I know the things about you.
Php 2:20 For I have no one else with his same attitude, who is truly anxious for you.
Php 2:21 For they all seek their own interests, not the things of Yeshua Messiah.
Php 2:22 But you know his worth, because as a child serves his father, so he served with me in the good news.
Php 2:23 So I hope to send him as soon as I see how things will go with me.
Php 2:24 But I am confident in the Lord that I myself will also come soon.
Php 2:25 But I think it is necessary to send Epaphroditus back to you. He is my brother, fellow worker, fellow soldier, and your messenger and servant for my needs.
Php 2:26 For he was distressed, and he longed to be with you all, because you heard that he was sick.
Php 2:27 For indeed he was so sick that he almost died. But Yehowah had mercy on him, and not on him only, but also on me, so that I might not have sorrow upon sorrow.
Php 2:28 So it is all the more eagerly that I am sending him, so that when you see him again, you may rejoice, and I will be freer from anxiety.
Php 2:29 Welcome Epaphroditus in the Lord with all joy. Honor people like him.
Php 2:30 For it was for the work of Messiah that he came near death. He risked his life to serve me and fill up what you could not do in service to me.

Philippians Chapter 3

Php 3:1 Finally, my brethren and sistren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write these same things again to you is not bothersome. These things will keep you safe.
Php 3:2 Watch out for the dogs. Watch out for the evil workers. Watch out for the false circumcision.
Php 3:3 For we are the circumcision. It is we who worship by the Ruach of Yehowah. It is we who take pride in Messiah Yeshua, and who have no confidence in the flesh.
Php 3:4 Even so, I myself could have confidence in the flesh. If anyone thinks he has confidence in the flesh, I could have even more.
Php 3:5 I was circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in respect to the law, a Pharisee.
Php 3:6 I zealously persecuted the congregation. In respect to the righteousness of the law, I was blameless.
Php 3:7 But whatever things were a profit for me, I have considered them as loss because of Messiah.
Php 3:8 In fact, now I count all things to be loss because of the excellency of the knowledge of Messiah Yeshua my Lord. For him I have discarded all things. I consider them rubbish, so that I may gain Messiah
Php 3:9 and be found in him. I do not have a righteousness of my own from the law. Instead, I have the righteousness that is through faith in Messiah, the righteousness that is from Yehowah based on faith.
Php 3:10 So now I want to know him and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings. I want to be transformed into the likeness of his death,
Php 3:11 so somehow I may experience the resurrection from the dead.
Php 3:12 It is not true that I have already received these things, or that I have become complete. But I press on, in order that I may grasp that for which I was grasped by Messiah Yeshua.
Php 3:13 Brethren and sistren, I do not think that I myself have yet grasped it. But there is one thing: I forget what is behind and strain for what is ahead.
Php 3:14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize of the upward calling of Yehowah in Messiah Yeshua.
Php 3:15 All of us who are mature, let us think this Way. And if you think differently about anything, Yehowah will also reveal that to you.
Php 3:16 However, whatever we have reached, let us hold to that standard.
Php 3:17 Be imitators of me, brethren and sistren. Closely watch those who are walking by the example that you have in us.

Php 3:18 Many are walking, those about whom I have often told you, and now I am telling you with tears, as enemies of the cross of Messiah.
Php 3:19 Their destiny is destruction. For their deity is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. They think about earthly things.
Php 3:20 But our citizenship is in Heaven, from where we also wait for the Savior, Lord Yeshua Messiah.
Php 3:21 He will transform our lowly bodies into bodies formed like his glorious body, formed by the might of his power to subject all things to himself.

Philippians Chapter 4

Php 4:1 Therefore, my beloved brethren and sistren whom I long for, my joy and crown, in this Way stand firm in the Lord, beloved friends.
Php 4:2 I am pleading with Euodia, and I am pleading with Syntyche, be of the same mind in the Lord.
Php 4:3 Indeed, I am entreating you also, my true yokefellow: Help these women. For they labored with me in spreading the good news along with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life.
Php 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I will say, rejoice!
Php 4:5 Let your gentleness be known to all people. The Lord is near.
Php 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything. Instead, in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to Yehowah.
Php 4:7 And the peace of Yehowah, which exceeds all understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Messiah Yeshua.
Php 4:8 Finally, brethren and sistren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is anything excellent, if there is anything to be praised, think about these things.
Php 4:9 The things that you have learned, received, heard, and seen in me, do these things. And Yehowah of peace will be with you.
Php 4:10 I greatly rejoice in the Lord, because now at last you have renewed your concern for me. You had indeed been concerned for me before, but there was no opportunity for you to help.
Php 4:11 I am not saying this because I am in need. For I have learned to be content in all circumstances.
Php 4:12 I know what it is to be poor, and I also know what it is to have plenty. In every way and in all things, I have learned the secret of how to be well-fed or to be hungry, and how to have an abundance or to be in need.
Php 4:13 I can do all things through Messiah who strengthens me.
Php 4:14 However, you did well to share with me in my difficulties.
Php 4:15 And you know, you Philippians, that in the beginning of the good news, when I left Macedonia, no congregation supported me in the matter of giving and receiving except you only.
Php 4:16 Even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent help for my needs more than once.
Php 4:17 It is not that I seek the gift. Instead, I seek the fruit that increases to your account.

Php 4:18 I have received all the things, and I have plenty. I have been filled. I have received from Epaphroditus the things from you. They are a sweet smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice pleasing to Yehowah.
Php 4:19 And Yehowah will fill every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Messiah Yeshua.
Php 4:20 Now to Yehowah our Father be the glory forever and ever. Amein.
Php 4:21 Greet every believer in Messiah Yeshua. The brothers who are with me greet you.
Php 4:22 All the believers here greet you, especially those of Caesar Nero's household.
Php 4:23 May the grace of Lord Yeshua Messiah be with your spirit. Amein.

Book of Colossians

Colossians Chapter 1

Col 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Yeshua Messiah through the will of Yehowah, and Timothy our brother,
Col 1:2 to the believers and faithful brethren and sistren in Messiah who are at Colossae (near modern Honaz, Turkey). May grace be to you, and peace from Yehowah our Father and Lord Yeshua Messiah.
Col 1:3 We give thanks to Yehowah, the Father of our Lord Yeshua Messiah, and we always pray for you.
Col 1:4 We have heard of your faith in Messiah Yeshua, and of the unconditional selfless love that you have for all those set apart for Yehowah.
Col 1:5 You have this love, because of the hope reserved for you in Heaven. You heard about this confident expectation before in the Word of Truth, the good news,
Col 1:6 which has come to you. This good news is bearing fruit and is growing in all the world. It has been doing this in you also from the day you heard it and learned about the grace of Yehowah in truth.
Col 1:7 This is the good news as you learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant, who is the faithful servant of Messiah on our behalf.
Col 1:8 Epaphras has made known to us your unconditional selfless love in the Ruach.
Col 1:9 Because of this love, from the day we heard this, we have not stopped praying for you. We have been asking that you will be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.
Col 1:10 We have been praying that you will walk worthily of the Lord in pleasing Ways. We have been praying that you will bear fruit in every good deed, and that you will grow in the knowledge of Yehowah.
Col 1:11 We pray you may be strengthened in every ability according to the power of his glory into all perseverance and patience.
Col 1:12 We pray that you will joyfully give thanks to the Father, who has made you able to have a share in the inheritance of the believers in light.
Col 1:13 He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of his beloved Son.
Col 1:14 In his Son, we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Col 1:15 The Son is the image of invisible Yehowah. He is the Firstborn of all creation.
Col 1:16 For by him all things were created, those in the heavens and those on the earth, the visible and the invisible things. Whether thrones or dominions or governments or authorities, all things were created by him and for him.
Col 1:17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the congregation (Acts 11:26). He is the beginning and the Firstborn from among the dead, so he has first place among all things.
Col 1:19 For Yehowah was pleased that all his fullness should live in him.
Col 1:20 Yehowah made peace through the blood of his cross. Yehowah reconciled all things to himself, whether the things on the earth or the things in the heavens.
Col 1:21 And you also, at one time, were strangers to Yehowah and were his enemies in mind and in evil deeds.
Col 1:22 But now he has reconciled you by his physical body through death. He did this in order to present you set-apart, blameless, and above reproach before him,
Col 1:23 if you continue in the faith, established and firm, not moved away from the hope of the good news that you heard. This is the good news that was proclaimed to every person created under the heavens. This is the good news of which I, Paul, became a servant.
Col 1:24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for you. And I fill up in my flesh what is lacking of the afflictions of Messiah for the sake of his body, which is the congregation.
Col 1:25 It is of this congregation that I am a servant, according to the responsibility from Yehowah that was given to me for you, to fulfill the Word of Yehowah.
Col 1:26 This is the secret truth that was hidden for ages and for generations. But now it has been revealed to his set-apart people.
Col 1:27 It is to them that Yehowah wanted to make known the riches of the glory of this secret truth among the ethnicities. It is that Messiah is in you, the hope of glory.
Col 1:28 This is he Whom we proclaim. We admonish every person, and we teach every person with all wisdom, so that we may present every person complete in Messiah Yeshua.
Col 1:29 For this I labor and strive according to his energy that is at work in me in power (Deut. 34:7)!

Colossians Chapter 2

Col 2:1 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have had for you, for the adherents at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh.
Col 2:2 I work, so that their hearts may be encouraged by being brought together in unconditional selfless love and into all the riches of full assurance of understanding, into the knowledge of the secret truth of Father Yehowah and Messiah.
Col 2:3 In him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden.
Col 2:4 I say this, so that no one may trick you with persuasive speech.
Col 2:5 And although I am not with you in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit. I rejoice to see your good order and the strength of your faith in Messiah.
Col 2:6 As you received Messiah Yeshua the Lord, walk in him.
Col 2:7 Be firmly planted in him, be built on him, be established in faith just as you were taught, and abound in thanksgiving.
Col 2:8 See that no one captures you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of humans, conforming to the elements of the world, and not conforming to Messiah.
Col 2:9 For in him lives all the fullness of Divinity bodily.
Col 2:10 And you are complete in him. He is the head of every power and authority.
Col 2:11 In him, you were also circumcised with a circumcision not done by humans in the removal of the body of sins of the flesh, but in the circumcision of Messiah.
Col 2:12 You were buried with him in immersion. And in him, you were raised up through faith in the power of Yehowah, who raised him from the dead.
Col 2:13 And when you were dead in your trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, he made you alive together with him and forgave all of your trespasses.
Col 2:14 He erased the written record of sin debts found in the regulations that was against us and opposed us (Eph. 2:15). He removed the verdict of condemnation and nailed it to the cross.
Col 2:15 He disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, being victorious over them by the cross.
Col 2:16 So then, let no one but the body of Messiah judge you (1 Cor. 5:12; Acts 11:26) in eating or in drinking, or about an appointment calendar festival, or a new month (Num. 10:10), or about Sabbaths.
Col 2:17 These are a shadow of the things to come.

Col 2:18 Let no one who delights in false humility and the worship of angels judge you out of your prize. Such a person enters into the things he has not seen and becomes puffed up by his fleshly thinking.
Col 2:19 He does not hold on to the Head. It is from the Head that the whole body throughout its joints and ligaments is supplied and held together; it grows with the growth given by Yehowah.
Col 2:20 If you died together with Messiah to the elements of the world, why do you live in the world as though obligated to the oral traditions:
Col 2:21 “Do not handle, nor taste, nor touch?”
Col 2:22 All these things are destined for corruption with use, according to the instructions and teachings of humans.
Col 2:23 These rules have the wisdom of self-made religion, humility, and severity of the body. But they have no value against indulgence of the flesh.

Colossians Chapter 3

Col 3:1 If then, Yehowah has raised you with Messiah, seek the things above, where Messiah is sitting at the right hand of Yehowah.
Col 3:2 Think about the things above, not about the things on earth.
Col 3:3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Messiah in Yehowah.
Col 3:4 When Messiah appears, who is our life, then you will also appear with him in glory.
Col 3:5 Put to death, then, the members that are on earth, sexual immorality, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry.
Col 3:6 It is for these things that the wrath of Yehowah is coming on the children of disobedience.
Col 3:7 It is in these things that you also once walked when you lived in them.
Col 3:8 But now you must get rid of all these things, wrath, anger, evil intentions, insults, and obscene speech from your mouth.
Col 3:9 Do not lie to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices,
Col 3:10 and you have put on the new self that is being made new in knowledge according to the image of the One who created it.
Col 3:11 This is where there is no Greek or Jew, circumcision or uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, or freeman, but Messiah is all and is in all.
Col 3:12 Put on then, as the chosen ones of Yehowah, set-apart and beloved, a heart of mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.
Col 3:13 Bear with one another. Be gracious to each other. If someone has a complaint against someone else, forgive in the same way that Messiah has forgiven you.
Col 3:14 Above all these things, have unconditional selfless love, which is the bond of perfection.
Col 3:15 Let the peace of Yehowah rule in your hearts. It was for this peace that you were called in one body. And be thankful.
Col 3:16 Let the word of Messiah live in you richly. With all wisdom, teach and admonish one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing with thankfulness in your hearts to Yehowah.
Col 3:17 And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of Lord Yeshua. Give thanks to Yehowah the Father through him.
Col 3:18 Wives, submit to your husbands, as it is appropriate in the Lord.
Col 3:19 Husbands, unconditionally selflessly love your wives and do not be bitter against them.
Col 3:20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is pleasing in the Lord.

Col 3:21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, so that they will not be discouraged.
Col 3:22 Slaves, obey your masters according to the flesh in all things, not with eyeservice as people pleasers but with a sincere heart. Fear Yehowah.
Col 3:23 Whatever you do, work from your soul as to the Lord and not as to people.
Col 3:24 You know that you will receive from the Lord the Reward of Inheritance (ROI). It is the Lord Messiah whom you serve.
Col 3:25 For anyone who does unrighteousness will receive the penalty for the unrighteousness that he did, and there is no partiality.

Colossians Chapter 4

Col 4:1 Masters, give to slaves what is right and fair. You know that you also have a Master in Heaven.
Col 4:2 Continue steadfastly in prayer. Stay alert in it with thanksgiving.
Col 4:3 Pray together for us also, that Yehowah would open a door for the word, to speak the mysterious truth of Messiah. Because of this, I am chained up.
Col 4:4 And pray that I may make it clear, as I ought to speak.
Col 4:5 Walk in wisdom toward those outside and redeem the time.
Col 4:6 Let your words always be with grace. Let them be seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person.
Col 4:7 As for the things concerning me, Tychicus will make them known to you. He is a beloved brother, a faithful servant, and fellow slave in the Lord.
Col 4:8 I sent him to you for this, that you might know the matters about us, and so that he may encourage your hearts.
Col 4:9 I sent him together with Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that has happened here.
Col 4:10 Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, greets you, as well as Mark, the cousin of Barnabas, about whom you received orders; if he comes to you, receive him,
Col 4:11 and also Yehoshua who is called Justus. These alone of the circumcision are my fellow workers for the Kingdom of Yehowah. They have been a comfort to me.
Col 4:12 Epaphras greets you. He is one of you and a slave of Messiah. He always strives for you in prayer, so that you may stand complete and fully assured in all the will of Yehowah.
Col 4:13 For I bear witness of him, that he works hard for you, for those in Laodicea, and for those in Hierapolis.
Col 4:14 Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you.
Col 4:15 Greet the brethren and sistren in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the congregation that is in his house (Acts 11:26).
Col 4:16 When this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the congregation of the Laodiceans, and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea.
Col 4:17 Say to Archippus, “Look to the ministry that you have received in the Lord, that you should fulfill it.”
Col 4:18 This greeting is with my own hand, Paul. Remember my imprisonment. May grace be with you. Amein.

Book of 1st Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians Chapter 1

1Th 1:1 Paul, Silas, and Timothy to the congregation of the Thessalonians in Father Yehowah and Lord Yeshua Messiah. May grace and peace be to you from Yehowah our Father and Lord Yeshua Messiah.
1Th 1:2 We always give thanks to Yehowah for all of you, as we mention you in our prayers.
1Th 1:3 We remember without ceasing before Yehowah our Father your work of faith, labor of unconditional selfless love, and patient hope for the future in our Lord Yeshua Messiah.
1Th 1:4 Brethren and sistren unconditionally selflessly loved by Yehowah, we know he has chosen you,
1Th 1:5 because our good news came to you not in word only, but also in power, in Ruach ha'Kodesh, and in much assurance. In the same way, you also know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.
1Th 1:6 You became imitators of us and of the Lord, as you received the word in much hardship with joy from Ruach ha'Kodesh.
1Th 1:7 As a result, you became an example to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe.
1Th 1:8 For from you, the Word of Yehowah has rung out and not only in Macedonia and Achaia. Instead, to every place your faith in Yehowah has gone out. As a result, we do not need to say anything.
1Th 1:9 For they themselves report what kind of coming we had among you. They tell how you turned to Yehowah from the idols to serve living and true Yehowah.
1Th 1:10 They report that you are waiting for his Son from Heaven, whom he raised from the dead. This is Yeshua, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians Chapter 2

1Th 2:1 For you yourselves know, brethren and sistren, that our coming to you was not useless.
1Th 2:2 You know that we previously suffered and were shamefully treated at Philippi. We were bold in Yehowah to speak to you the good news of Yehowah in much struggling.
1Th 2:3 For our exhortation was not from error, nor from impurity, nor from deceit.
1Th 2:4 Instead, just as we have been approved by Yehowah to be trusted with the good news, so we speak. We speak, not to please people, but to please Yehowah. He is the One who examines our hearts.
1Th 2:5 For we did not at any time use words as flattery, as you know, nor as a pretext for covetousness, as Yehowah is our witness.
1Th 2:6 Nor did we seek glory from people, either from you or from others. We could have claimed privileges as apostles of Messiah.
1Th 2:7 Instead, we were as gentle among you as a mother comforting her own children.
1Th 2:8 In this way, we had affection for you. We were pleased to share with you not only the good news of Yehowah but also our own lives. For you had become dear to us.
1Th 2:9 For you remember, brethren and sistren, our labor and toil. Night and day we were working, so that we might not weigh down any of you. During that time, we preached to you the good news of Yehowah.
1Th 2:10 You are witnesses, and Yehowah also, how purely, righteously, and blamelessly we behaved ourselves toward you who believe.
1Th 2:11 In the same way, you know how we dealt with each one of you as a father deals with his own children;
1Th 2:12 we were begging you, encouraging and urging you to walk in a manner that is worthy of Yehowah, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.
1Th 2:13 For this reason we also thank Yehowah constantly. For when you received from us the message of Yehowah that you heard, you accepted it not as the word of humans. Instead, you received it as it truly is, the Word of Yehowah. It is this word that is also at work in you who believe.
1Th 2:14 For you, brethren and sistren, became imitators of the Messianic congregations of Yehowah and Yeshua that are in Judea (Acts 11:26). For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, as they did from the Jews.

1Th 2:15 It was the Jews who killed both Lord Yeshua and the prophets. It was the Jews who drove us out. They do not please Yehowah. Instead, they are hostile to all people.
1Th 2:16 They forbid us to speak to the ethnicities for them to be saved. The result is that they always fill up their own sins. Wrath must come on them in the end.
1Th 2:17 We were separated from you, brethren and sistren, for a short time, in person not in heart. We were especially eager, with great desire, to see your face.
1Th 2:18 For we wished to come to you, I, Paul, once and again, but Satan stopped us.
1Th 2:19 For what is our hope for the future, or joy, or crown of boasting in front of our Lord Yeshua Messiah at his coming? Is it not you just as much as others?
1Th 2:20 For you are our glory and our joy!

1 Thessalonians Chapter 3

1Th 3:1 Therefore, when we could no longer bear it, we thought it was good to be left behind at Athens alone.
1Th 3:2 We sent Brother Timothy, our fellow worker for Yehowah in the good news of Messiah, to strengthen and comfort you regarding your faith.
1Th 3:3 We did this, so that no one would be shaken by these sufferings. For yourselves know that for this we have been appointed.
1Th 3:4 Truly, when we were with you, we told you in advance that we were about to suffer affliction, and that happened, as you know.
1Th 3:5 For this reason, when I could no longer stand it, I sent, that I might know about your faith. Perhaps the Tempter had somehow tempted you, and our labor was in vain.
1Th 3:6 But Timothy came to us from you and brought us the good news of your faith and unconditional selfless love. He told us that you always have good memories of us, and that you long to see us just as we also long to see you.
1Th 3:7 Because of this, brethren and sistren, we were comforted by you because of your faith, in all our distress and affliction.
1Th 3:8 For now we live, if you stand firm in the Lord.
1Th 3:9 For what thanks can we give to Yehowah for you, for all the joy that we have before Yehowah over you?
1Th 3:10 Night and day we pray with intense diligence that we may see your face and provide what is lacking in your faith.
1Th 3:11 May our Father Yehowah himself, and our Lord Yeshua Messiah, direct our way to you.
1Th 3:12 May the Lord make you increase and abound in unconditional selfless love one for another and toward all people, as we also do for you.
1Th 3:13 May he strengthen your hearts, so that they will be blameless in consecration before our Father Yehowah, at the coming of our Lord Yeshua Messiah with all his set-apart ones.

1 Thessalonians Chapter 4

1Th 4:1 Finally, brethren and sistren, we encourage and exhort you in Lord Yeshua. As you received instructions from us about how you must walk and please Yehowah, also walk in this Way, so that you do so even more.
1Th 4:2 For you know what instructions we gave you through Lord Yeshua.
1Th 4:3 For this is the will of Yehowah, your sanctification, that you avoid sexual immorality,
1Th 4:4 that each of you know how to control his body in purity and honor,
1Th 4:5 not in the passion of lust, as the ethnicities who do not know Yehowah.
1Th 4:6 Let no one transgress and wrong his brother or sister in this matter. For Yehowah is an avenger in all these things, just as we forewarned you and testified.
1Th 4:7 For Yehowah did not call us to uncleanness but to purity.
1Th 4:8 Therefore, he who rejects this rejects not a human but Yehowah, who gives his Ruach Kodesh to you.
1Th 4:9 Regarding affectionate love, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by Yehowah to unconditionally selflessly love one another.
1Th 4:10 Indeed, you do this for all the brethren and sistren who are in all Macedonia. But we exhort you, brethren and sistren, to do this even more.
1Th 4:11 We also exhort you to aspire to live quietly, mind your own business, and work with your hands, just as we commanded you.
1Th 4:12 Do this, so that you may walk properly in respect to those who are outside the faith, and so that you may have need of nothing.
1Th 4:13 We do not want you to misunderstand, brethren and sistren, about those who are dead, so that you do not grieve like the rest who do not have hope for the future.
1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Yeshua died and rose again, even so Yehowah will bring with Yeshua emissaries who have died in him.
1Th 4:15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord (Mat. 24:29-31), that we who are alive, who are left at the coming of Yeshua, will surely not precede emissaries who have died.
1Th 4:16 For Yeshua himself will descend from Heaven. He will come with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of Yehowah (1 Cor. 15:52; Mat. 24:31; Rev. 11:15; 20:5; Eze. 37:12), and the dead in Messiah will rise first.
1Th 4:17 Then, we living remaining brethren and sistren will together with them be caught up in the clouds to meet Yeshua in the breathable air. In this way, we will always be with the Lord.

1Th 4:18 Therefore, comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians Chapter 5

1Th 5:1 Now concerning the times and appointment calendar festivals, brethren and sistren, you have no need that anything be written to you.
1Th 5:2 For you yourselves know perfectly well that the Day of Yehowah is coming like a thief in the night.
1Th 5:3 When they say, “Peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come on them. It will be like birth pains in a pregnant woman. They will in no way escape.
1Th 5:4 But you, brethren and sistren, are not in darkness, so that the Day would overtake you like a thief.
1Th 5:5 For you are all children of the light and children of the day. We are not children of the night or the darkness.
1Th 5:6 So then, let us not sleep as the rest do. Instead, let us keep watch and be sober.
1Th 5:7 For those who sleep do so at night, and those who get drunk do so at night.
1Th 5:8 But since we belong to the day, we must stay sober and put on faith and unconditional selfless love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation for our helmet (Isa. 59:17; Eph. 6:17).
1Th 5:9 For Yehowah did not destine us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Yeshua Messiah.
1Th 5:10 It is he who died for us, so that whether we are alive or dead, we may live together with him.
1Th 5:11 Therefore, comfort one another and build each other up, just as you are already doing.
1Th 5:12 We ask you, brethren and sistren, to acknowledge those who labor among you, and who are over you in the Lord, and who warn you.
1Th 5:13 We also ask you to regard them highly in unconditional selfless love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.
1Th 5:14 We exhort you, brethren and sistren: Warn the disorderly, encourage the discouraged, help the weak, be patient toward all.
1Th 5:15 See that no one pay back evil for evil to anyone. Instead, pursue what is good for one another and for all.
1Th 5:16 Rejoice always!
1Th 5:17 Pray without ceasing.
1Th 5:18 In everything give thanks. For this is the will of Yehowah in Messiah Yeshua for you.
1Th 5:19 Do not quench the Ruach.
1Th 5:20 Do not despise prophecies.

1Th 5:21 Test all things. Hold on to what is good.
1Th 5:22 Avoid every appearance of evil.
1Th 5:23 May Yehowah of peace completely consecrate you. May your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved without blame for the coming of our Lord Yeshua Messiah.
1Th 5:24 Faithful is he who calls you, the One who will also do it.
1Th 5:25 Brethren and sistren, pray also for us.
1Th 5:26 Greet all the brethren and sistren with a set-apart kiss.
1Th 5:27 I request of you by the Lord that this letter be read to all the set-apart brethren and sistren.
1Th 5:28 May the grace of our Lord Yeshua Messiah be with you. Amein.

Book of 2nd Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians Chapter 1

2Th 1:1 Paul, Silas, and Timothy, to the congregation of the Thessalonians in Yehowah our Father and Lord Yeshua Messiah.
2Th 1:2 May grace be to you and peace from Yehowah our Father and Lord Yeshua Messiah.
2Th 1:3 We should always give thanks to Yehowah for you, brethren and sistren. For this is appropriate, because your faith is growing exceedingly, and the unconditional selfless love of each of you abounds for one another.
2Th 1:4 So we ourselves speak proudly about you among the congregations of Yehowah. We talk about your patience and faith in all your persecutions. We talk about the afflictions that you endure.
2Th 1:5 This is a sign of the righteous judgment of Yehowah. The result is that you will be considered worthy of the Kingdom of Yehowah for which you suffer.
2Th 1:6 It is righteous for Yehowah to return affliction to those who afflict you,
2Th 1:7 and relief to you who are afflicted with us. He will do this at the appearing of Lord Yeshua from Heaven with the angels of his power.
2Th 1:8 In flaming fire, he will take vengeance on those who do not know Yehowah, and on those who do not respond to the good news of our Lord Yeshua Messiah.
2Th 1:9 They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power.
2Th 1:10 He will do this when he comes on that Day to be glorified in his set-apart people and to be marveled at by all those who believe in that Day. For our testimony to you was believed.
2Th 1:11 Because of this, we also pray continually for you. We pray that Yehowah will consider you worthy of your calling. We pray that he will fulfill every desire of goodness and every work of faith with power.
2Th 1:12 We pray these things, so that the name of our Lord Yeshua Messiah may be glorified by you. We pray that you will be glorified by him because of the grace of Yehowah and Lord Yeshua Messiah.

2 Thessalonians Chapter 2

2Th 2:1 Now about the coming of our Lord Yeshua Messiah, even our being gathered together to be with him: We ask you, brethren and sistren,
2Th 2:2 that you not be easily disturbed or troubled, either by a spirit, by a message, or by a letter that seems to be coming from us, to the effect that the Day of Messiah has already come.
2Th 2:3 Let no one deceive you in any way. For it will not come, until after the falling away comes, then the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction (Antimessiah).
2Th 2:4 This is he who opposes and exalts himself against all that is a so-called deity or that is worshiped. As a result, he as Yehowah sits in the temple of Yehowah (Rev. 11:1) and exhibits himself as Yehowah (Dan. 8:11; 11:31, 36-37; Mat. 24:15).
2Th 2:5 Do you not remember that when I was with you I told you these things?
2Th 2:6 Now you know what restrains him, so that he will be revealed only at the right time.
2Th 2:7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already working, only there is someone who restrains him now, until he is out of the way.
2Th 2:8 Then the lawless one will be revealed, whom Lord Yeshua will kill with the Ruach of his mouth. The Lord will bring him to nothing by the manifestation of his coming.
2Th 2:9 The lawless one's coming will be due to the work of Satan with all power, signs, and false wonders,
2Th 2:10 and with all deceit of unrighteousness. These things will be for those who are perishing, because they did not receive the love of the truth for them to be saved.
2Th 2:11 For this reason, Yehowah is sending them a work of error, so that they would believe a lie.
2Th 2:12 The result is that they will all be judged, those who did not believe the truth but instead took pleasure in unrighteousness.
2Th 2:13 But we should always give thanks to Yehowah for you, brethren and sistren unconditionally selflessly loved by the Lord. For Yehowah chose you as the firstfruits for salvation in sanctification of the Ruach and belief in the truth.
2Th 2:14 This is what he called you to through our good news to obtain the glory of our Lord Yeshua Messiah.
2Th 2:15 So then brethren and sistren, stand firm. Grasp the traditions that you were taught, whether by word or by our letter.

2Th 2:16 Now may our Lord Yeshua Messiah himself, and Yehowah our Father who unconditionally selflessly loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope for the future through grace,
2Th 2:17 comfort and establish your hearts in every good work and word.

2 Thessalonians Chapter 3

2Th 3:1 And now, brethren and sistren, pray for us, that the Word of Yehowah may spread quickly and be honored, as it also is with you.
2Th 3:2 Pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not all have faith.
2Th 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one.
2Th 3:4 We have confidence in the Lord about you, that you both do and will continue to do the things that we command.
2Th 3:5 May the Lord direct your hearts to the unconditional selfless love of Yehowah and to the endurance of Messiah.
2Th 3:6 Now we command you, brethren and sistren, in the name of our Lord Yeshua Messiah, that you avoid every brother or sister who lives idly and not according to the traditions that you received from us.
2Th 3:7 For you yourselves know it is proper for you to imitate us. We did not live among you as those who had no discipline.
2Th 3:8 And we did not eat anyone's food without paying for it. Instead, we worked night and day in difficult labor and hardship, so we might not be a burden to any of you.
2Th 3:9 We did this, not because we have no authority. Instead, we did this in order to be an example to you, so that you may imitate us.
2Th 3:10 When we were with you, we commanded you, "If any one does not want to work, he should not eat."
2Th 3:11 For we hear that some walk idly among you. They do not work but are instead meddlers.
2Th 3:12 Now such ones we command and exhort in Lord Yeshua Messiah, that they should work with quietness and eat their own food.
2Th 3:13 But you, brethren and sistren, do not lose heart in doing what is right.
2Th 3:14 If anyone does not obey our word in this letter, take note of him and have no association with him, so that he may be ashamed.
2Th 3:15 Do not consider him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.
2Th 3:16 May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. May Yehowah be with you all.
2Th 3:17 This is my greeting, Paul, with my own hand, which is the sign in every letter. This is how I write.
2Th 3:18 May the grace of our Lord Yeshua Messiah be with you all. Amein.

Book of 1st Timothy

1 Timothy Chapter 1

1Ti 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Yeshua Messiah according to the commandment of Yehowah our Savior and Lord Yeshua Messiah our hope,
1Ti 1:2 to Timothy, a true son in the faith: grace, mercy, and peace from Yehowah our Father and Yeshua Messiah our Lord.
1Ti 1:3 As I urged you to do when I was leaving for Macedonia, remain in Ephesus, so that you can command certain people not to teach a different doctrine.
1Ti 1:4 Neither should they pay attention to stories and endless genealogies. These cause arguments rather than helping the plan of Yehowah, which is by faith.
1Ti 1:5 Now the goal of the commandment is unconditional selfless love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from a sincere faith.
1Ti 1:6 Some people have missed the mark and have turned away from these things to foolish talk.
1Ti 1:7 They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not understand what they say or what they insist on.
1Ti 1:8 But we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully (in the administration of justice).
1Ti 1:9 And we know this, that law is not made for a righteous person, but for a lawless and rebellious people, for wicked people and sinners, and for those who are wicked and profane. It is made for those who murder their fathers and mothers, for murderers,
1Ti 1:10 for sexually immoral people, for homosexuals, for those who kidnap people for slaves, for liars, for false witnesses, and for whatever else is against faithful instruction.
1Ti 1:11 This instruction is according to the glorious good news of blessed Yehowah with which I have been entrusted.
1Ti 1:12 I thank Messiah Yeshua our Lord. He strengthened me, for he considered me faithful, and he placed me into service.
1Ti 1:13 I was a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a violent man. But I received mercy, because I acted ignorantly in unbelief.
1Ti 1:14 But the grace of our Lord overflowed with faith and unconditional selfless love that is in Messiah Yeshua.

1Ti 1:15 This message is reliable and worthy of all acceptance, that Messiah Yeshua came into the world to save sinners. I am the worst of these.
1Ti 1:16 But for this reason I was given mercy, so that in me, the foremost, Yeshua Messiah, might demonstrate all long-tempered patience. He did this as an example for those who would trust in him for eternal life.
1Ti 1:17 Now to the King of the ages, the immortal, invisible, only wise Yehowah, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amein.
1Ti 1:18 I am placing this command before you, Timothy, my child. I am doing this in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, so that you might engage in the good fight.
1Ti 1:19 Do this, so that you may have faith and a good conscience. Some people have rejected these and have been shipwrecked in respect to the faith.
1Ti 1:20 Such are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I gave over to Satan, so that they may be taught not to blaspheme.

1 Timothy Chapter 2

1Ti 2:1 Therefore, first of all, I urge that requests, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,
1Ti 2:2 for kings and all who are in authority, in order that we may live a peaceful and quiet life in all reverence and dignity.
1Ti 2:3 This is good and acceptable before Yehowah our Savior.
1Ti 2:4 He desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
1Ti 2:5 For Yehowah is Oneness, and there is one mediator for Yehowah and people, the man Messiah Yeshua.
1Ti 2:6 He gave himself as a ransom for all, as the testimony at his appointed time.
1Ti 2:7 For this purpose, I myself was made a herald and an apostle. I am telling the truth in Messiah. I am not lying. I am a teacher of the ethnicities in faith and truth.
1Ti 2:8 Therefore, I want men in every place to pray and to lift up consecrated hands without anger or arguing.
1Ti 2:9 Likewise, I want the women to dress themselves in proper clothing, with modesty and self-control. They should not have braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or expensive clothing.
1Ti 2:10 I want them to dress with what is appropriate for women who profess reverence towards Yehowah through good works.
1Ti 2:11 A woman should learn in silence and in all compliance.
1Ti 2:12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man, but to live in quietness.
1Ti 2:13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve.
1Ti 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman was completely deceived in transgression.
1Ti 2:15 However, women will be saved through bearing children, if they continue in faith, unconditional selfless love, and sanctification with soundness of mind.

1 Timothy Chapter 3

1Ti 3:1 This saying is trustworthy: If someone aspires to be an overseer, he desires a good work.
1Ti 3:2 Therefore, the overseer must be without reproach. He must be a husband of one wife. He must be moderate, sensible, orderly, hospitable. He must be able to teach.
1Ti 3:3 He must not be addicted to wine, not a brawler, not covetous, but instead, gentle, peaceful. He must not be a lover of money.
1Ti 3:4 He should manage his own household well, and his children should obey him with all respect.
1Ti 3:5 For if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for a congregation of Yehowah?
1Ti 3:6 He should not be a new convert, so that he does not swell with pride and fall into condemnation as the Devil.
1Ti 3:7 He must also have a good reputation with those outside, so that he does not fall into disgrace and the trap of the Devil.
1Ti 3:8 Deacons, likewise, should be dignified, not double-talkers. They should not drink too much wine or be greedy for money.
1Ti 3:9 They should keep the mysterious truth of the faith with a pure conscience.
1Ti 3:10 They should also be approved first, then they should serve as a deacon, because they are blameless.
1Ti 3:11 Wives, in the same way, should be dignified. They should not be slanderers. They should be moderate and faithful in all things.
1Ti 3:12 Deacons must be husbands of one wife. They must manage well their children and household.
1Ti 3:13 For those who have served as a deacon well, acquire for themselves a good standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Messiah Yeshua.
1Ti 3:14 I am writing these things to you, and I hope to come to you soon.
1Ti 3:15 But if I delay, I am writing so that you may know how to behave in the household of Yehowah, which is the congregation of living Yehowah, the pillar and support of the truth.
1Ti 3:16 And it is undeniable that the revealed truth of reverence is great: "Yehowah was manifest in the flesh, was justified by the Ruach, was seen by angels, was proclaimed among ethnicities, was believed on in the world, and was taken up in glory."

1 Timothy Chapter 4

1Ti 4:1 Now the Ruach clearly says that in later times some people will leave the faith and pay attention to deceitful spirits and the teachings of demons
1Ti 4:2 in lying hypocrisy. Their own consciences will be cauterized.
1Ti 4:3 They will forbid to marry and refrain from foods that Yehowah created for sharing with thanksgiving among those who believe, and who know the truth (Lev. 11; 20:25; Deut. 14).
1Ti 4:4 For everything created by Yehowah is good. Nothing that we take with thanksgiving is to be rejected.
1Ti 4:5 For it is sanctified by the Word of Yehowah and prayer.
1Ti 4:6 If you place these things before the brethren and sistren, you will be a good servant of Yeshua Messiah. For you are being nourished by the words of faith and by the good teaching that you have followed.
1Ti 4:7 But reject worldly stories loved by old women. Instead, train yourself in reverence.
1Ti 4:8 For bodily training is a little useful, but reverence is useful for all things. It holds promise for this life now and the life to come.
1Ti 4:9 This message is trustworthy and worthy of full acceptance.
1Ti 4:10 For it is for this that we struggle and work hard. For we have confidence in living Yehowah, who is the Savior of all people, but especially of believers.
1Ti 4:11 Proclaim and teach these things.
1Ti 4:12 Let no one despise your youth. Instead, be an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, unconditional selfless love, in spirit, faithfulness, and purity.
1Ti 4:13 Until I come, attend to the reading (weekly Torah portion; Heb. 1:1; Luke 4:16-20), to the exhortation, and to the teaching.
1Ti 4:14 Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the elders.
1Ti 4:15 Practice these things. Be in them, so that your progress may be evident to all people.
1Ti 4:16 Give careful attention to yourself and to the teaching. Continue in these things. For by doing so, you will save yourself and those who listen to you.

1 Timothy Chapter 5

1Ti 5:1 Do not scold an older man. Instead, exhort him as if he were a father. Exhort younger men as if they were brothers.
1Ti 5:2 Exhort older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters in all purity.
1Ti 5:3 Honor widows, the real widows.
1Ti 5:4 But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show honor in their own household. Let them repay their parents, because this is pleasing to Yehowah.
1Ti 5:5 But a real widow is left all alone. She puts her confidence in Yehowah. She always remains with requests and prayers both night and day.
1Ti 5:6 However, the woman who lives for pleasure is dead, even though she is still alive.
1Ti 5:7 And preach these things, so that they may be without reproach.
1Ti 5:8 But if someone does not provide for his own widows, especially for those his own relatives, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.
1Ti 5:9 Let a woman be enrolled as a widow who is not younger than sixty, a wife of one husband.
1Ti 5:10 She must be known for good deeds, whether it is that she has cared for children, or has been hospitable to foreigners, or has washed the feet of the believers, or has relieved the afflicted, or has been devoted to every good work.
1Ti 5:11 But as for younger widows, refuse to enroll them in the list. For when they give in to bodily desires against Messiah, they want to marry.
1Ti 5:12 In this way, they incur guilt, because they revoke their first commitment.
1Ti 5:13 They also become accustomed to being idle. They go around from house to house. Not only do they become idle, but they also become gossips and meddlesome. They say things they should not say.
1Ti 5:14 I therefore want younger women to marry, to bear children, to manage the household, in order to give the adversary no opportunity to accuse us of doing evil.
1Ti 5:15 For some have already turned aside after Satan.
1Ti 5:16 If any trustworthy believers have widows, let them help them, so that the congregation will not be weighed down, so that it might help the real widows.
1Ti 5:17 Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor (gifts, rewards), especially those who work with the word and in teaching.
1Ti 5:18 For the Scripture says, “You will not put a muzzle on an ox while it treads the grain” (Deut. 25:4), and, “The laborer is worthy of his wages” (Mat. 10:10).

1Ti 5:19 Do not receive an accusation against an elder unless there are two or three witnesses.
1Ti 5:20 Correct sinners before all, so that the rest may be afraid.
1Ti 5:21 I solemnly command you before Yehowah and before Lord Yeshua Messiah and their chosen angels, that you keep these commands without prejudice, and that you do nothing out of favoritism.
1Ti 5:22 Place hands hastily on no one. Do not share in the sins of another person. You should keep yourself pure.
1Ti 5:23 You should no longer drink water. Instead, you should take a little wine for your stomach and your frequent sicknesses.
1Ti 5:24 The sins of some people are openly known, and they go before them into judgment. But some sins follow them later.
1Ti 5:25 Likewise, some good works are openly known, but even the others cannot be hidden.

1 Timothy Chapter 6

1Ti 6:1 Let all who are under the yoke as slaves regard their own masters as worthy of all honor. They should do this, so that the name of Yehowah and the teaching might not be blasphemed.
1Ti 6:2 The slaves who have believing masters should not disrespect them, because they are brothers. Instead, they should serve them all the more. For the masters who are helped by their work are believers and are loved. Teach and declare these things.
1Ti 6:3 Suppose that someone teaches differently and does not accept our faithful instruction, that is, the words of our Lord Yeshua Messiah. Suppose that they do not accept the teaching that leads to reverence.
1Ti 6:4 That person is proud and knows nothing. Instead, he is sick with controversies and arguments about words. These words result in envy, strife, insults, evil suspicions,
1Ti 6:5 and the constant conflict between people with depraved minds. They turn away from truth. They think that reverence is a way to become rich. Remove yourself from these sorts of people.
1Ti 6:6 Now reverence with contentment is great gain.
1Ti 6:7 For we have brought nothing into the world. Neither are we able to take out anything.
1Ti 6:8 Instead, let us be satisfied with food and clothing.
1Ti 6:9 Now those who want to become wealthy fall into temptation, into a trap. They fall into many foolish and harmful passions, and into whatever else makes people sink into ruin and destruction.
1Ti 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all evil (Eccl. 5:10; Heb. 13:5). Some people who desire it have been misled away from the faith and have pierced themselves with much grief.
1Ti 6:11 But you, man of Yehowah, flee from these things. Pursue righteousness, reverence, faithfulness, unconditional selfless love, endurance, and gentleness.
1Ti 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of the everlasting life to which you were called. It was about this that you gave witness before many witnesses as to what is good.
1Ti 6:13 I give you this command before Yehowah, who causes all things to live, and before Messiah Yeshua, who spoke what is true to Pontius Pilate:
1Ti 6:14 Keep the commandment perfectly, without reproach, until the appearance of our Lord Yeshua Messiah.
1Ti 6:15 Yehowah will reveal his appearing at the right time, Yehowah, the Blessed One, the only Authority, the King who reigns, the Lord who rules.

1Ti 6:16 Only he has immortality and dwells in inapproachable light. No person sees him or is able to view him. To him be honor and eternal power. Amein.
1Ti 6:17 Tell the rich in this world not to be proud and not to hope in riches, which are uncertain. Instead, they should hope in Yehowah. He offers to us all the true riches to enjoy.
1Ti 6:18 Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, and willing to share.
1Ti 6:19 In that Way, they will store up for themselves a good foundation for what is to come, so that they will take hold of eternal life.
1Ti 6:20 Timothy, protect what was given to you. Avoid the foolish talk and contradictory arguments of what is falsely called knowledge.
1Ti 6:21 Some men proclaim these things, and so they have missed the faith. May grace be with you. Amein.

Book of 2nd Timothy

2 Timothy Chapter 1

2Ti 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Yeshua Messiah through the will of Yehowah, according to the promise of the life that is in Messiah Yeshua,
2Ti 1:2 to Timothy (c. 67 AD), beloved child: grace, mercy, and peace from Yehowah the Father and Messiah Yeshua our Lord.
2Ti 1:3 I thank Yehowah, whom I serve from my forefathers with a clean conscience, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day.
2Ti 1:4 As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy.
2Ti 1:5 I have been reminded of your genuine faith, which lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. And I am convinced that it lives in you also.
2Ti 1:6 This is the reason I am reminding you to rekindle the gift of Yehowah in you through the laying on of my hands.
2Ti 1:7 For Yehowah did not give us the spirit of fear but of power, unconditional selfless love, and discipline.
2Ti 1:8 So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me, Paul, his prisoner. Instead, share in suffering for the good news according to the power of Yehowah.
2Ti 1:9 It is Yehowah who saved us and called us with a set-apart calling. He did this, not according to our works, but according to his own plan and grace. He gave us these things in Messiah Yeshua before times ever began.
2Ti 1:10 But now the salvation of Yehowah has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Yeshua Messiah, who put an end to death and brought life that never ends to light through the good news.
2Ti 1:11 Because of this, I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the ethnicities.
2Ti 1:12 For this cause, I also suffer these things. But I am not ashamed, for I know him whom I have believed. I am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have entrusted to him until that Day.
2Ti 1:13 Keep the example of faithful messages that you heard from me, with the faith and unconditional selfless love that are in Messiah Yeshua.
2Ti 1:14 The good thing that Yehowah committed to you, guard it through Ruach ha'Kodesh, who lives in us.
2Ti 1:15 You know this, that all who live in Asia turned away from me. In this group are Phygelus and Hermogenes.

2Ti 1:16 May Yehowah grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my imprisonment.
2Ti 1:17 Instead, when he was in Rome, he sought me diligently, and he found me.
2Ti 1:18 May Yehowah grant to him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day. And all the ways he helped me in Ephesus, you know well enough.

2 Timothy Chapter 2

2Ti 2:1 You therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Messiah Yeshua.
2Ti 2:2 And the things you heard from me among many witnesses, entrust them to faithful people, who will be able to teach others also.
2Ti 2:3 Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Yeshua Messiah.
2Ti 2:4 No soldier serves while entangled in the affairs of this life, so that he may please his superior officer.
2Ti 2:5 Also, if someone competes as an athlete, he is not crowned unless he competes by the rules.
2Ti 2:6 It is necessary that the hardworking farmer receive his share of the crops first.
2Ti 2:7 Think about what I am saying, for Yehowah will give you understanding in everything.
2Ti 2:8 Remember Yeshua Messiah, from David's seed, who was raised from the dead. This is according to my good news message,
2Ti 2:9 for which I am suffering to the point of being chained as a criminal. But the Word of Yehowah is not chained.
2Ti 2:10 Therefore, I endure all things for those who are chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Messiah Yeshua, with eternal glory.
2Ti 2:11 This saying is trustworthy: "If we have died with him, we will also live with him.
2Ti 2:12 If we endure, we will also reign with him. If we deny him, he also will deny us.
2Ti 2:13 If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself."
2Ti 2:14 Keep reminding them of these things. Warn them before Yehowah not to quarrel about words. Because of this, there is nothing useful. Because of this, there is destruction for those who listen.
2Ti 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to Yehowah as one approved, a worker who has no reason to be ashamed, who accurately teaches the Word of Truth (Psa. 119).
2Ti 2:16 Avoid profane talk, which leads to more and more wickedness.
2Ti 2:17 Their talk will spread like gangrene. Among whom are Hymenaeus and Philetus.
2Ti 2:18 These are men who have missed the truth. They say that the resurrection has already happened. They overturn the faith of some.
2Ti 2:19 However, the firm foundation of Yehowah stands. It has this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his." And, "Everyone who names the name of Messiah must depart from unrighteousness."

2Ti 2:20 In a wealthy home, there are not only containers of gold and silver. There are also containers of wood and clay. Some of these are for honorable use and some for dishonorable.
2Ti 2:21 If someone cleans himself from dishonorable use, he is an honorable container. He is set apart, useful to the Absolute Master and prepared for every good work.
2Ti 2:22 Flee youthful lusts. Pursue righteousness, faith, unconditional selfless love, and peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.
2Ti 2:23 But refuse foolish and ignorant questions. You know that they give birth to arguments.
2Ti 2:24 The servant of the Lord must not quarrel. Instead, he must be gentle toward all, able to teach, and patient.
2Ti 2:25 He must in meekness educate those who oppose him. Yehowah may perhaps give them repentance for the knowledge of the truth.
2Ti 2:26 They may become sober again and leave the Devil's trap, after they have been captured by him for his will.

2 Timothy Chapter 3

2Ti 3:1 But know this: In the last days, there will be difficult times.
2Ti 3:2 For people will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, haughty, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, and profane.
2Ti 3:3 They will be without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, violent, not lovers of good.
2Ti 3:4 They will be betrayers, headstrong, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of Yehowah.
2Ti 3:5 They will have a semblance of reverence, but they will deny its power. Turn away from these people.
2Ti 3:6 For some of them are men who enter into homes and captivate foolish women. These are women who are heaped up with sins and are led away by various desires.
2Ti 3:7 These women are always learning, but they are never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
2Ti 3:8 In the same way that Jannes and Jambres stood against Moses (Exo. 7:11; 7:22; 8:7), these false teachers also stand against the truth. They are people destroyed in mind, unapproved regarding the faith.
2Ti 3:9 But they will not advance far. For their foolishness will be obvious to all, just like that of those men.
2Ti 3:10 But as for you, you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, long-suffering, unconditional selfless love, patience,
2Ti 3:11 persecutions, sufferings, and what happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. I endured persecutions. Out of them all, the Lord rescued me.
2Ti 3:12 All those who want to live reverently in Messiah Yeshua will be persecuted.
2Ti 3:13 Evil people and wizards will grow more and more evil. They will lead others astray. They themselves are being led astray.
2Ti 3:14 But as for you, remain in the things that you have learned and have firmly believed. You know from whom you have learned.
2Ti 3:15 You know that from childhood you have known the Set-apart Scriptures. These are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Messiah Yeshua.
2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is Yehowah-breathed. It is profitable for doctrine, for conviction, for correction, and for training in righteousness (Dan. 10:21).
2Ti 3:17 This is so that the person of Yehowah may be competent, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy Chapter 4

2Ti 4:1 I give this command before Yehowah and Lord Yeshua Messiah, who will judge the living and the dead because of his appearing and his kingdom:
2Ti 4:2 Preach the Word. Be ready when it is convenient, and when it is not. Reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all patience and teaching.
2Ti 4:3 For the time will come when people will not endure sound teaching. Instead, they will heap up for themselves teachers according to their own desires. They will be tickling their ears.
2Ti 4:4 They will turn their hearing away from the truth, and they will turn aside to myths.
2Ti 4:5 But you be sober minded in all things. Suffer hardship; do the work of an evangelist; fulfill your service.
2Ti 4:6 For I am already being poured out. The time of my departure has come (c. 68 AD; Paul martyred in spring).
2Ti 4:7 I have competed in the good contest; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.
2Ti 4:8 The crown of righteousness has been reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day. And not to me only, but also to all adherents who have loved his appearing.
2Ti 4:9 Do your best to come to me quickly.
2Ti 4:10 For Demas has left me. He loves this present world and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens went to Galatia, and Titus went to Dalmatia (modern Croatia).
2Ti 4:11 Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is useful to me in the work.
2Ti 4:12 Tychicus I sent to Ephesus.
2Ti 4:13 The coat that I left at Troas with Carpus, bring it when you come, and the Books, especially the parchments.
2Ti 4:14 Alexander the coppersmith displayed many evil deeds against me. Yehowah will repay to him according to his deeds.
2Ti 4:15 You also should guard yourself against him, because he greatly opposed our words.
2Ti 4:16 At my first defense, no one stood with me. Instead, everyone left me. May it not be counted against them.
2Ti 4:17 But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me so that, through me, the proclamation might be fully accomplished, and that all the ethnicities might hear. I was rescued out of the lion’s mouth.
2Ti 4:18 Yehowah will rescue me from every evil deed and will save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amein.

2Ti 4:19 Greet Priscilla, Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.
2Ti 4:20 Erastus remained at Corinth, but Trophimus I left sick at Miletus.
2Ti 4:21 Do your best to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, also Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brethren and sistren.
2Ti 4:22 May Lord Yeshua Messiah be with your spirit. May grace be with you. Amein.

Book of Titus

Titus Chapter 1

Tit 1:1 Paul, a servant of Yehowah and an apostle of Yeshua Messiah, for the faith of the chosen people of Yehowah and the knowledge of the truth that agrees with reverence,
Tit 1:2 with the hope of everlasting life that Yehowah, who does not lie, promised before all the ages of time.
Tit 1:3 At the appointed time, he revealed his word by the message that he trusted me to deliver. I was to do this by the command of Yehowah our Savior.
Tit 1:4 To Titus, a true son in our common faith. Grace, mercy, and peace from Yehowah the Father and Lord Yeshua Messiah our Savior.
Tit 1:5 For this purpose I left you in Crete (c. 63-67 AD; 5th missionary journey), that you might set in order things not yet complete, and ordain elders in every city as I directed you.
Tit 1:6 An elder must be without blame, the husband of one wife, with faithful children not accused of being wicked or undisciplined.
Tit 1:7 It is necessary for the overseer, as the household manager of Yehowah, to be blameless. He must not be arrogant. He must not be easily angered, not addicted to wine, not a brawler, and not a man greedy for money.
Tit 1:8 Instead, he should be hospitable, a friend of what is good. He must be sensible, righteous, set-apart, and self-controlled.
Tit 1:9 He should hold tightly to the trustworthy message that was taught, so that he may be able to encourage others with good teaching and correct those who oppose him.
Tit 1:10 For there are many rebellious people, especially those of the circumcision. Their words are worthless. They deceive and lead people in the wrong direction.
Tit 1:11 It is necessary to stop them. They teach what they should not teach for shameful profit and break up whole families.
Tit 1:12 One of them, a wise man of theirs, said, “Cretans are unceasing liars, worthless and dangerous animals, lazy bellies.”
Tit 1:13 This statement is true, so correct them severely, so that they may be sound in the faith.
Tit 1:14 Do not pay any attention to Jewish myths or to the commandments of humans who turn back the truth.

Tit 1:15 To those who are pure, all things are pure. But to those who are corrupt and unbelieving, nothing is pure. For their minds and consciences have been corrupted.
Tit 1:16 They profess to know Yehowah, but they deny him by their deeds. They are detestable and disobedient. They are unapproved for any good deed.

Titus Chapter 2

Tit 2:1 But you, say what fits with faithful instruction.
Tit 2:2 Older men must be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in unconditional selfless love, and in perseverance.
Tit 2:3 Older women likewise should always present themselves as reverent, not slanderers. They should not be enslaved to much wine. They should teach what is good,
Tit 2:4 in order to train the younger women to affectionately love their own husbands and children.
Tit 2:5 They should train them to be sensible, pure, good housekeepers, and obedient to their own husbands. They should do these things, so that the Word of Yehowah may not be insulted.
Tit 2:6 In the same way, encourage the younger men to be sensible.
Tit 2:7 In all ways, present yourself as a model of good works; and when you teach, show purity, integrity, and dignity.
Tit 2:8 Speak a message that is sound and blameless, so that anyone who is opposed may be put to shame, because he has nothing bad to say about us.
Tit 2:9 Slaves are to obey their masters in all things. They are to please them and not argue with them.
Tit 2:10 They should not pilfer. Instead, they should show all good faith, so that in every way, they adorn the teaching of Yehowah our Savior.
Tit 2:11 For the saving grace of Yehowah has appeared to all people.
Tit 2:12 It trains us to deny wickedness and worldly passions. It trains us to live sensibly, righteously, and reverently in this present age,
Tit 2:13 while we look forward to receiving our blessed hope and the appearance of the glory of great Yehowah and our Savior Yeshua Messiah.
Tit 2:14 Yeshua gave himself for us, in order to redeem us from all lawlessness and to make pure, for himself, a special people who are eager to do good works.
Tit 2:15 Speak of and encourage these things. Give correction with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

Titus Chapter 3

Tit 3:1 Remind them to submit to rulers and authorities, to obey them, to be ready for every good work.
Tit 3:2 Remind them to revile no one, to avoid fighting, to let other people have their way, and to show humility to all people.
Tit 3:3 For once we ourselves were thoughtless and disobedient. We were led astray and enslaved by various passions and pleasures. We lived in evil and envy. We were detestable and hated one another.
Tit 3:4 But when the kindness of Yehowah our Savior and his love for mankind appeared,
Tit 3:5 it was not by works of righteousness that we did, but by his mercy that he saved us. He saved us through the washing of new birth and renewal by Ruach ha'Kodesh.
Tit 3:6 Yehowah richly poured Ruach ha'Kodesh on us through our Savior Yeshua Messiah (John 3:6-7).
Tit 3:7 He did this in order that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs through the hope of eternal life.
Tit 3:8 This message is trustworthy. I want you to speak confidently about these things, so that those who trust Yehowah may be intent on the good works that he put before them. These things are good and profitable for all people.
Tit 3:9 But avoid foolish debates, genealogies, strife, and conflict about the law. Those things are worthless and unprofitable.
Tit 3:10 Reject anyone who is causing divisions among you, after one or two warnings,
Tit 3:11 and know that such a one has turned from the right Way and is sinning and condemns himself.
Tit 3:12 When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, hurry and come to me at Nicopolis, where I have decided to spend the winter (c. 63-67 AD).
Tit 3:13 Hurry and send Zenas, the expert in the law, and Apollos, in a way that they lack nothing.
Tit 3:14 Our people must learn to engage in good works that meet urgent needs, so that they may not be unfruitful.
Tit 3:15 All those who are with me greet you. Greet those who affectionately love us in faith. Grace be with all of you. Amein.

Book of Philemon

Philemon Chapter 1

Phm 1:1 Paul, a prisoner of Yeshua Messiah, and brother Timothy to Philemon, our dear friend and fellow worker,
Phm 1:2 and to Apphia our sister, and to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the congregation that meets in your home.
Phm 1:3 May grace be to you and peace from Yehowah our Father and Lord Yeshua Messiah.
Phm 1:4 I always thank Yehowah, as I mention you in my prayers.
Phm 1:5 I have heard of the unconditional selfless love and the faith that you have in Lord Yeshua and for all the believers.
Phm 1:6 I pray that the fellowship of your faith may be effective for the knowledge of everything good that is in you for Messiah Yeshua.
Phm 1:7 For I have had much joy and comfort because of your unconditional selfless love, because the hearts of the believers have been refreshed by you, brother.
Phm 1:8 Therefore, although I have all the boldness in Messiah to command you to do what you should do,
Phm 1:9 yet because of unconditional selfless love, I appeal to you instead, I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Yeshua Messiah.
Phm 1:10 I am asking you concerning my child Onesimus, whom I have fathered in during my imprisonment.
Phm 1:11 For he once was useless to you, but now he is useful both to you and to me.
Phm 1:12 I have sent him back to you, therefore receive him, he who is my heart.
Phm 1:13 I wish I could have kept him with me, so he could serve me for you, while I am in chains for the sake of the good news.
Phm 1:14 But I did not want to do anything without your consent. I did not want your good deed to be from necessity but from good will.
Phm 1:15 Perhaps for this he was separated from you for a time, so that you might have him back forever.
Phm 1:16 No longer would he be a slave, but better than a slave, a beloved brother. He is beloved especially to me, and much more so to you, in both the flesh and in the Lord.
Phm 1:17 And so if you have me as a partner, receive him as me.
Phm 1:18 If he has wronged you or owes you anything, charge that to me.

Phm 1:19 I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will pay you back. Not to tell you that you owe me your own self.
Phm 1:20 Yes, brother, do me a favor in the Lord; give rest to my heart in Messiah.
Phm 1:21 Confident about your obedience, I am writing to you. I know that you will do even more than I ask.
Phm 1:22 At the same time, prepare a guest room for me, for I hope that through your prayers I will be given back to you.
Phm 1:23 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Messiah Yeshua, greets you.
Phm 1:24 So do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers.
Phm 1:25 May the grace of our Lord Yeshua Messiah be with your spirit. Amein.

Book of Hebrews

Hebrews Chapter 1

Heb 1:1 Long ago, Yehowah spoke to our ancestors through the prophets, and in many other ways (the Torah portions; Luke 4:16-20, 16:29; 1 Tim. 4:13; Acts 13:15, 15:21).
Heb 1:2 But in these last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, whom he appointed to be the heir of all things. It is through him that Yehowah also made the universe.
Heb 1:3 He is the brightness of the glory of Yehowah and the character of his essence. He even holds everything together by the spoken word of his power. After he had made cleansing for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.
Heb 1:4 He has become just as superior to the angels, as the name he has inherited is more excellent than their name.
Heb 1:5 For to which of the angels did Yehowah ever say, "You are my Son, today I have become your father," and again, "I will be a father to him, and he will be a Son to me?"
Heb 1:6 But again, when Yehowah brings the Firstborn into the world, he commands, "All the angels of Yehowah must worship him" (Deut. 32:43).
Heb 1:7 About the angels he declares, "He is the One who makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire."
Heb 1:8 But about the Son he declares, "Your throne, Almighty One, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is the scepter of justice.
Heb 1:9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness. Therefore, the Almighty your Divine One has anointed you with the oil of joy more than your companions" (Psa. 45:6-7).
Heb 1:10 "In the beginning (c. 5654 BC), Yehowah, you laid the earth's foundation. The heavens are the work of your hands.
Heb 1:11 They will perish, but you will continue. They will all wear out like a piece of clothing.
Heb 1:12 You will roll them up like a coat, and they will be changed like a piece of clothing. But you are the same, and your years do not end."
Heb 1:13 But to which of the angels has Yehowah invited at any time, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies a stool for your feet?"
Heb 1:14 Are not all angels spirits who serve, and who are sent to care for those who will inherit salvation?

Hebrews Chapter 2

Heb 2:1 Therefore, we must give far more attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.
Heb 2:2 For if the message that was spoken through the angels is valid, and every transgression and disobedience receives just punishment,
Heb 2:3 how then can we escape, if we ignore so great a salvation? This is salvation that was first announced by the Lord and confirmed to us by those who heard it.
Heb 2:4 At the same time Yehowah testified to it by signs, wonders, and various powerful deeds, and by distributing the gifts of Ruach ha'Kodesh according to his will.
Heb 2:5 For it was not to the angels that Yehowah subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking.
Heb 2:6 Instead, someone has somewhere testified, "What is mankind, that you are mindful of him? Or a son of man, that you care for him?
Heb 2:7 You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor, and set him over the works of your hands.
Heb 2:8 You put everything in subjection under his feet" (Psa. 8:4-6; 1 Cor. 15:27). For it was to him that Yehowah has subjected all things. He did not leave anything not subjected to him. But now we do not yet see everything subjected to him.
Heb 2:9 But we see the One who was made lower than the angels for a short time: Yeshua, who because of his suffering and death, has been crowned with glory and honor. So now by the grace of Yehowah, he has tasted death for everyone.
Heb 2:10 For it was proper for Yehowah, because everything exists for him and through him, to bring many children to glory. It was proper for him to make the leader of their salvation complete through his sufferings.
Heb 2:11 For both the One who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have one source. So he is not ashamed to call them brethren and sistren.
Heb 2:12 He says, "I will proclaim your name to my brethren and sistren, I will sing praise to you from inside the congregation."
Heb 2:13 And again, "I will trust in him." And again, "See, here am I, and the children whom Yehowah has given me."
Heb 2:14 Therefore, since the children of Yehowah share flesh and blood, Yeshua also shared the same things with them, so that through death he would do away with the one who had the power of death, that is, the Devil.

Heb 2:15 This was so that he would free all those who through fear of death lived all their lives in slavery.
Heb 2:16 For of course it is not with angels that he is concerned; instead, it is with the seed of Abraham that he is concerned.
Heb 2:17 So it was necessary for him to become like his brothers in all ways, so that he would be a merciful and faithful high priest in relation to the things of Yehowah, and so that he would bring about the pardon of the people's sins.
Heb 2:18 Because Yeshua himself has suffered and was tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

Hebrews Chapter 3

Heb 3:1 Therefore, set-apart brethren and sistren, you share in a heavenly calling. Think about Messiah Yeshua, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession.
Heb 3:2 He was faithful to Yehowah who appointed him, just as Moses was also faithful in the household of Yehowah.
Heb 3:3 For Yeshua has been considered worthy of greater glory than Moses, because the one who builds a house has more honor than the house itself.
Heb 3:4 For every house is built by someone, but the One who built everything is Yehowah.
Heb 3:5 On one hand, Moses was faithful as a servant in the entire household of Yehowah. He was a testimony about the things that were to be spoken of in the future.
Heb 3:6 But Messiah is the Son in charge of the household of Yehowah. We are his household, if we hold fast to our courage and to our proud hope to the end.
Heb 3:7 Therefore, it is just as Ruach ha'Kodesh says: "Today, if you hear his voice,
Heb 3:8 do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the time of testing in the wilderness.
Heb 3:9 This was when your ancestors rebelled by testing me, and when, during forty years (c. 1650 – 1611 BC), they saw my deeds.
Heb 3:10 Therefore, I was displeased with that generation. I said, 'They are always being led astray in their hearts. They have not known my Ways.'
Heb 3:11 It is just as I swore in my anger: 'They will never enter my rest'" (Psa. 95:8-11).
Heb 3:12 Be careful, brethren and sistren, so that among you there will not be anyone with an evil heart of unbelief, a heart that turns away from living Yehowah.
Heb 3:13 Instead, encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "today," so that no one among you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.
Heb 3:14 For we have become the partners of Messiah, if we firmly hold to our confidence in him from the beginning to the end.
Heb 3:15 About this it has been said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion."
Heb 3:16 Who was it who heard Yehowah and rebelled? Was it not all those who came out of Egypt through Moses?
Heb 3:17 With whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose dead bodies fell in the wilderness?

Heb 3:18 To whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, if it was not to those who disobeyed him?
Heb 3:19 And we see that they were not able to enter his rest because of unbelief.

Hebrews Chapter 4

Heb 4:1 Therefore, let us be careful, so that none of you might seem to have failed to reach the promise left behind for you to enter the rest of Yehowah.
Heb 4:2 For we were told the good news just as they were. But that message did not benefit those who did not unite in faith with those who obeyed.
Heb 4:3 For we who have believed are the ones who will enter that rest, just as he said, “As I swore in my wrath, they will never enter my rest.” Even so, his created works were finished at the foundation of the world.
Heb 4:4 For he has stated somewhere about the seventh day, “Yehowah rested on the seventh day from all his deeds” (Gen. 2:2).
Heb 4:5 Again, he has declared, “They will never enter my rest.”
Heb 4:6 Therefore, because it is still reserved for some to enter his rest, and since many Israelis who heard the good news did not enter it because of disobedience,
Heb 4:7 Yehowah has again set a certain day called, “Today.” After many days, he spoke through David, as it was earlier said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”
Heb 4:8 For if Joshua the son of Nun had given them rest, Yehowah would not have spoken later on about another day.
Heb 4:9 Therefore, there is still Sabbath-keeping for the people of Yehowah.
Heb 4:10 For he who enters into the rest of Yehowah has himself also rested from his deeds, just as Yehowah did from his.
Heb 4:11 Therefore, let us be eager to enter that rest, so that no one will fall into the kind of disobedience that they did (Psa. 95).
Heb 4:12 For the Word of Yehowah is living, active, and sharper than any two-edged sword. It pierces even to the division of soul from spirit and joints from marrow. It is able to know the heart’s thoughts and intentions.
Heb 4:13 Nothing created is hidden before Yehowah. Instead, everything is bare and open to the eyes of the One to whom we must give account.
Heb 4:14 Therefore, since we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Yeshua the Son of Yehowah, let us firmly hold to our professed beliefs.
Heb 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot feel sympathy for our weaknesses. Instead, we have Someone who has in all ways been tempted as we are, except that he is without sin.
Heb 4:16 Let us then go with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews Chapter 5

Heb 5:1 For every high priest, chosen from among people, is appointed to act on the behalf of people in the things concerning Yehowah, so that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.
Heb 5:2 He can deal gently with the ignorant and the wayward, because he himself also is surrounded with weakness.
Heb 5:3 Because of this, he also is required to offer sacrifices for his own sins, just as he does for the people's sins.
Heb 5:4 And it is not for himself that anyone takes this honor. Instead, he is called by Yehowah, just as Aaron was.
Heb 5:5 In the same way, neither did Messiah honor himself by making himself High Priest. Instead, the One speaking to him declared, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father."
Heb 5:6 It is just as he also says in another passage, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek" (Psalm 110:4).
Heb 5:7 During the days of his flesh, Messiah offered up both prayers and requests with loud cries and tears to Yehowah, the One able to save him from death. He was heard because of his reverence.
Heb 5:8 Even though he was a Son, he learned obedience from the things that he suffered.
Heb 5:9 He was made perfect and became, for everyone who obeys him, the Causer of eternal salvation.
Heb 5:10 He was designated by Yehowah as high priest after the order of Melchizedek.
Heb 5:11 We have much to say about Yeshua, but it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.
Heb 5:12 For though by this time you should be teachers, you still have need for someone to teach you the basic principles of the messages of Yehowah. You need milk, not solid food!
Heb 5:13 For anyone who only takes milk is inexperienced with the message of righteousness, because he is still a baby.
Heb 5:14 But solid food is for adults. These are those who, because of their maturity, have their understanding trained for distinguishing good from evil.

Hebrews Chapter 6

Heb 6:1 So then let us leave the beginning of the message of Messiah and move forward to maturity. Let us not lay again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith in Yehowah,
Heb 6:2 nor the foundation of teaching about immersions, laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.
Heb 6:3 We will also do this if Yehowah permits.
Heb 6:4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, who tasted the heavenly gift, who were sharers of Ruach ha'Kodesh,
Heb 6:5 and who tasted the good spoken Word of Yehowah and the powers of the age to come,
Heb 6:6 but who then fell away, it is impossible to restore them again to repentance. This is because they crucify the Son of Yehowah for themselves again and publicly shame him.
Heb 6:7 For the land that drinks in the rain that often comes on it, and that gives birth to the plants useful to those for whom the land was worked, this is the land that receives a blessing from Yehowah.
Heb 6:8 But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and is near to a curse. Its end is in burning.
Heb 6:9 But we are convinced about better things concerning you, beloved, things that concern salvation, even though we speak like this.
Heb 6:10 For Yehowah is not unjust that he would forget your work, and the unconditional selfless love that you have shown for his name, because you served the believers and still serve them.
Heb 6:11 And we greatly desire that each of you may show the same diligence to the end for the sake of full assurance of hope.
Heb 6:12 This is so that you will not become lazy, but imitators of those who by faith and patience inherit the promises.
Heb 6:13 For when Yehowah made his promise to Abraham, he swore by himself, since he could not swear by anyone greater (Gen. 12).
Heb 6:14 He promised, "I will certainly bless you, and I will greatly increase you."
Heb 6:15 In this way, Abraham obtained what was promised, after he had patiently waited.
Heb 6:16 For people swear by someone greater than themselves. At the end of each of their disputes, an oath serves as confirmation.
Heb 6:17 When Yehowah decided to show more clearly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable quality of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath.

Heb 6:18 He did this, so that by two unchangeable things, with which it is impossible for Yehowah to lie, we who have fled for refuge will have a strong encouragement to hold firmly to the hope that has been placed before us (Josh. 20).
Heb 6:19 We have this confidence as a secure and reliable anchor of our souls, confidence that enters into the Most Set-apart Place behind the curtain.
Heb 6:20 Yeshua entered into that Most Set-apart Place as a forerunner for us, having become High Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews Chapter 7

Heb 7:1 It was this Melchizedek, King of Salem, priest of Yehowah Most High, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him (c. 2080 BC, Abram was 85).
Heb 7:2 It was to him that Abraham gave a tenth of everything. His name "Melchizedek," which translated means "King of Righteousness." His other title is "King of Salem," that is, "King of Peace."
Heb 7:3 He is without father, without mother, without ancestors, with neither beginning of days nor end of life. Instead, he resembles the Son of Yehowah, because he remains a priest forever.
Heb 7:4 See how great this man was. Our ancestor Abraham gave a tenth of the things that he had taken in battle.
Heb 7:5 On one hand, the sons of Levi who receive the priesthood have a command from the law to collect tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, even though they, too, have come from Abraham's body.
Heb 7:6 But on the other hand, Melchizedek, whose descent was not traced from them, received tithes from Abraham, and blessed him, the one who had the promises.
Heb 7:7 There is no denying that the lesser person is blessed by the greater person.
Heb 7:8 In this case, mortal men receive tithes, but in that case it is testified that he lives on.
Heb 7:9 And in a manner of speaking, Levi, who received tithes, also paid tithes through Abraham,
Heb 7:10 because Levi was in the body of his ancestor when Melchizedek met Abraham.
Heb 7:11 Now if perfection were possible through the Levitical priesthood, for under it the people received the enacted law (Exo. 24:12-Deut. 31:26), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, and not be considered to be after the manner of Aaron?
Heb 7:12 For when the priesthood is changed, the law must also be changed.
Heb 7:13 For the One about whom these things are said belongs to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar.
Heb 7:14 Now clearly, it is from Judah that our Lord was born, a tribe that Moses never mentioned concerning priests.
Heb 7:15 And what we say is clearer yet, if another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek.
Heb 7:16 It was not on the basis of the law of fleshly descent that he became a priest, but instead on the basis of the power of an indestructible life.

Heb 7:17 For Scripture witnesses about him: “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”
Heb 7:18 For there was a cancellation of the former commandment, because it was weak and useless.
Heb 7:19 For the law made nothing perfect. However, there is the introduction of a better hope for the future through which we approach Yehowah.
Heb 7:20 And this did not happen without the taking of an oath. On one hand, those others become priests without any oath.
Heb 7:21 But on the other hand, this One, Yeshua, became a priest with an oath sworn by the One who proclaimed to him, “Yehowah swore and will not change his mind: ‘You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.’”
Heb 7:22 By this also, Yeshua has given the guarantee of a better covenant.
Heb 7:23 On one hand, many become priests, because by death they are kept from continuing on.
Heb 7:24 On the other hand, because Yeshua remains forever, he has a permanent priesthood.
Heb 7:25 Therefore, he is also able to completely save those who approach Yehowah through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.
Heb 7:26 For such a High Priest is suitable for us. He is sinless, blameless, pure, separated from sinners, and has become higher than Heaven.
Heb 7:27 He does not need, unlike the high priests, to offer up daily sacrifices, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He did this once for all, when he offered himself.
Heb 7:28 For the law appoints as high priests men who have weaknesses. But the word of the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

Hebrews Chapter 8

Heb 8:1 Now the point of what we are saying is this: We have a High Priest who has sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in Heaven.
Heb 8:2 He is a servant in the Set-apart Place, the true tabernacle that Yehowah, not a human, set up.
Heb 8:3 For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore, it is necessary for him to have something to offer.
Heb 8:4 Now, if Messiah were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law.
Heb 8:5 They serve in an exhibit that is a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. It is just as Moses was divinely warned when he was about to construct the tabernacle: He commanded, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown to you on the mountain" (Exo. 25:40).
Heb 8:6 But now Messiah has received a much better ministry. It is just as he is also the mediator of a better covenant, which is enacted on better promises.
Heb 8:7 For if that first priesthood had been faultless, there would have been no need for a second priesthood.
Heb 8:8 For when Yehowah found fault with the people, he prophesied, "See, the days are coming," declares Yehowah, "when I will make a New Covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.
Heb 8:9 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors on the day that I took them by their hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not continue in my covenant (Exo. 32:1-4), and I disregarded them," declares Yehowah.
Heb 8:10 "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares Yehowah. "I will put my law into their minds, and I will also write it on their hearts. I will be their Divine One, and they will be my people.
Heb 8:11 They will not teach each one his neighbor and each one his brother or sister, 'Know Yehowah!' For all will know me, from the least to the greatest of them.
Heb 8:12 For I will be merciful to their acts of unrighteousness and their sins, and I will not remember their lawlessness any longer" (Jer. 31:31-34).
Heb 8:13 By saying "New," he has made the First (Covenant) old. And what has become outdated and old is near to disappearing (Mat. 24:35).

Hebrews Chapter 9

Heb 9:1 Now even the first priesthood had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary (Lev. 10:1).
Heb 9:2 For a tabernacle was prepared. The first room, in which were the menorah, the table, and the bread of the presence, was called the Set-apart Place.
Heb 9:3 Behind the second curtain was another room, called the Most Set-apart Place.
Heb 9:4 It had a golden censer (Lev. 16:12). It also had the Ark of the Covenant, which was completely overlaid with gold. Inside it was a golden jar holding the manna, Aaron's trekking pole that budded, and the tablets of the (First) Covenant.
Heb 9:5 Above the Ark of the Covenant, glorious cherubim overshadowed the atonement lid, which we cannot now talk about in detail.
Heb 9:6 After these things were prepared, the priests always entered the outer room of the tabernacle to perform their services.
Heb 9:7 But only the high priest entered the second room once each year, and not without blood that he offered for himself and for the people's unintentional sins.
Heb 9:8 Ruach ha'Kodesh showed that the Way into the Most Set-apart Place was not yet revealed as long as the first tabernacle was still standing.
Heb 9:9 This was an illustration for the present time. Both the gifts and sacrifices that are now being offered are not able to perfect the worshiper's conscience.
Heb 9:10 They are only concerned with food, drink, and various sorts of ceremonial washings. These were all regulations for the flesh, until the appointed time the Restoration is imposed.
Heb 9:11 Messiah came as High Priest of the good things that have come. He went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that was not made by human hands, one not belonging to this created world.
Heb 9:12 It was not by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood that he entered into the Most Set-apart Place once for all and secured our eternal redemption.
Heb 9:13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of a red heifer's ashes on those who have become unclean sets them apart to Yehowah for the cleansing of their flesh (Num. 19),
Heb 9:14 how much more will the blood of Messiah, who through the eternal Ruach offered himself without blemish to Yehowah, cleanse our conscience from dead works to serve living Yehowah?

Heb 9:15 For this reason, he is Mediator of a New Covenant. This is so that, since a death has taken place to free those under the First Covenant from their sins, those who are called will receive the promise of an eternal inheritance.
Heb 9:16 For where there is a Will, the death of the person who made it must be proved.
Heb 9:17 For a Will is only in force when there has been a death, because it has no force while the one who made it is still alive.
Heb 9:18 So not even the First Covenant was established without blood.
Heb 9:19 For when Moses had given every command in the law to all the people, he took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water, red wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the Scroll itself and all the people.
Heb 9:20 Then he said, “This is the blood of the covenant that Yehowah has commanded for you” (Exo. 24:8; Exo. 30 and 40; Lev. 8 and 16).
Heb 9:21 In the same manner, he sprinkled the blood on the tabernacle and all the containers used in the service.
Heb 9:22 And according to the law, almost everything is cleansed with blood. Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.
Heb 9:23 Therefore, it was necessary that the copies of the things in Heaven should be cleansed with these animal sacrifices. However, the heavenly things themselves had to be cleansed with much better sacrifices.
Heb 9:24 For Messiah did not enter into the Most Set-apart Place made with hands, which is only a copy of the true one. Instead, he entered into Heaven itself, to appear now in the presence of Yehowah for us.
Heb 9:25 He did not go there in order to offer himself many times, as does the high priest, who enters the Most Set-apart Place year by year with the blood of another.
Heb 9:26 If that had been the case, then it would have been necessary for him to suffer many times since the world’s foundation. But now it is just one time at the end of the ages, that he has been revealed to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.
Heb 9:27 Every person is destined to die once, and after that comes judgment.
Heb 9:28 In the same way, Messiah also, who was offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but for the salvation of those who are waiting patiently for him (John 14:3).

Hebrews Chapter 10

Heb 10:1 For the law is only a shadow of the good things to come, not the real forms of those things themselves. Those who approach Yehowah can never be made perfect by the same sacrifices that the priests continually bring year after year.
Heb 10:2 Or else, would not those sacrifices have ceased to be offered? In that case, if they had been cleansed once and for all, the worshipers would have no longer been aware of sin.
Heb 10:3 But with those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year after year.
Heb 10:4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.
Heb 10:5 When Messiah came into the world, he said, "It was neither sacrifices nor offerings that you desired. Instead, it is a body that you have prepared for me (Psa. 40:6).
Heb 10:6 In neither whole burnt offerings nor sacrifices for sin did you take pleasure.
Heb 10:7 Then I said, 'See, here I am, as it is written about me in the Scroll of the Book, to do your will, Yehowah'" (Psa. 40:7-8a).
Heb 10:8 First he said, "It was neither sacrifices, nor offerings, nor whole burnt offerings, nor sacrifices for sin that you desired. Nor did you take pleasure in them." These are sacrifices that are offered according to the law.
Heb 10:9 Then he said, "See, here I am to do your will, Yehowah." He takes away the first practice in order to establish the second practice.
Heb 10:10 And by that will, we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Yeshua Messiah once for all.
Heb 10:11 On the one hand, every priest stands day by day to serve Yehowah. He is always offering the same sacrifices, although they can never take away sins.
Heb 10:12 On the other hand, Messiah offered one sacrifice for sins forever, then he sat down at the right hand of Yehowah (Psa. 110:5).
Heb 10:13 From then on he is waiting, until his enemies are made a stool for his feet.
Heb 10:14 For by one offering he has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.
Heb 10:15 And Ruach ha'Kodesh also testifies to us. For first he said,
Heb 10:16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days," says Yehowah. "I will put my law in their hearts, and I will write it on their minds.
Heb 10:17 No more will I remember their sins and lawlessness" (Jer. 31:33-34).
Heb 10:18 Now where there is forgiveness for these, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

Heb 10:19 Therefore, brethren and sistren, we have confidence to enter into the Most Set-apart Place by the blood of Yeshua.
Heb 10:20 That is the new and living Way that he has opened for us through the curtain, that is, by means of his flesh.
Heb 10:21 And because we have a High Priest over the temple of Yehowah,
Heb 10:22 let us approach with true hearts in the full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.
Heb 10:23 Let us also hold tightly to the confession of our hope, without wavering, because Yehowah, who has promised, is faithful.
Heb 10:24 Let us consider how to motivate one another to unconditional selfless love and good deeds.
Heb 10:25 Let us not stop meeting together, as some have done. Instead, encourage one another more and more, and all the more as you see the Day coming closer.
Heb 10:26 For if we deliberately go on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, a sacrifice for sins no longer exists.
Heb 10:27 Instead, there is only a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the enemies of Yehowah.
Heb 10:28 Anyone who has rejected the Law of Moses dies without mercies at the testimony of two or three witnesses.
Heb 10:29 How much worse punishment do you think one deserves who has trampled under foot the Son of Yehowah, who treated the blood of the covenant as profane, the blood by which he was sanctified, and insulted the Ruach of grace?
Heb 10:30 For we know the One who said, “Vengeance belongs to me; I will pay back,” declares Yehowah. And again, “Yehowah will judge his people.”
Heb 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of living Yehowah!
Heb 10:32 But remember the former days, after you were enlightened, how you endured a great struggle in suffering.
Heb 10:33 You were exposed to public ridicule by insults and persecution, and you were sharing with adherents who went through such suffering.
Heb 10:34 For you had compassion on me who was a prisoner, and you accepted with joy the seizure of your possessions. You knew that you yourselves had in Heaven a better and everlasting possession.
Heb 10:35 So do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.
Heb 10:36 For you need patience, so that you may receive what Yehowah has promised, after you have done his will.
Heb 10:37 “For soon, in a little while, the One who is coming will indeed come and not delay.

Heb 10:38 My righteous one will live by faith. If he turns back, I will not be pleased with him.”
Heb 10:39 But we are not any of those who turn back to destruction. Instead, we are adherents who have faith for keeping our soul.

Hebrews Chapter 11

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the foundational catalyst of things that are confidently expected. It is the evidence of events that are still not seen.
Heb 11:2 For because of this the ancestors were approved for their faith.
Heb 11:3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the command of Yehowah, so that what is visible was not made out of things that were visible (Psa. 33:6,8-9).
Heb 11:4 It was by faith that Abel offered Yehowah a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he was attested to be righteous, and Yehowah spoke well of him because of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.
Heb 11:5 It was by faith that Enoch was taken up, so that he did not see death. "He was not found, because Yehowah took him." For before he was taken up, it was testified that he had pleased Yehowah.
Heb 11:6 Now without faith it is impossible to please Yehowah. For it is necessary that anyone coming to Yehowah must believe that he exists (Exo. 20:2; 1 John 3:23), and that he is a rewarder of those who worshipfully seek him.
Heb 11:7 It was by faith that Noah, having been given a divine message about things not yet seen, with reverent caution built an ark to save his household. By doing this, he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that is according to faith (2 Pet. 2:5).
Heb 11:8 It was by faith that Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and went out to the place that he was to receive as an inheritance. He went out, not knowing where he was going.
Heb 11:9 It was by faith that he lived in the land of promise as a sojourning foreigner. He lived in tents (sukkot) with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise.
Heb 11:10 For he was looking forward to the city which has foundations, the city of which the Architect and Builder is Yehowah.
Heb 11:11 It was by faith, even though Sarah herself was barren, that Abraham received ability to father a child. This happened even though he was too old, since he considered as faithful the One who had given the promise.
Heb 11:12 Therefore, from this one man, who was almost dead, were born those who were like the stars in the sky for their multitude and like the grains of sand along the seashore, which are uncountable.
Heb 11:13 It was in faith that all these died without receiving the promises. Instead, after seeing and being convinced, and greeting them from far off, they admitted that they were sojourning foreigners and exiles on earth (1 Chron. 29:15).

Heb 11:14 For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.
Heb 11:15 If they had been thinking of the country from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return.
Heb 11:16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, Heaven. Therefore, Yehowah is not ashamed to be called their Divine One, since he has prepared a city for them.
Heb 11:17 It was by faith that Abraham, when he was tested, offered Isaac. It was his only son whom he offered, he who had received the promises.
Heb 11:18 It was Abraham to whom it had been said, "It is through Isaac that your Descendant will be named."
Heb 11:19 Abraham reasoned that Yehowah was able to raise up Isaac from the dead, and figuratively speaking, it was from there that he received him back.
Heb 11:20 It was also by faith about things to come that Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau.
Heb 11:21 It was by faith that Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons. Jacob worshiped, leaning on the top of his trekking pole.
Heb 11:22 It was by faith that Joseph, when his end was near, spoke of the departure of the children of Israel from Egypt and instructed them about his bones.
Heb 11:23 It was by faith that Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child (Acts 7:20; Exo. 2:2, c. 1730 BC). They were not afraid of the king's command.
Heb 11:24 It was by faith that Moses, after he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.
Heb 11:25 Instead, he chose to suffer with the people of Yehowah, rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for awhile.
Heb 11:26 He reasoned that the disgrace of following Messiah was greater riches than Egypt's treasures. For he was fixing his eyes on his reward.
Heb 11:27 It was by faith that Moses left Egypt. He did not fear the king's anger, for he endured as if he were seeing the One who is invisible.
Heb 11:28 It was by faith that he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn should not touch the Israelis' firstborn children.
Heb 11:29 It was by faith that they passed through the SEA as if over dry land. When the Egyptians tried to do this, they were swallowed up.
Heb 11:30 It was by faith that Jericho's walls collapsed downslope, after they had been circled around for seven days (Josh. 6:5, 20).
Heb 11:31 It was by faith that Rahab the prostitute did not die with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

Heb 11:32 And what more can I say? For time will fail me if I tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and about the prophets.
Heb 11:33 It was through faith that they conquered kingdoms, worked justice, and received promises. They stopped the mouths of lions,
Heb 11:34 extinguished the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were healed of illnesses, became mighty in battle, and defeated foreign armed forces.
Heb 11:35 Women received back their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, not accepting release, so that they would obtain a better resurrection.
Heb 11:36 Others had testing in mocking and whippings, and even chains and imprisonment.
Heb 11:37 They were stoned. They were sawn in two. They were tested and killed with the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins. They were destitute, oppressed, and mistreated.
Heb 11:38 The world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts, mountains, caves, and in holes in the ground (Isa. 2:19).
Heb 11:39 Although all these people were approved by Yehowah because of their faith, they did not receive the promise.
Heb 11:40 Yehowah planned something better for us, so that without us, they would not be made perfect.

Hebrews Chapter 12

Heb 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a large cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and easily entangling sin. Let us patiently run the race that is placed before us.
Heb 12:2 Let us pay attention to Yeshua, the Chief Leader and Perfecter of the faith. For the joy that was placed before him, he endured the cross, despised its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of Yehowah.
Heb 12:3 So think about him, the One who has endured such opposition from sinners against himself, so that you do not become weary in your hearts and give up.
Heb 12:4 You have not yet resisted or struggled against sin to the point of blood.
Heb 12:5 And you have forgotten the encouragement that instructs you as children: "My child, do not think lightly of the discipline of Yehowah, nor grow weary when you are corrected by him."
Heb 12:6 For Yehowah disciplines everyone whom he unconditionally selflessly loves, and he punishes every child whom he receives.
Heb 12:7 Endure suffering as discipline. Yehowah deals with you as with children. For what child is there whom his father does not discipline?
Heb 12:8 But if you are without discipline, which all people share in, then you are illegitimate and not his children.
Heb 12:9 Furthermore, we had fathers in the flesh as disciplinarians, and we respected them. Should we not even more so obey the Father of spirits and live?
Heb 12:10 For on the one hand, our fathers disciplined us for a few days as it seemed right to them. But on the other hand, Yehowah does so for our good, so that we can share in his consecration.
Heb 12:11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but rather painful. However, it later produces the peaceful fruit of righteousness for those who have been trained by it.
Heb 12:12 So strengthen your hands that hang down and your weak knees.
Heb 12:13 Make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame will not be sprained but rather be healed.
Heb 12:14 Pursue peace with everyone and also consecration, without which, no one will see Yehowah.
Heb 12:15 Be careful, so that no one lacks the grace of Yehowah, and that no root of bitterness grows up to cause trouble, so that many do not become polluted by it.
Heb 12:16 Be careful that there be no sexually immoral or wicked person such as Esau, who for one meal sold his own birthright (Gen. 25:29-34).

Heb 12:17 For you know that afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, because he found no opportunity for repentance, even though he sought it with tears.
Heb 12:18 For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched, a mountain of burning fire, darkness, gloom, and storm.
Heb 12:19 You have not come to a trumpet blast, nor to a voice that speaks words whose hearers begged that not another word be spoken to them.
Heb 12:20 For they could not endure what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned or shot with an arrow."
Heb 12:21 So fearful was this sight that Moses exclaimed, "I am terrified and trembling!"
Heb 12:22 Instead, you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of living Yehowah, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to a myriad of angels in celebration.
Heb 12:23 You have come to the congregation of the firstborn, who have been registered in Heaven. You have come to Yehowah, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous ones who have been made perfect.
Heb 12:24 And you have come to Yeshua, the Mediator of a New Covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks better than Abel's blood.
Heb 12:25 See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we turn away from the One who is warning from Heaven.
Heb 12:26 At one time, his voice shook the earth. But now he has promised, "One more time I will shake not only the earth, but also the heavens" (Hag. 2:6).
Heb 12:27 These words, "One more time," mean the removal of those things that can be shaken, that is, of the things that have been created, so that the things that cannot be shaken will remain.
Heb 12:28 Therefore, receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be grateful, and in this manner worship Yehowah with reverence and awe.
Heb 12:29 For our Divine One is a consuming fire.

Hebrews Chapter 13

Heb 13:1 Let affectionate love continue.
Heb 13:2 Do not forget hospitality for strangers. For through this, some have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.
Heb 13:3 Remember prisoners, as if you were imprisoned with them. Remember those who are mistreated, as if you also were them in the body.
Heb 13:4 Let marriage be respected by everyone and the marriage bed be pure, for Yehowah will judge the sexually immoral people and adulterers.
Heb 13:5 Let your conduct be free from the love of money (Eccl. 5:10; 1 Tim. 6:10). Be content with the things you have, for Yehowah himself has promised, "I will never leave you, nor will I forsake you" (Deut. 31:6).
Heb 13:6 Let us be content, so that we may have courage to say, "Yehowah is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can a human do to me" (Psa. 118:6)?
Heb 13:7 Consider your leaders, adherents who spoke the Word of Yehowah to you, and consider the result of their conduct. Imitate their faith.
Heb 13:8 Yeshua Messiah is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
Heb 13:9 Do not be carried away by various strange teachings. For it is good that the heart should be strengthened by grace, not by foods that do not help those who walk by them.
Heb 13:10 We have an altar from which those who serve in the tabernacle have no right to eat.
Heb 13:11 For the blood of the animals killed for sins is brought by the high priest into the Set-apart Place, while their bodies are burned outside the camp.
Heb 13:12 So Yeshua also suffered outside the city gate, in order to sanctify the people through his own blood (Num. 19).
Heb 13:13 Let us therefore go to him outside the camp, bearing his shame.
Heb 13:14 For we do not have any permanent city here. Instead, we are looking for one that is to come.
Heb 13:15 Through him then, let us always offer up sacrifices of praise to Yehowah, praise that is the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.
Heb 13:16 And let us not forget doing good and helping one another, for it is with such sacrifices that Yehowah is entirely pleased.
Heb 13:17 Obey and submit to your leaders, for they keep watch over your souls, as adherents who will give account. Obey, so that your leaders will do this with joy, and not with groaning, which would be useless to you.
Heb 13:18 Pray for us, for we are persuaded that we have a clean conscience, and that we desire to live rightly in all things.
Heb 13:19 I encourage you even more to do this, so that I will be returned to you sooner.

Heb 13:20 Now may Yehowah of peace, who brought back from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep, our Lord Yeshua, by the blood of an everlasting covenant,
Heb 13:21 perfect you with every good thing to do his will. May he work in us what is well pleasing before him, through Yeshua Messiah, to whom be the glory forever. Amein.
Heb 13:22 Now I encourage you, brethren and sistren, to bear with the word of encouragement that I have briefly written to you.
Heb 13:23 Know that our brother Timothy has been set free, with whom I will see you, if he comes soon.
Heb 13:24 Greet all your leaders and all the believers. Those from Italy greet you.
Heb 13:25 May grace be with you all. Amein.

Book of Jacob

Jacob Chapter 1

Jac 1:1 Jacob, a servant of Yehowah and of Lord Yeshua Messiah, to the twelve tribes in the dispersion (2 Kings 17:23; 18:11): Greetings.
Jac 1:2 Consider it all joy, my brethren and sistren, when you experience various troubles.
Jac 1:3 You know that the testing of your faith produces endurance.
Jac 1:4 Let endurance complete its work, so that you may become fully developed and complete, not lacking anything.
Jac 1:5 But if any of you needs wisdom, let him ask for it from Yehowah, the One who gives generously and without rebuke to all who ask, and he will give it to him.
Jac 1:6 But let him ask in faith, doubting nothing. For anyone who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven by the wind and tossed around.
Jac 1:7 For that person must not think that he will receive anything from Yehowah.
Jac 1:8 Such a person is double-minded, unstable in all his ways.
Jac 1:9 Let the poor brother boast of his high position
Jac 1:10 but the rich person of his low position, because he will pass away as a wild flower in the grass.
Jac 1:11 For the sun rises with burning heat and dries up the grass. The flower falls off, and its beauty perishes. In the same way, the rich person will fade away in the middle of his journey.
Jac 1:12 Blessed is the man who endures testing. For after he has passed the test, he will receive the crown of life, which has been promised to those who unconditionally selflessly love Yehowah.
Jac 1:13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by Yehowah,” because Yehowah is not tempted by evil, nor does he himself tempt anyone.
Jac 1:14 But each person is tempted by his own desire, which drags him away and entices him.
Jac 1:15 Then after the desire conceives, it gives birth to sin. And after the sin is full grown, it gives birth to death.
Jac 1:16 Do not be deceived my beloved brethren and sistren.
Jac 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above. It comes down from the Father of lights. With him there is no changing or shadow because of turning.

Jac 1:18 Yehowah chose to give us birth by the Word of Truth, so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of all the things that he created.
Jac 1:19 You know this, my beloved brethren and sistren: Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger.
Jac 1:20 For the anger of man does not work the righteousness of Yehowah.
Jac 1:21 Therefore, take off all sinful filth and abundant amounts of evil. In humility receive the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.
Jac 1:22 Be doers of the word and not only hearers, deceiving yourselves.
Jac 1:23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word but not a doer, he is like a man who examines his natural face in a (bronze) mirror.
Jac 1:24 He examines himself and then goes away and immediately forgets what he was like.
Jac 1:25 But the person who looks carefully into the perfect law of freedom, and continues to do the work, not just being a hearer who forgets, this person will be blessed in his actions.
Jac 1:26 If anyone thinks himself to be religious, but if he does not control his tongue, he deceives his heart, and his religion is worthless.
Jac 1:27 Pure and spotless religion before our Father Yehowah is this: to help the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself spotless from the world.

Jacob Chapter 2

Jac 2:1 My brethren and sistren, do not hold to faith in our glorious Lord Yeshua Messiah with favoritism toward certain people.
Jac 2:2 Suppose that someone enters your Messianic house of assembly wearing gold rings and fine clothes, and there also enters a poor person in dirty clothes (Acts 11:26).
Jac 2:3 If you look at the person wearing fine clothes and say, “Please sit here in a nice place,” but you say to the poor person, “You stand over there,” or “Sit at my feet,”
Jac 2:4 are you not discriminating among yourselves? Have you not become judges with evil thoughts?
Jac 2:5 Listen, my beloved brethren and sistren, did not Yehowah choose the poor of the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who unconditionally selflessly love him?
Jac 2:6 But you have dishonored the poor! Is it not the rich who oppress you? And are they not the ones who drag you to court?
Jac 2:7 Do they not insult the good Name that you belong to?
Jac 2:8 However, if you fulfill the royal law, according to the Scripture, “You will love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well (Lev. 19:18).
Jac 2:9 But if you favor certain people, you are committing sin, and you are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.
Jac 2:10 For whoever obeys the whole law, except that he stumbles in just a single way, has become guilty of breaking the whole law.
Jac 2:11 For the One who commanded, “Do not commit adultery,” also commanded, “Do not murder.” If you do not commit adultery, but if you do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.
Jac 2:12 So speak and act as those who will be judged by means of the law of freedom.
Jac 2:13 For judgment comes without mercy to those who have shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.
Jac 2:14 What good is it, my brethren and sistren, if someone says he has faith, but if he has no works? Can that faith save him?
Jac 2:15 Suppose that a brother or sister is badly clothed and lacks food for the day.
Jac 2:16 Suppose that one of you says to them, “Go in peace, stay warm and be filled.” If you do not give them the things necessary for the body, what good is that?
Jac 2:17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Jac 2:18 Yet someone may say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without works, and I will show you my faith by my works.
Jac 2:19 You believe that Yehowah is Oneness; you do well. But even the demons believe that, and they tremble.
Jac 2:20 Do you want to know, foolish person, that faith without works is useless?
Jac 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?
Jac 2:22 You see that faith worked with his works, and that by works his faith was fully developed.
Jac 2:23 The Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed Yehowah, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” And he was called a friend of Yehowah (Isa. 41:8).
Jac 2:24 You see that it is by works that a person is justified and not only by faith.
Jac 2:25 In the same way also, was not Rahab the prostitute justified by works, when she welcomed the messengers and sent them away by another road?
Jac 2:26 For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, likewise also, faith apart from works is dead.

Jacob Chapter 3

Jac 3:1 Not many people should become teachers, my brethren and sistren. We know that we will receive more severe judgment.
Jac 3:2 For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in words, he is a fully developed man, able to control even his whole body.
Jac 3:3 Now if we put bits into horses' mouths for them to obey us, we can also direct their whole bodies.
Jac 3:4 Notice also that ships, although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, are steered by a tiny rudder to wherever the pilot desires.
Jac 3:5 Likewise, the tongue is a small body part, yet it boasts great things. Notice also how a small fire kindles a large forest fire.
Jac 3:6 The tongue is also a fire, a world of sinfulness set among our body parts. It stains the whole body and sets on fire the course of life. It is itself set on fire by hell.
Jac 3:7 For every kind of wild animal, bird, reptile, and sea creature is being tamed and has been tamed by mankind.
Jac 3:8 But as for the tongue, no one among humans is able to tame it. It is an uncontrollable evil, full of deadly poison.
Jac 3:9 With it we praise Father Yehowah, and with it we curse people, who have been made in the likeness of Yehowah.
Jac 3:10 Out of the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brethren and sistren, these things should not happen.
Jac 3:11 Does a spring pour out from its opening both sweet and bitter water?
Jac 3:12 Does a fig tree, my brethren and sistren, make olives? Or a grapevine, figs? Neither can salty water produce sweet water.
Jac 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let that person show a good life by his works in the humility of wisdom.
Jac 3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and ambition in your heart, do not boast and lie against the truth.
Jac 3:15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above. Instead, it is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.
Jac 3:16 For where there are jealousy and ambition, there is confusion and every evil practice.
Jac 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceful, gentle, responsive to reason, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial, and sincere.
Jac 3:18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace among those who make peace.

Jacob Chapter 4

Jac 4:1 Where do quarrels and disputes among you come from? Do they not come from your desires that fight among your members?
Jac 4:2 You desire, and you do not have. You murder and covet, and you are not able to obtain. You fight and quarrel. You do not possess, because you do not ask.
Jac 4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, in order that you may use it for your sensual desires.
Jac 4:4 You adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility against Yehowah? So whoever wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of Yehowah.
Jac 4:5 Or do you think the Scripture says in vain, “The Ruach he caused to live in us is deeply jealous?”
Jac 4:6 But Yehowah gives more grace, so the Scripture says, “Yehowah opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”
Jac 4:7 So submit to Yehowah. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you.
Jac 4:8 Come close to Yehowah, and he will come close to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.
Jac 4:9 Grieve, mourn, and cry! Let your laughter turn into sadness and your joy into gloom.
Jac 4:10 Humble yourselves before Yehowah, and he will lift you up.
Jac 4:11 Do not speak against one another, brethren and sistren. The person who speaks against a brother or sister or judges his brother or sister speaks against the law and judges the law. If you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law, but a judge.
Jac 4:12 Only One is the Lawgiver and Judge. He is the One who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you, you who judge your neighbor?
Jac 4:13 Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into this city, spend a year there, trade, and make a profit.”
Jac 4:14 Who knows what will happen tomorrow, and what is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then disappears.
Jac 4:15 Instead, you should say, “If Yehowah wills, we will live and do this or that.”
Jac 4:16 But now you are boasting about your arrogant plans. All such boasting is evil.
Jac 4:17 So for anyone who knows to do good but does not do it, for him it is sin.

Jacob Chapter 5

Jac 5:1 Come now, you who are rich, weep and wail because of the miseries coming on you.
Jac 5:2 Your riches have rotted, and your clothes have become moth-eaten.
Jac 5:3 Your gold and silver have corroded. Their corrosion will be a witness against you. It will consume your flesh like fire. You have stored up your treasure for the last days.
Jac 5:4 Look, the pay of the laborers is crying out, the pay that you have withheld from those who harvested your fields. And the cries of the harvesters have gone into the ears of Yehowah of the heavenly armed forces.
Jac 5:5 You have lived in luxury on the earth and indulged yourselves. You have fattened your hearts for a day of slaughter.
Jac 5:6 You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.
Jac 5:7 So be patient, brethren and sistren, until the coming of the Lord. See, the farmer awaits the valuable harvest from the ground. He is patiently waiting for it, until it receives the autumn and spring rains.
Jac 5:8 You too, be patient. Make your hearts strong, because the coming of the Lord is near.
Jac 5:9 Do not complain, brethren and sistren, against one another, so that you will not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the door.
Jac 5:10 Take an example, brethren and sistren, from the suffering and patience of the prophets, those who spoke in the name of Yehowah.
Jac 5:11 See, we regard those who endured as blessed. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you know the purpose of Yehowah, how Yehowah is extremely compassionate and merciful.
Jac 5:12 Above all, my brethren and sistren, do not swear, either by Heaven or by the earth, or by any other oath. Instead, let your “Yes” mean “Yes” and your “No” mean “No,” so you do not fall under judgment.
Jac 5:13 Is anyone among you suffering hardship? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise!
Jac 5:14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the congregation, and let them pray over him. Let them anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.
Jac 5:15 The prayer of faith will heal the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed sins, Yehowah will forgive him.
Jac 5:16 So confess your transgressions to one another and pray for each other, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is exceptionally strong in its working.

Jac 5:17 Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain in the land for three years and six months (c. 918 BC).
Jac 5:18 And Elijah prayed again. The heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.
Jac 5:19 My brethren and sistren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone brings him back,
Jac 5:20 that person should know that whoever turns a sinner from his wandering way will save him from death and will cover over a large number of sins.

Book of 1st Peter

1 Peter Chapter 1

1Pe 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Yeshua Messiah, to the resident aliens of the dispersion throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.
1Pe 1:2 This is according to the foreknowledge of Yehowah the Father, set apart by the Ruach for obedience and for the sprinkling of the blood of Yeshua Messiah. May grace be to you, and may your peace increase.
1Pe 1:3 May Yehowah the Father of our Lord Yeshua Messiah be blessed. In his great mercy, he gave us a new birth for the hope of an inheritance. This inheritance is by means of the resurrection of Yeshua Messiah from the dead.
1Pe 1:4 This is for an inheritance that will not perish, will not become stained, and will not fade away. It is reserved in Heaven for you.
1Pe 1:5 You are protected by the power of Yehowah through faith, for the salvation that is ready to be revealed at the last time.
1Pe 1:6 You are extremely glad about this, even though it is now necessary for you to feel sadness in many different troubles.
1Pe 1:7 This is for the proving of your faith, which is more precious than gold that perishes, even though it is tested by fire. This happens, so that your faith will be found to result in praise, glory, and honor at the revealing of Yeshua Messiah.
1Pe 1:8 You have not seen him, but you unconditionally selflessly love him. You do not see him now, but you believe in him, and you are quite glad with unspeakable, glorious joy!
1Pe 1:9 You are now receiving for yourselves the result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.
1Pe 1:10 The prophets searched and inquired carefully about this salvation, and prophesied about the grace that would be yours.
1Pe 1:11 They searched to know about whom and when the Ruach of Messiah in them was speaking to them. This was happening as he was telling them in advance about the sufferings of Messiah and the glorious things after that.
1Pe 1:12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told to you by those who preached the good news to you by Ruach ha'Kodesh sent from Heaven, things into which angels long to look.
1Pe 1:13 So gird up the loins of your mind. Be sober. Put unwavering confidence in the grace that will be brought to you at the revealing of Yeshua Messiah.

1Pe 1:14 As obedient children, do not conform yourselves to the previous desires that you followed when you were ignorant.
1Pe 1:15 But as the One who called you is set apart, you too, be set apart in your whole behavior.
1Pe 1:16 For it is written, “Be set apart, because I am set apart” (Lev. 11:44-45; 19:2; 20:7).
1Pe 1:17 And if you call “Father,” the One who judges without bias according to each person’s work, spend the time of your journey in reverence.
1Pe 1:18 You know that it was not with perishable silver or gold that you have been redeemed from the foolish behavior that you learned from your fathers.
1Pe 1:19 Instead, you have been redeemed with the precious blood of Messiah, who was like a lamb without blemish or spot.
1Pe 1:20 Messiah was chosen before the foundation of the world, but now he has been revealed to you in these last times.
1Pe 1:21 Through him you believe in Yehowah, who raised him from the dead, and to whom he gave glory, so that your faith and hope would be in Yehowah.
1Pe 1:22 You made your souls pure by obedience to the truth through the Ruach. This was for the purpose of sincere affectionate love; so unconditionally selflessly love one another earnestly from the heart.
1Pe 1:23 You have been born again (John 3:3; 1 John 2:29), not from perishable seed, but from imperishable seed, through the living and remaining Word of Yehowah.
1Pe 1:24 For “all flesh is like grass, and all mankind’s glory is like the flower of the grass. The grass dries up, and the flower falls off,
1Pe 1:25 but the Word of Yehowah remains forever.” This is the spoken good news that was announced to you (Isa. 40:6-8).

1 Peter Chapter 2

1Pe 2:1 Therefore, put aside all evil, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all slander.
1Pe 2:2 As newborn infants, long for pure milk of the word, so that through it you may grow in salvation,
1Pe 2:3 since you have tasted that the Lord is kind.
1Pe 2:4 Come to him who is a living Stone that has been rejected by people, but that has been chosen by Yehowah as valuable to him.
1Pe 2:5 You also are like living stones that are being built up to be a spiritual house, in order to be a set-apart priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices acceptable to Yehowah through Yeshua Messiah.
1Pe 2:6 Scripture contains this: "See: I will lay in Zion an established Stone, a testing Stone, a precious Cornerstone, a sure Foundation. He who believes in him will not be ashamed" (Isa. 28:16).
1Pe 2:7 The honor then is for you who believe he is valuable. But, "the Stone that was rejected by the builders, this has become the chief Cornerstone" (Psa. 118:22-23),
1Pe 2:8 and, "a Stone of striking, and a Rock of stumbling." They stumble, disobeying the word, for which they were also destined (Isa. 8:14-15).
1Pe 2:9 But you are a chosen family, a royal priesthood, a set-apart nation, a people for the possession of Yehowah, so that you would announce the wonderful actions of the One who called you out from darkness into his marvelous light.
1Pe 2:10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of Yehowah. You did not receive mercy, but now you have received mercy.
1Pe 2:11 Beloved, I call on you as sojourning foreigners and resident aliens to abstain from fleshly desires, which make war against your soul.
1Pe 2:12 You should have good behavior among the ethnicities, so that, if they speak about you as having done evil things, they may observe your good works and glorify Yehowah on the Day of his coming.
1Pe 2:13 Submit to every human authority for the sake of the Lord, including both the king as supreme,
1Pe 2:14 and also the governors, who are sent to punish evildoers and to praise those who do well.
1Pe 2:15 For this is the will of Yehowah, that in doing good, you silence the ignorant talk of foolish people.
1Pe 2:16 As free people, do not use your freedom as a covering for wickedness but be like servants of Yehowah.
1Pe 2:17 Honor all people. Unconditionally selflessly love the brotherhood. Fear Yehowah. Honor the king.

1Pe 2:18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect. Be subject not only to the good and gentle masters, but also to the malicious ones.
1Pe 2:19 For it is praiseworthy if anyone endures pain while suffering injustice because of his awareness of Yehowah.
1Pe 2:20 For how much credit is there if you sin and then endure while being punished? But if you have done well, and then you suffer while being punished, this is praiseworthy with Yehowah.
1Pe 2:21 For it is to this that you were called, because Messiah also suffered for you. He left an example for you to follow in his footsteps.
1Pe 2:22 He committed no sin, neither was any deceit found in his mouth.
1Pe 2:23 When he was reviled, he did not revile back. When he suffered, he did not threaten back, but he gave himself to the One who judges justly.
1Pe 2:24 He himself carried our sins in his body to the tree (cross), so that we would have no more part in sin, and so that we would live for righteousness. By his bruises you have been healed.
1Pe 2:25 All of you had been wandering away like lost sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

1 Peter Chapter 3

1Pe 3:1 In this Way, you who are wives should submit to your own husbands. Do this, so even if some husbands are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word, through their wives' behavior.
1Pe 3:2 For they will have seen your sincere behavior with respect.
1Pe 3:3 Let it be done not with outward ornaments: braided hair, jewels of gold, or fashionable clothing.
1Pe 3:4 Instead, let it be done with the inner person of the heart, and the lasting beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious before Yehowah.
1Pe 3:5 For set-apart women once adorned themselves in this Way. They had confidence in Yehowah, and they submitted to their own husbands.
1Pe 3:6 In this Way, Sarah obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are now her children, if you do what is good, and if you are not afraid of trouble.
1Pe 3:7 In the same Way, you husbands should live with your wives according to understanding, as with a weaker container, a woman. You should give them honor as fellow heirs of the gift of life. Do this, so that your prayers will not be hindered.
1Pe 3:8 Finally, all of you, be like-minded, compassionate, loving as brethren and sistren, tenderhearted, and kind.
1Pe 3:9 Do not pay back evil for evil or insult for insult. On the contrary, continue to bless, because for this you were called, that you might inherit a blessing.
1Pe 3:10 "The one who wants to love life and see good days should stop his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit.
1Pe 3:11 Let him turn away from what is bad and do what is good. Let him seek peace and pursue it.
1Pe 3:12 The eyes of Yehowah see the righteous, and his ears hear their requests. But the face of Yehowah is against those who do evil."
1Pe 3:13 Who is the one who will harm you if you desire what is good?
1Pe 3:14 But if you suffer because of righteousness, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear. Do not be troubled.
1Pe 3:15 Instead, set apart Lord Yehowah in your hearts as consecrated. Always be ready to answer everyone who asks you why you have hope within you. Do this with meekness and respect.
1Pe 3:16 Have a good conscience, so that the people who insult your good life in Messiah may be ashamed, because they are speaking against you as if you were evildoers.
1Pe 3:17 It is better, if Yehowah desires, that you suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

1Pe 3:18 Messiah also suffered once for sins. He who is righteous suffered for us, who were unrighteous, so that he would bring us to Yehowah. He was executed in the flesh, but he was made alive by the Ruach.
1Pe 3:19 By the Ruach, he went and preached to the spirits who are now in prison.
1Pe 3:20 They were disobedient when the patience of Yehowah was waiting in the days of Noah, in the days of the building of an ark, and Yehowah saved a few people, eight souls, through the water (Gen. 6-9).
1Pe 3:21 This is a symbol of the immersion that saves you now, not as a washing away of dirt from the body, but as the appeal of a good conscience to Yehowah, through the resurrection of Yeshua Messiah.
1Pe 3:22 Messiah is at the right hand of Yehowah. He went into Heaven. Angels, authorities, and powers must submit to him.

1 Peter Chapter 4

1Pe 4:1 Therefore, because Messiah suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same intention. For whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin.
1Pe 4:2 As a result, such a person, for the rest of his time in the flesh, no longer lives for human desires but for the will of Yehowah.
1Pe 4:3 For enough time has passed to do what the ethnicities want to do, licentiousness, passion, drunkenness, carousings, wild parties, and disgusting acts of idolatry.
1Pe 4:4 They think it is strange that you do not join with them in these floods of dissipation, so they speak evil about you.
1Pe 4:5 They will give an account to the One who is ready to judge the living and the dead.
1Pe 4:6 For this purpose the good news was preached also to the dead, so that, although they have been judged in the flesh as humans, they may live according to Yehowah in the Ruach.
1Pe 4:7 The end of all things is coming near. Therefore, be of sound mind, and be sober in your thinking for the sake of prayers.
1Pe 4:8 Above all things, have fervent unconditional selfless love for one another, for unconditional selfless love covers a multitude of sins.
1Pe 4:9 Be hospitable to one another without complaining.
1Pe 4:10 As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another. Do this as good stewards of the varied grace of Yehowah.
1Pe 4:11 If anyone speaks, let it be like the oracles of Yehowah. If anyone serves, let it be from the strength that Yehowah supplies. Do these things, so that in all ways Yehowah would be glorified through Yeshua Messiah. May there be to Yeshua glory and power forever and ever. Amein.
1Pe 4:12 Beloved, do not be amazed at the testing in the fire that has happened to you, as if something strange were happening to you.
1Pe 4:13 Instead, however much you experience the sufferings of Messiah, rejoice, so that you may also rejoice and be glad at the revealing of his glory.
1Pe 4:14 If you are insulted for the name of Messiah, you are blessed, because the Ruach of glory and of Yehowah is resting on you. On their part he is blasphemed, but on your part he is glorified.
1Pe 4:15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or a meddler.
1Pe 4:16 But if anyone suffers as a Messianic, let him not be ashamed; instead, let him glorify Yehowah with that name (Acts 11:26).

1Pe 4:17 For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of Yehowah. If it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the good news of Yehowah?
1Pe 4:18 And if “the righteous person is scarcely saved, how will the irreverent person and the sinner appear?”
1Pe 4:19 Therefore, let adherents who suffer because of the will of Yehowah entrust their souls to the faithful Creator in well-doing.

1 Peter Chapter 5

1Pe 5:1 I am exhorting the elders among you, I, who am a fellow elder. I am also a witness of the sufferings of Messiah, and am also a participant in the glory that will be revealed.
1Pe 5:2 Therefore, I exhort you, elders, tend the flock of Yehowah that is among you. Look after them, not because you must, but because you wish to, according to the will of Yehowah. Look after them, not for dishonest money but willingly.
1Pe 5:3 Do not act as a master over the people who are in your care. Instead, be an example to the flock.
1Pe 5:4 Then, when the Chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive an unfading crown of glory.
1Pe 5:5 In the same way, you younger men submit to the older men. All of you clothe yourselves with humility and serve one another. For Yehowah resists the proud, but he gives grace to the humble.
1Pe 5:6 Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of Yehowah, so that he may lift you up in due time.
1Pe 5:7 Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.
1Pe 5:8 Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary, the Devil, is stalking around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.
1Pe 5:9 Stand against him. Be strong in your faith. You know that your community of believers that are in the world are enduring the same sufferings.
1Pe 5:10 After you suffer for a little while, Yehowah of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Messiah Yeshua, will perfect you, establish you, strengthen and stabilize you.
1Pe 5:11 To him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amein.
1Pe 5:12 I regard Silas as a faithful brother, and I have written to you briefly through him. I am exhorting you, and I am testifying to you that what I have written is the true grace of Yehowah. Stand in it.
1Pe 5:13 Co-elected brethren and sistren in Babylon greet you. Also Mark, my son, greets you.
1Pe 5:14 Greet one another with a kiss of unconditional selfless love. May peace be to you all who are in Messiah Yeshua. Amein.

Book of 2nd Peter

2 Peter Chapter 1

2Pe 1:1 Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Yeshua Messiah, to those who have received the same precious faith as we have received, faith in the righteousness of Yehowah and our Savior Yeshua Messiah.
2Pe 1:2 May grace and peace increase in measure in the knowledge of Yehowah and of Yeshua our Lord.
2Pe 1:3 All the things concerning divine power for life and reverence have been given to us through the knowledge of Yehowah, who called us through his own glory and virtue.
2Pe 1:4 Through these, he gave us precious and great promises, so that you might be sharers in the divine nature, as you escape from the corruption that is in the world because of wicked desires.
2Pe 1:5 For this reason, do your best to add virtue through your faith, and through your virtue, knowledge.
2Pe 1:6 Through your knowledge, add self-control, and through your self-control, add endurance, and through your endurance, add reverence.
2Pe 1:7 Through your reverence, add brotherly affection, and through your brotherly affection, add unconditional selfless love.
2Pe 1:8 If these things are in you and grow in you, you will not be barren or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Yeshua Messiah.
2Pe 1:9 But whoever lacks these things sees only what is near; he is blind. He has forgotten the cleansing from his old sins.
2Pe 1:10 Therefore, brethren and sistren, do your best to make your calling and election sure for yourselves. If you do these things, you will not stumble.
2Pe 1:11 In this Way, an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Yeshua Messiah will be richly granted to you.
2Pe 1:12 Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, although you know them, and although you are strong in the truth now.
2Pe 1:13 I think it is right for me to stir you up with a reminder about these things, as long as I am in this tent.
2Pe 1:14 For I know that soon I will remove my tent, as our Lord Yeshua Messiah has shown me.
2Pe 1:15 I will do my best to see to it that you always remember these things after my departure.

2Pe 1:16 For we did not follow cleverly invented myths when we told you about the power and the appearance of our Lord Yeshua Messiah. Instead, we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.
2Pe 1:17 For he received honor and glory from Yehowah the Father, when a voice was brought to him by the majestic Glory proclaiming, “This is my beloved Son, my chosen One, in whom my soul delights” (Isa. 42:1).
2Pe 1:18 We heard this voice that came out of Heaven, while we were with him on the set-apart mountain.
2Pe 1:19 We have this more sure prophetic word. You do well to pay attention to it. It is like a lamp shining in a dark place, until the Day dawns, and the Morning Star rises in your hearts.
2Pe 1:20 Know this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is about one’s own interpretation.
2Pe 1:21 For no prophecy ever came by the will of a human. Instead, set-apart people carried along by Ruach ha’Kodesh spoke from Yehowah.

2 Peter Chapter 2

2Pe 2:1 False prophets came to the people, and false teachers will also come to you. They will secretly bring with them destructive heresies, and they will deny the Absolute Master who bought them. They are bringing quick destruction upon themselves.
2Pe 2:2 Many will follow their licentiousness, and through them the Way of truth will be blasphemed.
2Pe 2:3 With greediness they will make a profit off of you with deceptive words. Their condemnation does not delay for long; their destruction does not sleep.
2Pe 2:4 For Yehowah did not spare the angels who sinned. Instead, he handed them down to the deepest abyss of hell to be kept in chains of lower darkness until the Judgment.
2Pe 2:5 Also, he did not spare the ancient world. Instead, he preserved Noah, who was the eighth herald of righteousness (8th Melchizedek, Heb. 11:7), when he brought a flood on the world of the wicked (c. 3398 BC).
2Pe 2:6 Yehowah also reduced the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes and condemned them to destruction, as an example of what is to happen to the wicked.
2Pe 2:7 But as for righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the behavior of lawless men in licentiousness, Yehowah rescued him.
2Pe 2:8 For that righteous man, who was living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul, because of what he saw and heard of their lawless deeds.
2Pe 2:9 Yehowah knows how to rescue the reverent out of trials, and how to hold unrighteous men for punishment at the Day of Judgment.
2Pe 2:10 This is especially true for those who continue in the corrupt desires of the flesh and despise authority. They are presumptuous and arrogant. They are not afraid to blaspheme the glorious ones.
2Pe 2:11 Angels have greater strength and power, but they do not bring insulting judgments against them to Yehowah.
2Pe 2:12 But these mindless animals are naturally made for capture and destruction. They do not know what they insult. They will be destroyed.
2Pe 2:13 They will receive the reward of their wrongdoing. They think that debauchery during the day is a pleasure. They are stains and blemishes. They enjoy their deceitful actions, while they are feasting with you.
2Pe 2:14 They have eyes full of an adulteress; they are never satisfied with sin. They entice unstable souls into wrongdoing, and they have their hearts trained in covetousness. They are children of a curse!

2Pe 2:15 They have abandoned the right Way. They went astray, and they have followed the way of Balaam son of Beor, who loved to receive payment for unrighteousness.
2Pe 2:16 But he obtained a rebuke for his own transgression. A mute donkey speaking in a human voice stopped the prophet's insanity.
2Pe 2:17 These men are like springs without water. They are like clouds that a storm drives along. Thick darkness is reserved for them forever.
2Pe 2:18 They speak with vain arrogance. They entice people through the lusts of the flesh and lasciviousness. They entice people who try to escape from those who live in error.
2Pe 2:19 They promise freedom to them, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For a man is a slave to whatever overcomes him.
2Pe 2:20 Whoever escapes the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Yeshua Messiah, and then returns to those defilements again, the last state has become worse for them than the first state.
2Pe 2:21 It would have been better for them not to know the Way of righteousness, than to know it and turn away from the set-apart commandment delivered to them.
2Pe 2:22 This proverb is true for them: "A dog returns to its own vomit. A washed sow returns to her rolling in the mud."

2 Peter Chapter 3

2Pe 3:1 Now I am writing to you, beloved, this second letter as a reminder to stir up your sincere mind,
2Pe 3:2 so that you will recall the words spoken in the past by the set-apart prophets, and the command of our Lord and Savior given through your apostles.
2Pe 3:3 Know this first, that mockers will come in the last days. They will mock and proceed according to their own desires.
2Pe 3:4 They will say, “Where is the promise of his return? From when our fathers died, all things have stayed the same since the beginning of creation.”
2Pe 3:5 They willfully forget that the heavens and the earth came to exist out of water and through water, long ago, by the command of Yehowah,
2Pe 3:6 and that through these things, the world of that time was destroyed, being flooded with water (c. 3398 BC).
2Pe 3:7 But now the heavens and the earth are reserved for fire by that same command. They are reserved for the Day of Judgment and the destruction of wicked humans.
2Pe 3:8 It should not escape your notice, beloved, that one day with Yehowah is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day (Psa. 90:4).
2Pe 3:9 Yehowah does not move slowly concerning his promises, as some consider slowness to be. Instead, he is patient toward you. He does not desire for any of you to perish, but for everyone to make room for repentance.
2Pe 3:10 However, the Day of Yehowah will come as a thief in the night: The heavens will pass away with a loud noise. The elements will be burned with fire, and the earth and the deeds in it will be consumed.
2Pe 3:11 Since all these things will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people should you be? You should live set apart and reverent lives.
2Pe 3:12 You should expect and hasten the coming of the Day of Yehowah. On that Day, the heavens will be destroyed by fire, and the elements will be melted in great heat.
2Pe 3:13 But according to his promise, we are waiting for the new heavens and the new earth, where righteousness will dwell (Rev. 21:1; Isa. 65:17; Isa. 66:22).
2Pe 3:14 Therefore, beloved, since you expect these things, do your best to be found spotless and blameless before him, in peace.
2Pe 3:15 Also, consider the patience of our Lord to be salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul wrote to you, according to the wisdom that was given to him.
2Pe 3:16 Paul speaks of these things in all his letters, in which there are things that are difficult to understand. Ignorant and unstable men distort (Hellenize) these things, as they also do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

2Pe 3:17 Therefore, beloved, since you know these things, guard yourselves, so that you are not led astray by the deceit of lawless people, and you lose your own faithfulness.
2Pe 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Yeshua Messiah. May the glory be to him both now and forever. Amein!

Book of 1st John

1 John Chapter 1

1Jn 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at, and our hands have touched, it is about the Word of life.
1Jn 1:2 Also, the life was made known, and we have seen it, and we bear witness to it. We are announcing to you the eternal life, which was with the Father, and which has been made known to us.
1Jn 1:3 That which we have seen and heard we declare also to you, so you also will have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Yeshua Messiah.
1Jn 1:4 Also, we are writing these things to you, so that your joy will be complete.
1Jn 1:5 This is the message that we have heard from him and are announcing to you: Yehowah is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.
1Jn 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness, we are lying and are not practicing the truth.
1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Yeshua Messiah his Son cleanses us from every sin.
1Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
1Jn 1:9 If we continually confess our sins to Yehowah, he is continually faithful and just, so that he continually forgives us our sins and continually cleanses us from all unrighteousness (Psa. 32:5; Num. 5:6-7; Mark 1:5; Jam. 5:16; Col. 2:13).
1Jn 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John Chapter 2

1Jn 2:1 Children, I am writing these things to you, so that you will not sin. But if anyone sins, we have an Advocate (Heb. Menachem) with the Father, Yeshua Messiah, the One who is righteous.
1Jn 2:2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.
1Jn 2:3 By this we know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.
1Jn 2:4 The one who proclaims, “I know Yehowah,” but does not keep his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.
1Jn 2:5 But whoever keeps his word, truly, it is in that person that the unconditional selfless love of Yehowah has been perfected. By this we know that we are in him.
1Jn 2:6 The one who says he remains in Yehowah should himself also walk just as Yeshua walked.
1Jn 2:7 Beloved, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you heard from the beginning.
1Jn 2:8 Yet I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in Messiah and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.
1Jn 2:9 The one who says that he is in the light and hates his brother or sister is in the darkness until now.
1Jn 2:10 The one who unconditionally selflessly loves his brother or sister remains in the light, and there is no occasion for stumbling in him.
1Jn 2:11 But the one who hates his brother or sister is in the darkness and walks in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.
1Jn 2:12 I am writing to you, dear children, because your sins are forgiven through his name.
1Jn 2:13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know the One who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you, little children, because you know the Father.
1Jn 2:14 I have written to you, fathers, because you know the One who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the Word of Yehowah remains in you, and you have overcome the evil one.
1Jn 2:15 Do not love the world nor the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, the unconditional selfless love of the Father is not in him.
1Jn 2:16 For everything that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the arrogance of life, is not from the Father but is from the world.

1Jn 2:17 The world and its lust are passing away. But whoever does the will of Yehowah will remain forever.
1Jn 2:18 Little children, it is the last hour. Just as you heard that Antimessiah is coming, now many antimessiahs have come. By this we know that it is the last hour.
1Jn 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not from us. For if they had been from us, they would have remained with us. But when they went out, that showed they were not from us.
1Jn 2:20 But you have an anointing from the Set-apart One, and you all know the truth.
1Jn 2:21 I did not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is from the truth.
1Jn 2:22 Who is the liar, but the one who denies that Yeshua is Messiah? That person is antimessiah, since he denies the Father and the Son.
1Jn 2:23 No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever acknowledges the Son also has the Father.
1Jn 2:24 As for you, let what you have heard from the beginning remain in you. If what you heard from the beginning remains in you, you will also remain in the Son and in the Father.
1Jn 2:25 And this is the promise he gave to us: eternal life.
1Jn 2:26 I have written these things to you about those who would lead you astray.
1Jn 2:27 As for you, the anointing that you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you everything, is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, remain in him.
1Jn 2:28 And now, dear children, remain in him, so that when he appears, we will have boldness and not be ashamed before him at his coming.
1Jn 2:29 If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born from him (John 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:23).

1 John Chapter 3

1Jn 3:1 See what kind of unconditional selfless love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of Yehowah, and this is what we are. For this reason, the world does not know us, because it did not know him.
1Jn 3:2 Beloved, we are now children of Yehowah, and it has not yet been revealed what we will be. We know that when Messiah appears, we will be like him, for we will see him just as he is (1 Cor. 15:29).
1Jn 3:3 Everyone who has this hope about the future fixed on him purifies himself just as he is pure.
1Jn 3:4 Everyone who commits sin is doing what is lawless; for sin is violation of the law.
1Jn 3:5 You know that Messiah was revealed in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.
1Jn 3:6 No one who remains in him will keep on sinning. No one who continues to sin has seen him or known him.
1Jn 3:7 Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does righteousness is righteous, just as Messiah is righteous.
1Jn 3:8 The one who commits sin is from the Devil, for the Devil has sinned from the beginning. For this reason the Son of Yehowah was revealed, so that he would destroy the works of the Devil.
1Jn 3:9 Whoever has been born from Yehowah does not continue to sin, because the seed of Yehowah remains in him. He cannot continue to sin, because he has been born of Yehowah.
1Jn 3:10 In this, the children of Yehowah and the children of the Devil are revealed. Whoever does not do what is righteous is not from Yehowah; neither is the one who does not unconditionally selflessly love his brother or sister.
1Jn 3:11 For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning: That we should unconditionally selflessly love one another,
1Jn 3:12 not like Cain, who was from the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he kill him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous.
1Jn 3:13 Do not be amazed, my brethren and sistren, if the world hates you.
1Jn 3:14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we unconditionally selflessly love the brethren and sistren. Anyone who does not unconditionally selflessly love his brother or sister remains in death.
1Jn 3:15 Anyone who hates his brother or sister is a murderer. And you know that eternal life does not remain in a murderer.
1Jn 3:16 By this we know the unconditional selfless love of Yehowah, because Messiah laid down his life for us. We also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren and sistren.

1Jn 3:17 But whoever has the world's goods, sees his brother or sister in need, and shuts up his heart of compassion from him, how does the unconditional selfless love of Yehowah remain in him?
1Jn 3:18 My dear children, let us not love in word nor in tongue, but in actions and truth.
1Jn 3:19 It is by this we know that we are from the truth, and we assure our hearts before him.
1Jn 3:20 For if our hearts condemn us, Yehowah is greater than our hearts, and he knows all things.
1Jn 3:21 Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence toward Yehowah.
1Jn 3:22 Whatever we ask we will receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do the things that are pleasing before him.
1Jn 3:23 This is his (1st) commandment: That we should believe in the name of his Son Yeshua Messiah and unconditionally selflessly love one another, just as he gave us this commandment (Exo. 20:2; Heb. 11:6).
1Jn 3:24 The one who keeps the commandments of Yehowah remains in him, and Yehowah remains in him. By this we know that he remains in us, by the Ruach whom he gave to us.

1 John Chapter 4

1Jn 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit. Instead, test the spirits to see whether they are from Yehowah, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.
1Jn 4:2 By this you will know the Ruach of Yehowah, every spirit that acknowledges that Yeshua Messiah has come in the flesh is from Yehowah,
1Jn 4:3 and every spirit that does not acknowledge that Yeshua Messiah has come in the flesh is not from Yehowah. This is the spirit of Antimessiah, which you have heard is coming and now is already in the world.
1Jn 4:4 You are from Yehowah, dear children, and have overcome them, because the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.
1Jn 4:5 They are from the world; therefore what they say is from the world, and the world listens to them.
1Jn 4:6 We are from Yehowah. Anyone who knows Yehowah listens to us. He who is not from Yehowah does not listen to us. By this we know the Ruach of Truth and the spirit of error.
1Jn 4:7 Beloved, let us unconditionally selflessly love one another, for unconditional selfless love is from Yehowah, and everyone who unconditionally selflessly loves is born from Yehowah and knows Yehowah.
1Jn 4:8 The person who does not unconditionally selflessly love does not know Yehowah, for Yehowah is unconditional selfless love.
1Jn 4:9 Because of this, the unconditional selfless love of Yehowah was revealed among us, that Yehowah has sent his only Son into the world, so that we would live through him.
1Jn 4:10 In this is unconditional selfless love, not that we unconditionally selflessly loved Yehowah, but that he unconditionally selflessly loved us, and that he sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
1Jn 4:11 Beloved, if Yehowah so unconditionally selflessly loved us, we also should unconditionally selflessly love one another.
1Jn 4:12 No one has ever seen Yehowah. If we unconditionally selflessly love one another, Yehowah remains in us, and his unconditional selfless love is perfected in us.
1Jn 4:13 By this we know that we remain in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Ruach.
1Jn 4:14 Also, we have seen and have borne witness that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.
1Jn 4:15 Whoever acknowledges that Yeshua is the Son of Yehowah, Yehowah remains in him and he in Yehowah.

1Jn 4:16 Also, we have known and believed the unconditional selfless love that Yehowah has for us. Yehowah is unconditional selfless love, and the one who remains in this unconditional selfless love remains in Yehowah, and Yehowah remains in him.
1Jn 4:17 Because of this, this unconditional selfless love has been made perfect among us, so that we will have confidence on the Day of Judgment, because as he is, just so are we in this world.
1Jn 4:18 There is no fear in unconditional selfless love. Instead, perfect unconditional selfless love throws fear out, because fear has to do with punishment. But the one who fears has not been made perfect in unconditional selfless love.
1Jn 4:19 We unconditionally selflessly love him, because he first unconditionally selflessly loved us.
1Jn 4:20 If anyone says, “I unconditionally selflessly love Yehowah,” but hates his brother or sister, he is a liar. For the one who does not unconditionally selflessly love his brother or sister, whom he has seen, cannot unconditionally selflessly love Yehowah, whom he has not seen.
1Jn 4:21 Also, this is the commandment we have from him: Whoever unconditionally selflessly loves Yehowah must also unconditionally selflessly love his own brother or sister.

1 John Chapter 5

1Jn 5:1 Whoever believes that Yeshua is the Messiah is born from Yehowah. And whoever unconditionally selflessly loves the father also unconditionally selflessly loves the child born from him.
1Jn 5:2 Because of this, we know that we unconditionally selflessly love the children of Yehowah: When we unconditionally selflessly love Yehowah and do his commandments.
1Jn 5:3 For this is unconditional selfless love for Yehowah: That we keep his commandments (Exo. 20:6). And his commandments are not burdensome.
1Jn 5:4 For everyone who is born from Yehowah overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith.
1Jn 5:5 Who is the one who overcomes the world? The one who believes that Yeshua is the Son of Yehowah.
1Jn 5:6 This is the One who came by water and blood: Yeshua Messiah. He came not only by water but by water and blood. It is the Ruach who testifies, because the Ruach is the truth.
1Jn 5:7 For there are three who bear witness in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and Ruach ha'Kodesh: and these three are Oneness.
1Jn 5:8 And there are three that bear witness on the earth, the Ruach, the water, and the blood. These three agree in Oneness.
1Jn 5:9 If we receive the witness of people, the witness of Yehowah is greater. For the testimony of Yehowah is this, that he has borne witness concerning his Son.
1Jn 5:10 Anyone who believes in the Son of Yehowah has the testimony in himself. Anyone who does not believe Yehowah has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the witness that Yehowah has given concerning his Son.
1Jn 5:11 And the witness is this: Yehowah gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.
1Jn 5:12 The one who has the Son has life. The one who does not have the Son of Yehowah does not have life.
1Jn 5:13 I have written these things to you, so that you will know that you have eternal life, to you who believe in the name of the Son of Yehowah.
1Jn 5:14 Also, this is the confidence we have before him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.
1Jn 5:15 Also, if we know that he hears us, whatever we ask of him, we know that we have whatever we have asked of him.
1Jn 5:16 If anyone sees his brother or sister commit a sin that does not result in death, he must pray, and Yehowah will give him life. I refer to those whose sin

does not result in death. There is a sin that results in death; I am not saying that he should pray about that.
1Jn 5:17 All unrighteousness is sin, but there is sin that does not result in death.
1Jn 5:18 We know that whoever is born from Yehowah does not sin. But the One who was born from Yehowah keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him.
1Jn 5:19 We know that we are from Yehowah, and we know that the whole world lies in the evil one.
1Jn 5:20 But we know that the Son of Yehowah has come and has given us understanding, so that we know the One who is true. Also, we are in the One who is true, in his Son Yeshua Messiah. He is Yehowah the true and eternal life.
1Jn 5:21 Children, keep yourselves from idols. Amein.

Book of 2nd John

2 John Chapter 1

2Jn 1:1 From the elder to the chosen lady and her children, whom I unconditionally selflessly love in truth, and not only I, but also all those who have known the truth,
2Jn 1:2 because of the truth that remains in us and will be with us forever.
2Jn 1:3 May grace, mercy, and peace be with you from Yehowah the Father and from Lord Yeshua Messiah, the Son of the Father, in truth and unconditional selfless love.
2Jn 1:4 I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, just as we have received this commandment from the Father.
2Jn 1:5 Now I plead with you, lady, not as though I were writing to you a new commandment, but one that we have had from the beginning, that we should unconditionally selflessly love one another.
2Jn 1:6 And this is unconditional selfless love, that we should walk according to his commandments. This is the commandment, just as you heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it.
2Jn 1:7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, and they do not confess that Yeshua Messiah came in the flesh. This is a deceiver and antimessiah.
2Jn 1:8 Look to yourselves, that you do not lose the things for which we all have worked, but so that you may receive a full reward.
2Jn 1:9 Whoever goes on ahead and does not remain in the teaching of Messiah does not have Yehowah. The one who remains in the teaching of Messiah, this one has both the Father and the Son.
2Jn 1:10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house and do not greet him.
2Jn 1:11 For the one who greets him participates in his evil deeds.
2Jn 1:12 I have many things to write to you, but I did not wish to write them in a letter. However, I hope to come to you and speak face to face, so that our joy will be complete.
2Jn 1:13 The children of your chosen sister greet you. Amein.

Book of 3rd John

3 John Chapter 1

3Jn 1:1 The elder to beloved Gaius, whom I unconditionally selflessly love in truth.
3Jn 1:2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.
3Jn 1:3 For I rejoiced greatly when brethren and sistren came and bore witness to your truth, just as you walk in truth.
3Jn 1:4 I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children walk in the truth.
3Jn 1:5 Beloved, you practice faithfulness whenever you work for the brethren and sistren and for sojourning foreigners,
3Jn 1:6 who have borne witness of your unconditional selfless love in the presence of the congregation. You do well to send them off on their journey in a manner worthy of Yehowah,
3Jn 1:7 because it was for the sake of the Name that they went out, taking nothing from the ethnicities.
3Jn 1:8 We therefore should welcome such as these, so that we will be fellow workers for the truth.
3Jn 1:9 I wrote something to the congregation, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not receive us.
3Jn 1:10 Therefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds that he does, how he says ridiculous things against us with evil words. Not satisfied with these deeds, he himself does not receive the brethren and sistren. He forbids those who desire to do so and drives them out of the congregation.
3Jn 1:11 Beloved, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. The one who does good is of Yehowah; the one who does evil has not seen Yehowah.
3Jn 1:12 Demetrius is borne witness to by all and by the truth itself. We also bear witness, and you know that our testimony is true.
3Jn 1:13 I had many things to write to you, but I do not wish to write them to you with pen and ink.
3Jn 1:14 But I expect to see you soon, and we will speak face to face.
3Jn 1:15 May peace be with you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.

Book of Judah

Judah Chapter 1

Jud 1:1 Judah, a servant of Yeshua Messiah, and brother of Jacob, to those who are called, consecrated in Yehowah the Father, and kept for Yeshua Messiah:
Jud 1:2 May mercy, peace, and unconditional selfless love be multiplied to you.
Jud 1:3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write to you about our common salvation, I had to write to you to exhort you to struggle earnestly for the faith that was handed down once for all to the believers.
Jud 1:4 For certain people have slipped in secretly among you. These are people who were marked out for condemnation. They are wicked people who pervert the grace of Yehowah into licentiousness, and who deny Yehowah our only Absolute Master, and our Lord Yeshua Messiah.
Jud 1:5 Now I wish to remind you, although once you fully knew it, that Yehowah saved a people out of the land of Egypt, but that afterward he destroyed those who did not believe.
Jud 1:6 Also, angels who did not keep to their own position of authority, but who left their proper dwelling place, Yehowah has kept them in everlasting chains, in utter darkness, for the Judgment on the great Day.
Jud 1:7 It is just like Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, which also indulged themselves in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desires. They were displayed as examples of those who suffer the punishment in eternal fire.
Jud 1:8 Yet in the same way, these dreamers also pollute their bodies. They reject authority, and they say slanderous things against the glorious ones.
Jud 1:9 But even Michael the archangel, when he was arguing with the Devil and disputing with him about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous judgment against him. Instead he said, “May Yehowah rebuke you!”
Jud 1:10 But these people bring slanders against whatever they do not understand. And what they do understand, what unreasoning animals know by instinct, these are what destroyed them.
Jud 1:11 Woe to them! For they have walked in the way of Cain, and have plunged into Balaam’s error for profit. They have perished in Korah’s rebellion.
Jud 1:12 These are the ones who are hidden reefs in your love feasts. They feast shamelessly, feeding only for themselves. They are clouds without water, carried along by winds. They are autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, torn up by the roots.

Jud 1:13 They are violent waves in the sea, foaming out their own shame. They are wandering stars, for whom the blackness of darkness has been reserved forever.
Jud 1:14 Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them, “Look! Yehowah is coming with myriad of his set-apart ones (Mat. 25:31; Mark 8:38; 1 Thes. 4:14; Col. 3:4; Zech. 14:5; 1 Enoch, Sec. 1, 1:9).
Jud 1:15 He is coming to execute judgment on everyone. He is coming to convict all the wicked of all the works they have done in a wicked way, and of all the harsh words that wicked sinners have spoken against him.”
Jud 1:16 These are grumblers, complainers, who follow their evil desires. They are loud boasters, who, for their own advantage, flatter others.
Jud 1:17 But you, beloved, remember the words that were spoken in the past by the apostles of our Lord Yeshua Messiah.
Jud 1:18 They prophesied to you, “In the last time, there will be mockers who will follow their own wicked desires.”
Jud 1:19 These people are divisive. They are worldly, and they do not have the Ruach.
Jud 1:20 But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most set-apart faith, and pray in Ruach ha’Kodesh.
Jud 1:21 Keep yourselves in the unconditional selfless love of Yehowah, and wait for the mercy of our Lord Yeshua Messiah that brings you eternal life.
Jud 1:22 Be merciful to those who doubt.
Jud 1:23 Save others by snatching them out of the fire. To others be merciful with fear. Hate even the garment stained by the flesh.
Jud 1:24 Now to the One who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to cause you to stand before his glorious presence, without blemish and with great joy,
Jud 1:25 only to wise Yehowah our Savior through Yeshua Messiah our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and power, before all time, now, and forevermore. Amein.

Book of Revelation

Revelation Chapter 1

Rev 1:1 This is the revelation of Yeshua Messiah that Yehowah gave him to show his servants what must take place quickly once things begin. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John.
Rev 1:2 John testified about the Word of Yehowah and about the testimony given about Yeshua Messiah, all the things that he saw.
Rev 1:3 Blessed are the ones who read aloud, and who listen to the words of this prophecy, and who obey what is written in it, because the time is near.
Rev 1:4 John, to the seven congregations in Asia (Acts 11:26): May grace be to you and peace from the One who is, who was, and who is to come (Exo. 3:14-15), and from the seven Ruachim who are before his throne,
Rev 1:5 and from Yeshua Messiah, who is the faithful witness, the Firstborn from the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To the One who unconditionally selflessly loves us and has washed us from our sins by his blood,
Rev 1:6 he has made us a kingdom, priests for Yehowah his Father, to him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amein.
Rev 1:7 Look, he is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, including those who pierced him (Zech. 12:10; John 19:37; Psa. 22:16; Isa. 53:7). And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of him. Yes, Amein.
Rev 1:8 "I AM the Aleph and the Tav, the beginning and the end," declares the Lord, "the One who is, who was, and who is to come, the Most Powerful" (Exo. 3:14-15; Rev. 1:4; Isa. 41:4; 44:6; 48:12; Rev. 1:11; 1:17; 2:8; 21:6; 22:13).
Rev 1:9 I, John, your brother and the one who shares with you in the suffering, kingdom, and patient endurance that are in Yeshua Messiah, was on the island called Patmos (banished by Domitian, c. 95 AD), because of the Word of Yehowah and the testimony of Yeshua Messiah.
Rev 1:10 I was in the Ruach on the Day of Yehowah (Joel 2). I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet,
Rev 1:11 "I AM the Aleph and the Tav, the first and the last (Isa. 44:6; 48:12; Rev. 1:8; 1:17; 2:8; 21:6; 22:13)! Write what you see in a Book and send it to the seven congregations in Asia, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea!"
Rev 1:12 I turned around to see whose voice was speaking to me, and as I turned I saw the menorah with seven golden lamps.

Rev 1:13 In the middle of the menorah there was One like the Son of Man, wearing a long robe that reached down to his feet, and a golden sash around his chest.
Rev 1:14 His head and hair were as white as wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like a flame of fire.
Rev 1:15 His feet were like polished bronze, like bronze that had been refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many rushing waters.
Rev 1:16 He had seven stars in his right hand, and a sword with two sharp edges was coming out of his mouth. His face was shining like the sun at its strongest.
Rev 1:17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet like a dead man. He placed his right hand on me and said, "Do not be afraid. I AM the first and the last (Isa. 44:6; 48:12; Rev. 1:8; 1:11; 2:8; 21:6; 22:13),
Rev 1:18 and the One who lives. I was dead, but look, I live forever, Amein! And I have the keys of death and of the place of the dead.
Rev 1:19 Therefore, write down what you have seen, what is now, and what will take place after this.
Rev 1:20 As for the hidden meaning about the seven stars you saw in my right hand, and the menorah with the seven golden lamps: The seven stars are the pastors of the seven congregations, and the seven-lamp menorah is the seven congregations."

Revelation Chapter 2

Rev 2:1 “To the pastor of the congregation in Ephesus write: ‘These are the words of the One who holds the seven stars in his right hand, and who walks among the seven-lamp golden menorah,
Rev 2:2 “I know what you have done and your hard labor and your patient endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate the evil people. I know that you have tested those who say they are apostles but are not, and that you have found them to be false.
Rev 2:3 I know you have patient endurance, and you have suffered much because of my name, and that you have not grown weary.
Rev 2:4 But I have against you the fact that you have left behind your first unconditional selfless love.
Rev 2:5 Remember, therefore, from where you have fallen. Repent and do the things you did at first. Unless you repent, I will come to you quickly, and I will remove your menorah from its place.
Rev 2:6 But you have this: You hate what the Nicolaitans have done, which I also hate.
Rev 2:7 Let the one who has an ear listen to what the Ruach is saying to the congregations. To the one who conquers, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of Yehowah.”””
Rev 2:8 “To the pastor of the congregation in Smyrna write: ‘These are the words of the One who is the first and the last **(Isa. 44:6; 48:12; Rev. 1:8; 1:11; 21:6; 22:13)**, the One who was dead, and who became alive again:
Rev 2:9 “I know your sufferings and your poverty, but you are rich. I know the slander of those who say they are Jews, but they are not. They are Satan’s house of assembly.
Rev 2:10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Look! The Devil is about to throw some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will suffer for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.
Rev 2:11 Let the one who has an ear listen to what the Ruach is saying to the congregations. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.”””
Rev 2:12 “To the pastor of the congregation in Pergamum write: ‘These are the words of the One who has the sword with two sharp edges:
Rev 2:13 “I know your deeds and where you live, there where Satan’s throne is. Yet you hold on tightly to my name. I know that you did not deny your faith in me, even in the days of Antipas my martyr, my faithful one, who was killed among you, there where Satan lives.
Rev 2:14 But I have a few things against you: You have there some who hold tightly to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to throw a stumbling block

before the children of Israel, so they would eat food sacrificed to idols and be sexually immoral.
Rev 2:15 In the same way, you even have some who hold tightly to the teaching of the Nicolaitans, which I hate.
Rev 2:16 Repent, therefore! If you do not, I will quickly come to you, and I will wage war against them with the sword in my mouth.
Rev 2:17 Let the one who has an ear listen to what the Ruach is saying to the congregations. To the one who conquers, I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give a white stone with a new name written on the stone, a name which no one knows but the one who receives it"""" (Zech. 3:9).
Rev 2:18 "To the pastor of the congregation in Thyatira write: 'These are the words of the Son of Yehowah, who has eyes like a flame of fire and feet like polished bronze:
Rev 2:19 "I know what you have done: your unconditional selfless love, faith, service, and your patient endurance. I know that what you have done recently is more than you did at first.
Rev 2:20 But I have this against you: You tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching, she deceives my servants to commit sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols.
Rev 2:21 I gave her time to repent, but she is not willing to repent of her sexual immorality.
Rev 2:22 Look! I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into Great Tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds.
Rev 2:23 I will strike her children dead, and all the congregations will know that I AM the One who searches thoughts and hearts. I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.
Rev 2:24 But to the rest of you in Thyatira, to everyone who does not hold this teaching, and does not know what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, 'I do not put any other burden on you.'
Rev 2:25 In any case, you must hold on tightly until I come.
Rev 2:26 The one who conquers and who does what I have done until the end, to him I will give authority over the ethnicities.
Rev 2:27 'He will rule them with an iron rod, like clay jars he will break them into pieces' (Psa. 2:9).
Rev 2:28 Just as I have received from my Father, I will also give him the Morning Star.
Rev 2:29 Let the one who has an ear listen to what the Ruach is saying to the congregations."""

Revelation Chapter 3

Rev 3:1 “To the pastor of the congregation in Sardis write: ‘These are the words of the One who holds the sevenfold Ruach of Yehowah and the seven stars. “I know what you have done. You have a reputation that you are alive, but you are dead.
Rev 3:2 Wake up and strengthen what remains but is about to die, because I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of Yehowah.
Rev 3:3 Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard. Obey it and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come against you.
Rev 3:4 But there are a few names of the people in Sardis who did not make their clothes dirty. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy.
Rev 3:5 The one who conquers will be clothed in white garments, and I will never delete his name out of the Book of Life, and I will speak his name before my Father and before his angels.
Rev 3:6 Let the one who has an ear listen to what the Ruach is saying to the congregations.”””
Rev 3:7 “To the pastor of the congregation in Philadelphia write: ‘These are the words of the One who is set apart and true, he holds the key of David, he opens and no one shuts, he shuts and no one can open.
Rev 3:8 “I know what you have done. Look, I have put before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have obeyed my word and have not denied my name.
Rev 3:9 Look! Those who belong to Satan’s house of assembly, those who say they are Jews but are not; they are lying instead. I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will come to know that I unconditionally selflessly loved you.
Rev 3:10 Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of testing that is coming on the whole world, to test those who live on the earth.
Rev 3:11 I am coming soon. Hold tight to what you have, so no one can take away your crown.
Rev 3:12 I will make the one who conquers a pillar in the temple of Yehowah, and he will never go out of it. I will write on him the name of Yehowah, the name of the city of Yehowah, the New Jerusalem, that comes down out of Heaven from Yehowah, and my new name.
Rev 3:13 Let the one who has an ear listen to what the Ruach is saying to the congregations.”””

Rev 3:14 “To the pastor of the congregation in Laodicea write: ‘These are the words of the Amein, the reliable and true witness, the Ruler over the creation of Yehowah.
Rev 3:15 “I know what you have done, and that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot!
Rev 3:16 So because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I am about to vomit you out of my mouth.
Rev 3:17 For you say, ‘I am rich, I have had many material possessions, and I need nothing.’ But you do not know that you are most miserable, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.
Rev 3:18 Listen to my advice: Buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may become rich, and brilliant white garments, so you may clothe yourself and not show the shame of your nakedness, and salve to anoint your eyes, so you will see.
Rev 3:19 I train everyone whom I love like a brother, and I teach them how they should live. Therefore, be earnest and repent.
Rev 3:20 Look, I am standing at the door and am knocking. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, will eat with him, and he with me.
Rev 3:21 The one who conquers, I will give him the right to sit down with me on my throne, just as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.
Rev 3:22 Let the one who has an ear listen to what the Ruach is saying to the congregations.”””

Revelation Chapter 4

Rev 4:1 After these things, I looked, and I saw an open door in Heaven. The first voice that I had heard was speaking to me like a trumpet, “Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after these things.”
Rev 4:2 At once, I was in the Ruach, and I saw there was a throne placed in Heaven, with Someone sitting on it.
Rev 4:3 The One who was sitting on it looked like jasper and carnelian. There was a rainbow around the throne. The rainbow looked like an emerald.
Rev 4:4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, dressed with white garments, with golden crowns on their heads.
Rev 4:5 From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings, and crashes of thunder. A seven-lamp fiery menorah was burning in front of the throne, lamps that are the sevenfold Ruach of Yehowah.
Rev 4:6 Before the throne was a sea of glass, like crystal. In the middle of the throne and around the throne were four living creatures, full of eyes, front and back.
Rev 4:7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature was like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a human, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.
Rev 4:8 The four living creatures each had six wings, full of eyes on top and underneath. Day and night they do not stop proclaiming, “Set apart, set apart, set apart is Most Powerful Lord Yehowah, who was, who is, and who is to come” (Exo. 3:14-15)!
Rev 4:9 Whenever the living creatures gave glory, honor, and thanks to the One who was seated on the throne, the One who lives forever and ever,
Rev 4:10 the twenty-four elders prostrated themselves before the One seated on the throne. They bowed down to the One living forever and ever, and they threw down their crowns before the throne, praising,
Rev 4:11 “Worthy are you, Yehowah, to receive glory, honor, and power! For you created all things, and by your will they exist and were created!”

Revelation Chapter 5

Rev 5:1 Then I saw in the right hand of the One who was seated on the throne, a Scroll written on the front side and the back side. It had been sealed with seven seals.
Rev 5:2 I saw a powerful angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the Scroll and break its seals?”
Rev 5:3 No one in Heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the Scroll or to read it.
Rev 5:4 I wept bitterly, because no one was found worthy to open the Scroll or to read it, or to even look at it.
Rev 5:5 But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Look! The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered. He is able to open the Scroll and its seven seals.”
Rev 5:6 I saw a Lamb standing between the throne, the four living creatures, and among the elders. He looked as though he had been slaughtered. He had seven horns and seven eyes; these are the sevenfold Ruachim of Yehowah sent out over all the earth (Eph. 4:4; Isa. 11:2-4).
Rev 5:7 He went and took hold of the Scroll out of the right hand of the One who was seated on the throne.
Rev 5:8 When the Lamb took the Scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders prostrated themselves before him. Each of them had a harp and a golden bowl full of incense, which is the prayers of the believers.
Rev 5:9 They sang a new song: “You are worthy to take the Scroll and to open its seals! For you were slaughtered, and with your blood you purchased people for Yehowah from every tribe, language, people, and ethnicity!
Rev 5:10 You made them kings and priests to serve Yehowah (Deut. 17:18-19), and they will reign on the earth!”
Rev 5:11 Then I looked and heard the sound of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders. Their total number was multiplied thousands of millions.
Rev 5:12 They proclaimed in a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who has been slaughtered to receive power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and praise!”
Rev 5:13 I heard every created thing that was in Heaven, on the earth, under the earth, and on the sea, everything in them, proclaiming, “To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, be praise, honor, glory, and the power to rule, forever and ever!”
Rev 5:14 The four living creatures shouted, “Amein!” And the elders prostrated themselves and worshiped him who lives forever and ever.

Revelation Chapter 6

Rev 6:1 I looked when the Lamb opened the first of seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice that sounded like thunder, “Come and look!”
Rev 6:2 I looked and saw a white horse. Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown. He came out as a conqueror in order to conquer.
Rev 6:3 When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, “Come and look!”
Rev 6:4 Then another horse came out, fiery red. To its rider was given permission to take peace away from the earth, so that its people would slaughter one another. This rider was given a huge sword.
Rev 6:5 When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come and look!” I saw a black horse, and its rider held a pair of scales in his hand.
Rev 6:6 I heard what seemed to be a voice among the four living creatures say, “One liter of wheat for one silver coin, and three liters of barley for a silver coin. But do not harm the oil and the wine.”
Rev 6:7 When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, “Come and look!”
Rev 6:8 Then I saw a greenish pinto (Zech. 6:3, 6; 1:8). The rider on it was named Death, and the place of the dead was following him. They were given authority over one-fourth of the earth, to kill with the sword, famine and disease, and with the wild animals of the earth.
Rev 6:9 When the Lamb opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been killed because of the Word of Yehowah and the testimony which they held.
Rev 6:10 They cried out with a loud voice, “How long, Absolute Master, set apart and true, until you judge those who live on the earth, and until you avenge our blood!?!”
Rev 6:11 Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told that they should wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants and their brethren and sistren was reached who were to be killed, just as they had been killed.
Rev 6:12 When the Lamb opened the sixth seal, I watched and there was a great earthquake. The sun became as black as sackcloth, and the moon became like blood.
Rev 6:13 The stars in the heavens fell to the earth, just as a fig tree drops its unripe fruit when shaken by a stormy wind.

Rev 6:14 The sky vanished like a scroll that was being rolled up. Every mountain and island was moved out of its place.
Rev 6:15 Then the kings of the earth and the important people, and the generals, the rich, the powerful, and everyone else, slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains.
Rev 6:16 They shouted to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us! Hide us from the face of the One who is seated on the throne and from the Lamb’s wrath!
Rev 6:17 For the great Day of their wrath has come. Who is able to stand?”

Revelation Chapter 7

Rev 7:1 After this, I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, tightly holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind should blow on the earth, on the sea, or against any tree.
Rev 7:2 I saw another angel coming up from the east, who had the seal of living Yehowah. He cried out with a loud voice to the four angels who were given permission to harm the earth and the sea:
Rev 7:3 “Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees, until we have put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of Yehowah!”
Rev 7:4 I heard the number of those who were sealed (a Tav; Eze. 9:4; Job 31:35): 144,000 who were sealed from every tribe of the children of Israel:
Rev 7:5 Twelve thousand from the tribe of Judah were sealed, twelve thousand from the tribe of Reuben, twelve thousand from the tribe of Gad,
Rev 7:6 twelve thousand from the tribe of Asher, twelve thousand from the tribe of Naphtali, twelve thousand from the tribe of Manasseh,
Rev 7:7 twelve thousand from the tribe of Simeon, twelve thousand from the tribe of Levi, twelve thousand from the tribe of Issachar,
Rev 7:8 twelve thousand from the tribe of Zebulun, twelve thousand from the tribe of Joseph, and twelve thousand from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.
Rev 7:9 After these things I looked, and there was a huge multitude that no one could count, from all ethnicities, tribes, people, and languages, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands,
Rev 7:10 and they were calling out with a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to Yehowah who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”
Rev 7:11 All the angels were standing around the throne, around the elders and the four living creatures, and they prostrated themselves on their faces before the throne. They worshiped Yehowah,
Rev 7:12 declaring, “Amein! Praise, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and strength be to Yehowah forever and ever! Amein!”
Rev 7:13 Then one of the elders asked me, “Who are these clothed with white robes, and where did they come from?”
Rev 7:14 I answered him, “Sir, you know,” and he said to me, “These are the ones who have come out of the Great Tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
Rev 7:15 For this reason, they are before the throne of Yehowah, and they worship him day and night in his temple. The One who is seated on the throne will tabernacle with them.

Rev 7:16 They will not be hungry again, nor will they be thirsty again. The sun will not beat down on them nor any burning radiation.
Rev 7:17 For the Lamb in the middle of the throne will shepherd them, and he will guide them to springs of living water (Isa. 49:10; John 7:37-38; Eze. 47:10), and Yehowah will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Revelation Chapter 8

Rev 8:1 When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in Heaven for about half an hour.
Rev 8:2 Then I saw the seven angels who stand before Yehowah, and seven trumpets were given to them.
Rev 8:3 Another angel came, holding a golden incense bowl, standing at the incense altar. Much incense was given to him, so that he would offer it with the prayers of all the believers on the golden incense altar before the throne.
Rev 8:4 The smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the believers, rose up before Yehowah from the angel's hand.
Rev 8:5 The angel took the incense bowl and filled it with fire from the altar. Then he threw it down to the earth, and there were crashes of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.
Rev 8:6 The seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them.
Rev 8:7 The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there was hail and fire mixed with blood. It was thrown down onto the earth, so that a third of it was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.
Rev 8:8 The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea became blood,
Rev 8:9 a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.
Rev 8:10 The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a huge star fell from the sky, blazing like a torch, on a third of the rivers and springs of water.
Rev 8:11 The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the waters that became bitter.
Rev 8:12 The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, as well as a third of the moon and a third of the stars. So a third of them turned dark; a third of the day and a third of the night had no light.
Rev 8:13 I looked, and I heard an eagle that was flying in the middle of the sky, calling out with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe, to those who live on the earth, because of the remaining trumpet blasts that are about to be sounded by the three angels!"

Revelation Chapter 9

Rev 9:1 Then the fifth angel sounded his trumpet. I saw a star from Heaven that had fallen to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit.
Rev 9:2 He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of the shaft like smoke from a huge furnace. The sun and the air turned dark by the smoke pouring out of the shaft.
Rev 9:3 Out of the smoke, locusts came on the earth, and they were given power like that of scorpions on the earth.
Rev 9:4 They were told not to damage the grass on the earth or any green plant or tree, but only the people who did not have the seal of Yehowah on their foreheads (Eph. 4:30).
Rev 9:5 They were not given permission to kill those people, but only to torture them for five months. Their agony would be like the sting of a scorpion when it strikes a person.
Rev 9:6 In those days, people will seek death but will not find it. They will greatly desire to die, but death will flee from them.
Rev 9:7 The locusts looked like armored cavalry prepared for battle. On their heads were something like crowns of gold, and their faces were like human faces.
Rev 9:8 They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth.
Rev 9:9 They had body armor like iron breastplates, and the sound of their wings was like the sound made by many chariots and cavalry riding into battle.
Rev 9:10 They had tails with stingers like scorpions; in their tails they had power to harm people for five months.
Rev 9:11 They had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit. His name in Aramaic was Abaddon, and in Greek he had the name Apollyon.
Rev 9:12 The first woe is past. Look! After this there are still two disasters to come.
Rev 9:13 The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the four horns of the golden altar that is present before Yehowah.
Rev 9:14 The voice said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."
Rev 9:15 The four angels who had been prepared for that hour, that day, that month, and that year, were released to kill a third of mankind.
Rev 9:16 The numerical strength of the cavalry force was 200,000,000. I heard their total number.

Rev 9:17 This is how I saw the horses in my vision: Their breastplates were fiery red, dark blue and sulfurous yellow. The heads of the horses resembled the heads of lions, and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and sulfur.
Rev 9:18 A third of the people were killed by these three plagues: The fire, smoke, and sulfur that came out of their mouths.
Rev 9:19 For the power of the cavalry was in their mouths and in their tails, for their tails were like snakes, and they had heads with which they inflicted wounds on people.
Rev 9:20 The rest of mankind, those who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the deeds they had done, nor did they stop worshiping demons and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood, things that cannot see, hear, or walk.
Rev 9:21 Neither did they repent of their murders, their drug sorceries, their sexual immorality, or their acts of theft.

Revelation Chapter 10

Rev 10:1 Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from Heaven. He was robed in a cloud, and there was a rainbow above his head. His face was like the sun, and his feet were like pillars of fire.
Rev 10:2 He held a little Scroll in his hand that was open, and he put his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land.
Rev 10:3 Then he shouted in a loud voice like a roaring lion. When he shouted, the seven thunders spoke out with their sounds.
Rev 10:4 When the seven thunders spoke out, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from Heaven ordering, “Keep secret what the seven thunders said. Do not write it down.”
Rev 10:5 Then the angel I saw standing on the sea and the earth, raised his hand to Heaven.
Rev 10:6 He swore by the One who lives forever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in it, the earth and all that is on it, and the sea and all that is in it, and the angel said, “There will be no more time delay.
Rev 10:7 But in the Days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, then the mystery of Yehowah will be accomplished, just as he proclaimed to his servants the prophets.”
Rev 10:8 The voice I heard from Heaven spoke to me again: “Go, take the open Scroll that is in the hand of the angel standing on the sea and on the land.”
Rev 10:9 Then I went to the angel and told him to give me the little Scroll. He said to me, “Take the Scroll and eat it. It will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.”
Rev 10:10 I took the little Scroll from the angel’s hand and ate it. It was as sweet as honey in my mouth, but after I ate it, my stomach became bitter.
Rev 10:11 Then someone said to me, “You must prophesy again about many people, ethnicities, languages, and kings.”

Revelation Chapter 11

Rev 11:1 A reed similar to a trekking pole was given to me to use as a measuring stick. I was told, “Get up and measure the temple of Yehowah, the altar, and those who worship in it.
Rev 11:2 But do not measure the courtyard outside the temple, for it has been given over to the ethnicities. They will trample the set-apart city for forty-two months.
Rev 11:3 I will give my two witnesses authority to prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.”
Rev 11:4 These witnesses are the two olive trees and the two menorot that have stood before Yehowah of the earth (Zech. 4:11-14).
Rev 11:5 If anyone chooses to harm them, fire comes out of their mouth and devours their enemies. Anyone who wishes to harm them must be killed in this way.
Rev 11:6 These witnesses have authority to close up the sky, so that no rain will fall during the time that they prophesy. They have power to turn the waters to blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague whenever they wish.
Rev 11:7 When they will have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the bottomless pit will wage war against them. He will conquer them and kill them.
Rev 11:8 Their bodies will lie in the street of the great city, which is symbolically called Sodom and Egypt, where our Lord was crucified.
Rev 11:9 For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language, and ethnicity will look at their dead bodies. They will not permit them to be placed in a tomb.
Rev 11:10 Those who live on the earth will rejoice over them and celebrate. They will even send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who lived on the earth.
Rev 11:11 But after three and a half days, the Ruach of life from Yehowah will enter them, and they will stand on their feet. Great fear will fall on those who see them.
Rev 11:12 Then they will hear a loud voice from Heaven call to them, “Come up here!” Then they will go up into Heaven in a cloud, while their enemies look on.
Rev 11:13 At that hour, there will be a major earthquake, and a tenth part of the city will collapse. Seven thousand people will be killed in the earthquake, and the survivors will be terrified and give glory to Yehowah of Heaven.
Rev 11:14 The second woe is past. Look! The third woe is coming quickly.

Rev 11:15 Then the seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and loud voices spoke in Heaven, “The kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of Yehowah and of his Messiah! He will reign forever and ever!”
Rev 11:16 Then the twenty-four elders who were sitting on their thrones in the presence of Yehowah prostrated themselves on their faces. They worshiped Yehowah.
Rev 11:17 They said, “We give thanks to you, Most Powerful Lord Yehowah, the One who is, who was, and who is coming, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign (Exo. 3:14-15).
Rev 11:18 The ethnicities were enraged, but your wrath has come. The time has come for the dead to be judged, and for you to reward your servants the prophets, those who are believers, and those who feared your name, both the unimportant and the mighty. And the time has come for you to destroy those who are destroying the earth.”
Rev 11:19 Then the temple of Yehowah in Heaven was opened, and the Ark of his Covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, crashes of thunder, an earthquake, and a great hailstorm.

Revelation Chapter 12

Rev 12:1 A great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and with the moon under her feet, and a crown of twelve stars was on her head.
Rev 12:2 She was pregnant, and she was crying out in birth pains, in the anguish of childbirth.
Rev 12:3 Then another sign was seen in heaven: Look! There was a huge red dragon that had seven heads and ten horns, and there were seven crowns on his heads.
Rev 12:4 His tail swept away a third of the stars in heaven and hurled them down to the earth. The dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth, he would devour her child.
Rev 12:5 She gave birth to a Son, a male child, who would rule all the ethnicities with an iron rod (Psa. 2:9). Her Child was snatched away to Yehowah and to his throne,
Rev 12:6 and the woman fled into the wilderness, where Yehowah had prepared a place for her, so she could be taken care of for 1,260 days.
Rev 12:7 Now there was war in Heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought back.
Rev 12:8 But the dragon was not strong enough to win. So there was no longer any place in Heaven for him and his angels.
Rev 12:9 The great dragon, that old serpent called the Devil or Satan, who deceives the whole world, was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.
Rev 12:10 Then I heard a loud voice in Heaven: “Now have come the salvation, the power, the Kingdom of Yehowah, and the authority of his Messiah! For the accuser of our brethren and sistren has been thrown down, the one who accused them before Yehowah day and night.
Rev 12:11 They conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not love their lives even to death.
Rev 12:12 Therefore, rejoice you heavens, and all who reside in them. But woe to the earth and to the sea, because the Devil has gone down to you. He is filled with terrible anger, because he knows he only has a little time.”
Rev 12:13 When the dragon realized he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male Child.
Rev 12:14 But the woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she would fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness (Exo. 19:4; Isa. 40:31). This was the place where she would be taken care of for one year, two years, and half a year, out of the serpent’s presence (Dan. 7:25; 12:7).

Rev 12:15 The serpent poured water out of his mouth like a river, that he would make a flood to sweep her away.
Rev 12:16 But the earth helped the woman. The earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon was pouring out of his mouth.
Rev 12:17 Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war with the rest of her descendants, Messianics who obey the commandments of Yehowah and hold to the testimony of Yeshua Messiah.

Revelation Chapter 13

Rev 13:1 And I stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads. On its horns were ten crowns, and on each of its heads was a blasphemous name.
Rev 13:2 This beast I saw was like a leopard. Its feet were like a bear's feet, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. The dragon gave his power to it, his throne, and his great authority to rule.
Rev 13:3 One of the beast's heads appeared to have been killed, but its fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast.
Rev 13:4 They also worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast. They worshiped the beast, too, and kept asking, "Who is like the beast?" and, "Who can fight against it?"
Rev 13:5 The beast was given a mouth that could speak proud words and blasphemies. It was permitted to exercise authority for forty-two months.
Rev 13:6 So the beast opened its mouth to speak blasphemies against Yehowah: Blaspheming his name, the place where he lives, and those who live in Heaven.
Rev 13:7 The beast was permitted to wage war with the believers and to conquer them (Dan. 7:21, 25). Also, authority was given to it over every tribe, people, language, and ethnicity.
Rev 13:8 All who live on the earth will worship it, everyone whose name was not written in the Book of Life of the Lamb, who had been slaughtered since the creation of the world.
Rev 13:9 If anyone has an ear, let him listen.
Rev 13:10 If anyone is to be taken into captivity, into captivity he will go. If anyone is to be killed with a sword, with a sword he will be killed. Here is a call for patient endurance and faith for those who are set apart.
Rev 13:11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, and it spoke like a dragon.
Rev 13:12 It exercised all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and it made the earth and those who live on it worship the first beast, the one whose lethal wound had been healed.
Rev 13:13 It performed mighty miracles. It even made fire come down on the earth from the sky in front of people.
Rev 13:14 By the signs it was permitted to do in the presence of the beast, it deceived those who lived on the earth. It told them to make an image in honor of the beast that had the sword wound but lived.
Rev 13:15 It was permitted to give breath to the beast's image, so that the image would even speak and cause all who refused to worship the image of the beast to be killed.

Rev 13:16 It also forced everyone, unimportant and mighty, rich and poor, free and slave, in order to give them a mark on the right hand or on the forehead (Lev. 19:28; Rev. 20:4).
Rev 13:17 It was impossible for anyone to buy or sell, unless he had the mark or name of the beast (Lev. 19:28; Rev. 20:4), that is, the number representing its name.
Rev 13:18 This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a human being. His number is six hundred sixty-six.

Revelation Chapter 14

Rev 14:1 I looked and saw the Lamb standing on Mount Zion. With him were 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.
Rev 14:2 I heard a voice from Heaven sounding like a roar of many waters and loud thunder. The sound I heard was also like harpists playing their harps.
Rev 14:3 They sang a new song before the throne, the four living creatures, and before the elders. No one could learn the song except for the 144,000 who had been bought from the earth.
Rev 14:4 These are the ones that have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These were bought out of mankind as firstfruits for Yehowah and for the Lamb.
Rev 14:5 No lie was found in their mouth; they are blameless before the throne of Yehowah.
Rev 14:6 I saw another angel flying in midair, holding and announcing the eternal good news to those who live on the earth, to every ethnicity, tribe, language, and people.
Rev 14:7 He called out with a loud voice, "Fear Yehowah and give him glory! For the hour of his judgment has come! Worship him, the One who made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and the springs of water!"
Rev 14:8 Another angel, a second angel followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great city, who persuaded all the ethnicities to drink the wine of her immoral passion!"
Rev 14:9 Another angel, a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand (Lev. 19:28; Rev. 13:16-17),
Rev 14:10 he will also drink of the wine of the wrath of Yehowah, the wine that has been poured undiluted into the cup of his anger! The person who drinks it will be tormented with fire and sulfur before the set-apart angels of Yehowah and before the Lamb!
Rev 14:11 The smoke from their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest day or night, these worshipers of the beast and his image, and everyone who receives the mark of his name (Isa. 34:9-10; Lev. 19:28; Rev. 13:16-17).
Rev 14:12 Here is a call for the patient endurance of those who are set apart, Messianics who obey the commandments of Yehowah and the faith of Yeshua."
Rev 14:13 I heard a voice from Heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Ruach, "so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds will follow them."

Rev 14:14 I looked, and there was a white cloud. Seated on the cloud was One like the Son of Man. He had a golden crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand (Eze. 21:27).
Rev 14:15 Then another angel came out of the temple and called with a loud voice to the One sitting on the cloud: “Take your sickle and start to reap! For the time to reap has come, since the harvest of the earth is ripe!”
Rev 14:16 Then the One who was sitting on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.
Rev 14:17 Another angel came out from the temple in Heaven; he also had a sharp sickle.
Rev 14:18 Still another angel came out from the incense altar, who had authority over fire. He called out with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, “Take your sharp sickle and gather in the clusters of grapes from the vines of the earth, for their grapes are now ripe!”
Rev 14:19 The angel swung his sickle to the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth. He threw it into the great wine vat of the wrath of Yehowah.
Rev 14:20 The winepress was stomped outside the city, and blood poured out from it up to the height of a horse’s bridle, for 300 kilometers (Rev. 19:13-15; Joel 3:13).

Revelation Chapter 15

Rev 15:1 Then I saw another sign in Heaven, great and marvelous: There were seven angels with the seven final plagues, for with them the wrath of Yehowah will be completed.
Rev 15:2 I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mixed with fire. Standing beside the sea were those who had been victorious over the beast and his image, over his mark (Lev. 19:28; Rev. 13:16-17), and over the number representing his name. They were holding harps given to them by Yehowah.
Rev 15:3 They were singing the song of Moses (Deut. 31:16-22; 32:1-47), the servant of Yehowah, and the song of the Lamb: "Great and marvelous are your deeds, Most Powerful Lord Yehowah. Just and true are your Ways, King of the ethnicities.
Rev 15:4 Who will not fear you, Yehowah, and glorify your name? For you alone are set apart. All ethnicities will come and worship before you, because your righteous deeds have been revealed."
Rev 15:5 After these things I looked, and behold, the temple having the Tent of Witness was open in Heaven.
Rev 15:6 Out of the Most Set-apart Place came the seven angels holding the seven plagues. They were clothed with pure, bright linen and had golden sashes around their chests.
Rev 15:7 One of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of Yehowah, who lives forever and ever.
Rev 15:8 The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of Yehowah and from his power. No one could enter it, until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

Revelation Chapter 16

Rev 16:1 I heard a loud voice call out of the temple and say to the seven angels, “Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of Yehowah!”
Rev 16:2 The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth; ugly and painful sores came on the people who had the mark of the beast (Lev. 19:28; Rev. 13:16-17), those who worshiped his image.
Rev 16:3 The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea. It became blood, like the blood of a dead person, and every living thing in the sea died.
Rev 16:4 The third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they became blood.
Rev 16:5 I heard the angel of the waters say, “You are righteous, Yehowah, the One who is and who was and who is to come, because you have judged these things.
Rev 16:6 Because they poured out the blood of the believers and prophets, you have given them blood to drink; it is what they deserve.”
Rev 16:7 I heard the altar reply, “Yes, Most Powerful Lord Yehowah, your judgments are true and righteous.”
Rev 16:8 The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was given permission to scorch the people with fire.
Rev 16:9 They were scorched by the terrible radiation, and they blasphemed the name of Yehowah, who has the power over these plagues. They did not repent or give him glory.
Rev 16:10 Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and darkness covered its kingdom. They chewed on their tongues because of the pain.
Rev 16:11 They blasphemed Yehowah of Heaven because of their pain and sores, and they still refused to repent of what they had done.
Rev 16:12 The sixth angel poured out his bowl into the great river, the Euphrates. Its water was dried up, in order to prepare the way for the kings that would come from the East.
Rev 16:13 I saw three unclean spirits that looked like frogs coming out of the mouths of the dragon, of the beast, and of the false prophet.
Rev 16:14 For they are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs. They were going out to the kings of the whole world in order to gather them together for the war on the great Day of Most Powerful Yehowah.
Rev 16:15 “Look! I am coming as a thief! Blessed is the one who keeps watching, keeping his garments on, so that he will not go out naked, and they see his shameful condition.”

Rev 16:16 They brought them together at the place that is called Armageddon in Aramaic.
Rev 16:17 Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air. Then a loud voice came out of the temple of Heaven and from the throne, heralding, “It is done!”
Rev 16:18 There were flashes of lightning, rumbles, crashes of thunder, and a terrible earthquake, an earthquake greater than any that has ever happened since humans have been on the earth, so great was this earthquake.
Rev 16:19 The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the ethnicities collapsed. Then Yehowah called to mind Babylon the Great, and he gave that city the cup filled with the wine made from his furious wrath.
Rev 16:20 Every island disappeared, and the mountains were no longer found.
Rev 16:21 Great hailstones, weighing about thirty-three kilograms, came down from the sky upon the people. They cursed Yehowah for the plague of hail, because that plague was so terrible.

Revelation Chapter 17

Rev 17:1 One of the seven angels who had been holding the seven bowls came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the condemnation of the great prostitute who is seated on many waters.
Rev 17:2 It is with her that the kings of the earth committed sexual immorality. It is with the wine of her sexual immorality that the earth’s inhabitants became drunk.”
Rev 17:3 Then the angel carried me away in the Ruach to a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names. The beast had seven heads and ten horns.
Rev 17:4 The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet and was adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls. She was holding in her hand a golden cup full of detestable things and the impurities of her sexual immorality.
Rev 17:5 On her forehead was written a name having a secret meaning: “Babylon the Great, the mother of prostitutes and of the detestable things of the earth.”
Rev 17:6 I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the believers and with the blood of the martyrs of Yeshua. When I saw her, I was greatly astonished.
Rev 17:7 But the angel said to me, “Why are you astonished? I will explain to you the meaning of the woman and of the beast that is carrying her, the beast that has the seven heads and the ten horns.
Rev 17:8 The beast you saw existed, does not exist now, but is about to come up from the bottomless pit. Then it will go on to destruction. Those who live on the earth, those whose names have not been written in the Book of Life since the foundation of the world, they will be astounded when they see the beast that existed, does not exist now, but is about to come.
Rev 17:9 This calls for a mind that has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated.
Rev 17:10 They are also seven kings. Five kings have fallen, one exists, and the other has not yet come; when he comes, he can remain only for a little while.
Rev 17:11 The beast that existed but does not exist now, is itself also an eighth king; but it is one of those seven kings, and it is going to destruction.
Rev 17:12 The ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they will receive authority as kings for one hour together with the beast.
Rev 17:13 These are of one mind, and they give over their power and authority to the beast.

Rev 17:14 They will wage war against the Lamb. But the Lamb will conquer them, because he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and with him are the called, chosen, and faithful.”
Rev 17:15 The angel said to me, “The waters you saw, where the prostitute is seated, are people, multitudes, ethnicities, and languages.
Rev 17:16 The ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, they will devour her flesh, and they will burn her completely with fire.
Rev 17:17 For Yehowah has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose by agreeing to give their power to rule to the beast, until the words of Yehowah are fulfilled.
Rev 17:18 The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth.”

Revelation Chapter 18

Rev 18:1 After these things, I saw another angel coming down out of Heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was illumined by his glory.
Rev 18:2 He cried out with a mighty voice, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great! She has become a dwelling place for demons, a refuge for every unclean spirit, and a refuge for every unclean and detestable bird (Isa. 21:9)!
Rev 18:3 For all the ethnicities have drunk the wine of her immoral passion. The kings of the earth have committed immorality with her. The merchants of the earth have become rich from the power of her sensual way of living.”
Rev 18:4 Then I heard another voice from Heaven command, “Come out from her, my people, so that you will not share in her sins, and so that you will not receive any of her plagues (Jer. 51:45; 2 Cor. 6:17)!
Rev 18:5 Her sins have piled up as high as Heaven, and Yehowah has remembered her evil actions.
Rev 18:6 Pay her back as she has paid others back, and repay her double for what she has done; in the cup she mixed, mix double the amount for her.
Rev 18:7 As she glorified herself and lived in luxury, give her just as much torture and grief. For she says in her heart, ‘I am seated as a queen; I am not a widow, and I will never see mourning.’
Rev 18:8 Therefore, in one day her plagues will come: death, mourning, and famine. She will be consumed by fire, for Lord Yehowah is mighty, and he is her judge.”
Rev 18:9 The kings of the earth who committed sexual immorality and went out of control with her will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning.
Rev 18:10 They will stand off at a distance, afraid of her torment, crying, “Woe, woe to the great city, Babylon, the powerful city! For in a single hour your punishment has come!”
Rev 18:11 The merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, since no one buys her merchandise anymore,
Rev 18:12 merchandise of gold, silver, precious stone, pearls, fine linen, purple, silk, scarlet, all kinds of scented wood, every vessel of ivory, every vessel made of most precious wood, bronze, iron, marble,
Rev 18:13 cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and slaves and human souls.
Rev 18:14 The fruit that you longed for with all your might is gone from you. All your luxury and splendor have vanished, never to be found again.

Rev 18:15 The merchants of these goods who became rich by her will stand away from her at a distance because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning loudly.
Rev 18:16 They will cry, “Woe, woe to the great city that was dressed in fine linen, in purple, and in scarlet, and was adorned with gold, precious jewels, and pearls!
Rev 18:17 In a single hour all that wealth has been wasted!” Every ship’s captain, every seafaring man, sailors, and all whose living is made from the sea, stood off at a distance.
Rev 18:18 They cried out as they saw the smoke of her burning. They asked, “What city is like the great city?”
Rev 18:19 They threw dust on their heads, and cried out, weeping and mourning, “Woe, woe to the great city where all who had their ships at sea became rich from her wealth! For in a single hour she has been destroyed!”
Rev 18:20 “Rejoice over her, Heaven, you set-apart apostles and prophets, for Yehowah has brought your judgment on her!”
Rev 18:21 A mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, proclaiming, “In this way, Babylon, the great city, will be thrown down with violence and will not be seen anymore (Jer. 51:63-64)!
Rev 18:22 The sound made by harpists, musicians, flute players, and trumpeters will not be heard anymore in you. No craftsman of any kind will be found in you. No sound of a mill will be heard anymore in you.
Rev 18:23 The light of a lamp will not shine in you anymore. The voices of the bridegroom and the bride will not be heard in you anymore, for your merchants were the princes of the earth, and the ethnicities were deceived by your drug sorcery.
Rev 18:24 In her the blood of prophets and believers was found, and the blood of all who have been killed on the earth.”

Revelation Chapter 19

Rev 19:1 After these things, I heard what sounded like a loud voice of a large number of people in Heaven proclaiming, “HalleluYah! Salvation, glory, honor, and power belong to Yehowah our Divine One.
Rev 19:2 His judgments are true and just, for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her sexual immorality. He has taken revenge for the blood of his servants, which she herself shed.”
Rev 19:3 They spoke a second time: “HalleluYah! The smoke rises from her forever and ever.”
Rev 19:4 The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures prostrated themselves and worshiped Yehowah who was seated on the throne. They were shouting, “Amein! HalleluYah!”
Rev 19:5 Then a voice spoke out from the throne, “Praise Yehowah, all you his servants, you who fear him, both the unimportant and the powerful!”
Rev 19:6 Then I heard what sounded like the voice of a great number of people, like the roar of many waters, and like loud crashes of thunder, “HalleluYah! For Most Powerful Lord Yehowah reigns!
Rev 19:7 Let us rejoice, be happy, and give him the glory, because the wedding celebration of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready (Mat. 25:10).
Rev 19:8 She was permitted to be dressed in bright and clean fine linen,” for fine linen is the righteous acts of believers.
Rev 19:9 The angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.” He also said to me, “These are true words of Yehowah.”
Rev 19:10 I prostrated myself before his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “Do not do this! I am a fellow servant with you and your brethren and sistren who hold the testimony of Yeshua. Worship Yehowah, for the spirit of this prophecy is the testimony of Yeshua.”
Rev 19:11 Then I saw Heaven open, and I looked and there was a white horse. The One riding it is called Faithful and True. It is with justice that he judges and wages war.
Rev 19:12 His eyes are like a fiery flame, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.
Rev 19:13 He wears a robe that was dipped in blood, and his name is called the Word of Yehowah (John 1:1).
Rev 19:14 Dressed in clean white fine linen, the cavalry forces of Heaven were following him on white horses.

Rev 19:15 Out of his mouth goes a sharp sword with which he strikes down the ethnicities, and he will rule them with an iron rod (Psa. 2:9). He tramples in the winepress of the fury of the wrath of Most Powerful Yehowah (Isa. 63:2-3; Joel 3:13; Psa. 45:3; Rev. 16:12-16).
Rev 19:16 He has a name written on his robe and on his thigh: "King of kings and Lord of lords."
Rev 19:17 I saw an angel standing in the sun. He called out in a loud voice to all the birds flying overhead, "Come, gather together for the feast of great Yehowah!
Rev 19:18 Come, eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of commanders, the flesh of warriors, the flesh of cavalry, and the flesh of all types, both free and slave, the unimportant and the powerful" (Luke 17:37; Eze. 39:17-20; Mat. 24:28)!
Rev 19:19 I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armed forces. They were gathering in order to wage war with the One who rode the horse and with his military force.
Rev 19:20 The beast was captured and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence. With these signs he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast (Lev. 19:28; Rev. 13:16-17), and who worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the Lake of Fire of burning sulfur.
Rev 19:21 The rest of them were killed by the sword that came out of the mouth of the One who rode on the horse. All the birds ate their dead flesh.

Revelation Chapter 20

Rev 20:1 Then I saw an angel coming down from Heaven. He had the key to the bottomless pit, and he had a great chain in his hand.
Rev 20:2 He took hold of the dragon, the old serpent, which is the Devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.
Rev 20:3 He threw him into the bottomless pit, he shut it and sealed it over him. This was so that he would not deceive the ethnicities anymore, until the thousand years were over. After that, he must be set free for a short time.
Rev 20:4 Then I saw thrones. Seated on them were those who had been given authority to judge. I also saw the souls of emissaries who had been beheaded for the testimony of Yeshua and for the Word of Yehowah. They had not worshiped the beast or his image, and they had refused to receive the mark on their forehead or hand (Lev. 19:28; Rev. 13:16-17). They came to life, and they reigned with Messiah for a thousand years.
Rev 20:5 This is the first resurrection (Mat. 24:29-31; 1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thes. 4:13-18), but the rest of the dead did not come to life, until the thousand years were ended.
Rev 20:6 Blessed and set apart is anyone who takes part in the first resurrection! Over these the second death has no power. They will be priests of Yehowah and of Messiah and will reign with Him for a thousand years.
Rev 20:7 When the thousand years come to an end (c. 3030 AD), Satan will be released from his prison.
Rev 20:8 He will go out to deceive the ethnicities at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to bring them together for the war. They will be as many as the sand of the sea.
Rev 20:9 They went up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the believers, the beloved city. But fire from Yehowah came down out of Heaven and devoured them.
Rev 20:10 The Devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the Lake of Fire and burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever.
Rev 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and the One who is seated on it. The earth and the sky fled away from his presence, but there was no place for them to go.
Rev 20:12 I saw the dead, the mighty and the unimportant, standing before Yehowah, and the books were opened. Then another book was opened, the Book of Life. The dead were judged by what was recorded in the books, according to their deeds.

Rev 20:13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it. Death and the place of the dead gave up the dead who were in them, and the dead were judged according to what they had done.
Rev 20:14 Death and the place of the dead were thrown into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death, the Lake of Fire.
Rev 20:15 If anyone's name was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the Lake of Fire.

Revelation Chapter 21

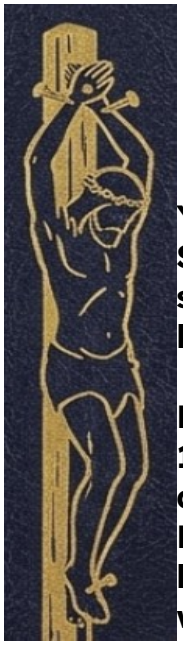
Rev 21:1 Then I saw a new Heaven and a new earth (2 Pet. 3:10-13; Isa. 65:17; 66:22), for the first Heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.
Rev 21:2 I, John, saw the set-apart city, New Jerusalem, that came down out of Heaven from Yehowah, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.
Rev 21:3 I heard a loud voice from the throne, "Look! The tabernacle of Yehowah is with humans, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and Yehowah himself will be with them, and he will be their Divine One.
Rev 21:4 Yehowah will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death, or grieving, or crying, or pain. The former things have passed away.
Rev 21:5 The One who was seated on the throne declared, "Look! I make all things new." He ordered, "Write this down, because these words are faithful and true."
Rev 21:6 He declared to me, "These things are done! I AM the Aleph and the Tav, the beginning and the end (Isa. 41:4; 44:6; 48:12; Rev. 1:8; 1:11; 1:17; 2:8; 22:13). To the one who thirsts I will give drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.
Rev 21:7 The one who conquers will inherit all these things, and I will be his Divine One, and he will be my child.
Rev 21:8 But as for the cowards, the faithless, the detestable, the murderers, the sexually immoral, drug sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the Lake of Fire of burning sulfur. That is the second death."
Rev 21:9 One of the seven angels came to me, the one who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues, and he said, "Come here. I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."
Rev 21:10 Then he carried me away in the Ruach to a majestic high mountain and showed me the magnificent set-apart city Jerusalem coming down out of Heaven from Yehowah.
Rev 21:11 Jerusalem had the glory of Yehowah, and its brilliance was like a costly precious jewel, like a stone of crystal-clear jasper.
Rev 21:12 It had a monolithic high wall with twelve gates, with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.
Rev 21:13 On the east were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.
Rev 21:14 The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Rev 21:15 The one who spoke with me had a measuring stick made of gold to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.
Rev 21:16 The city was laid out in a square; its length was the same as its width. He measured the city with the measuring stick, 2,220 kilometers in length; its length, width, and height were the same.
Rev 21:17 He also measured its wall, sixty-six meters thick by human measurement, which is also the angel's measure.
Rev 21:18 The wall was built of jasper and the city of pure gold, like clear glass.
Rev 21:19 The foundations of the wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first was jasper, the second was sapphire, the third was agate, the fourth was emerald,
Rev 21:20 the fifth was onyx, the sixth was carnelian, the seventh was chrysolite, the eighth was beryl, the ninth was topaz, the tenth was chrysoprase, the eleventh was jacinth, and the twelfth was amethyst.
Rev 21:21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls; each of the gates was made from a single pearl. The street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.
Rev 21:22 I saw no temple in the city, for Most Powerful Lord Yehowah and the Lamb are its temple.
Rev 21:23 The city had no need of the sun or the moon in order to shine on it, because the glory of Yehowah shone on it, and its lamp is the Lamb.
Rev 21:24 The ethnicities will walk by the light of that city. The kings of the earth will bring their glory and splendor into it.
Rev 21:25 Its gates will not be shut during the day, and there will be no night there.
Rev 21:26 They will bring the splendor and the honor of the ethnicities into it,
Rev 21:27 and nothing unclean will ever enter into it. Neither will anyone who commits anything shameful or deceitful enter, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Revelation Chapter 22

Rev 22:1 Then the angel showed me the pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal. It was flowing from the throne of Yehowah and of the Lamb
Rev 22:2 through the middle of the city's street. On each side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, and it bears its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree are for the healing of the ethnicities (Eze. 47:12).
Rev 22:3 There will no longer be any curse. The throne of Yehowah and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.
Rev 22:4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.
Rev 22:5 There will be no more night; they will have no need for the light of a lamp or sunlight, because Lord Yehowah will shine on them. They will reign forever and ever.
Rev 22:6 The angel said to me, "These words are faithful and true. Lord Yehowah of the set-apart prophets sent his angel to show his servants what must happen soon."
Rev 22:7 "Look! I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who obeys the words of the prophecy of this Book."
Rev 22:8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. When I heard and saw them, I prostrated myself before the feet of the angel to worship him, the angel who showed me these things.
Rev 22:9 He ordered me, "Do not do that! I am a fellow servant with you, with your brothers the prophets, and with those who obey the words of this Book. Worship Yehowah!"
Rev 22:10 He ordered me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this Book, for the time is near.
Rev 22:11 The one who is unrighteous, let him continue to do unrighteousness. The one who is morally filthy, let him continue to be morally filthy. The one who is righteous, let him continue to do what is righteous. The one who is set apart, let him continue to be set apart."
Rev 22:12 "Look! I am coming soon. My reward is with me, to pay back each one according to what he has done (Isa. 62:11).
Rev 22:13 I AM the Aleph and the Tav, the first and the last, the beginning and the end (Isa. 41:4; 44:6; 48:12; Rev. 1:8; 1:11; 1:17; 2:8; 21:6).
Rev 22:14 Blessed are those who obey his commandments, so that they will have the right to eat from the tree of life and to enter the city through the gates.
Rev 22:15 Outside are the dogs, the drug sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

Rev 22:16 “I, Yeshua, have sent my messenger to testify to you about these things in the congregations. I AM the root and the descendant of David, the bright Morning Star.”
Rev 22:17 The Ruach and the bride say, “Come!” Let the one who hears say, “Come!” Whoever is thirsty, let him come, and whoever desires it, let him freely possess the water of life (Isa. 55:1; 12:3).
Rev 22:18 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this Book: If anyone adds to them, Yehowah will add to him the plagues that are written about in this Book.
Rev 22:19 If anyone takes away from the words of this Book of Prophecy, Yehowah will take away his share in the Book (or Tree) of Life and in the set-apart city that are written about in this Book.
Rev 22:20 The One who testifies to these things affirms, “Yes! I am coming soon!” Amein! Come, Lord Yeshua!
Rev 22:21 May the grace of Lord Yeshua Messiah be with you all. Amein.



About the Author

Yeshua Ha'Mashiach died for you and rose from the dead for you. He wrote the Set-apart Scriptures for you. He invites you to seek him for the salvation of your soul. He is your Friend, Savior, Teacher, Mentor, High Priest, Redeemer, King of kings and Lord of lords. Invite him into your life today.

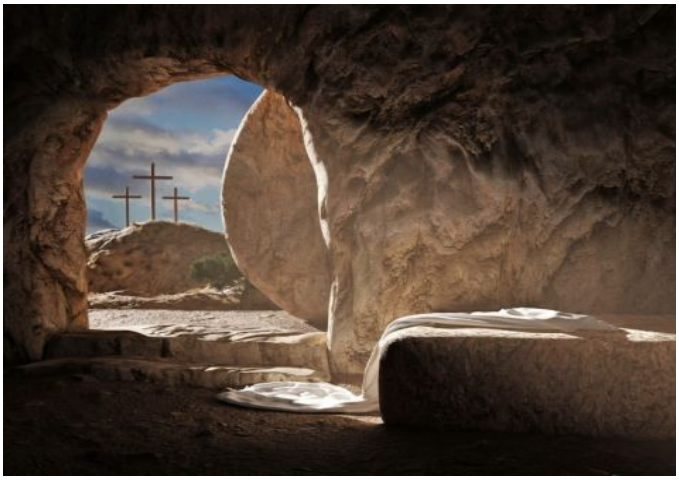
He commands you to copy this Book and give it to everyone you know, Deut. 17:18-19, "When he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he must write for himself in a Scroll a copy of this law, from the law that is before the priests, who are Levites. 19 The Scroll must be with him, and he must read in it all the days of his life, so that he may learn to honor Yehowah his Divine One, so as to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to observe them."

Jos. 8:32, "There, in the presence of the people of Israel, he wrote on the stones a copy of the Law of Moses."

Deut. 31:9, "Moses wrote this law and gave it out to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the Ark of the Covenant of Yehowah; he also gave copies of it to all the elders of Israel."

Deut. 27:1-8, "Moses and the elders of Israel ordered the people, "Keep all the commandments that I command you today. 2 On the day when you will pass over the Jordan River to the land that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you, you must set up some large stones and plaster them with plaster. 3 You must write on them all the words of this law when you have passed over; that you may go into the land that Yehowah your Divine One is giving you, a land flowing with milk and honey, as Yehowah, Mighty One of your ancestors, has promised you. 4 When you have passed over the Jordan River, set up these stones that I am commanding you about today, on Mount Ebal, and plaster them with plaster... 8 You will calligraphically write legibly on the stones all the words of this law.""

Hos. 8:12, "I could write down my law for them ten thousand times, but they would view it as something strange to them."



Son Of Man Bible

Gene Benjamin II, Editor