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- ¹ And **Solomon** the son of **David** was strengthened in his kingdom, and the **LORD** his **God** was with him, and magnified him *exceedingly*.
- ² Then **Solomon** spake unto *all Israel*, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in *all Israel*, the chief of the fathers.
- ³ So **Solomon**, and *all* the congregation with him, went to the high place that was at **Gibeon**; for there was the tabernacle of the congregation of **God**, which **Moses** the servant of the **LORD** had made in the wilderness.
- ⁴ But the ark of **God** had **David** brought *up* from **Kirjathjearim** to the place which **David** had prepared for it: for he had pitched a tent for it at **Jerusalem**.
- ⁵ Moreover the brasen altar, that **Bezaleel** the son of **Uri**, the son of **Hur**, had made, he put *before* the tabernacle of the **LORD**: and **Solomon** and the congregation sought unto it.
- ⁶ And **Solomon** went *up* thither to the brasen altar *before* the **LORD**, which was at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a thousand burnt offerings upon it.
- ⁷ In that night did **God** appear unto **Solomon**, and said unto him, *Ask what I shall give thee*.
- ⁸ And **Solomon** said unto **God**, Thou hast shewed great mercy unto **David** my father, and hast made me to reign in his stead.
- ⁹ Now, O **LORD God**, let thy promise unto **David** my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude.
- ¹⁰ Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go *out* and come *in before* this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great?
- ¹¹ And **God** said to **Solomon**, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king:
- ¹² Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been *before* thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.
- ¹³ Then **Solomon** came from his journey to the high place that was at **Gibeon** to **Jerusalem**, from *before* the tabernacle of the congregation, and reigned over **Israel**.

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- ¹⁴ And **Solomon** gathered chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at **Jerusalem**.
- ¹⁵ And the king made silver and gold at **Jerusalem** as plenteous as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycomore trees that are in the vale for abundance.
- ¹⁶ And **Solomon** had horses brought *out* of **Egypt**, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.
- ¹⁷ And they fetches up, and brought forth *out* of **Egypt** a chariot for six hundred shekels of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so brought they *out* horses for *all* the kings of the **Hittites**, and for the kings of **Syria**, by their means.

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- ¹ And **Solomon** determined to build an house for the name of the **LORD**, and an house for his kingdom.
- ² And **Solomon** told *out* threescore and ten thousand men to bear burdens, and fourscore thousand to hew in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred to oversee them.
- ³ And **Solomon** sent to **Huram** the king of **Tyre**, saying, As thou didst deal with **David** my father, and didst send him cedars to build him an house to dwell therein, even so deal with me.
- ⁴ Behold, I build an house to the name of the **LORD** my **God**, to dedicate it to him, and to burn *before* him sweet incense, and for the continual shewbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the **LORD** our **God**. This is an ordinance *for ever* to **Israel**.
- ⁵ And the house which I build is great: for great is our **God** *above all* gods.
- ⁶ But who is able to build him an house, seeing the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain him? who am I then, that I should build him an house, save *only* to burn sacrifice *before* him?
- ⁷ Send me now therefore a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that can skill to grave with the cunning men that are with me in **Judah** and in **Jerusalem**, whom **David** my father did provide.
- ⁸ Send me also cedar trees, fir trees, and algum trees, *out* of **Lebanon**: for I know that thy servants can skill to cut timber in **Lebanon**; and, behold, my servants shall be with thy servants,
- ⁹ Even to prepare me timber in abundance: for the house which I am about to build shall be *wonderful* great.
- ¹⁰ And, behold, I will give to thy servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.
- ¹¹ Then **Huram** the king of **Tyre** answered in writing, which he sent to **Solomon**, Because the **LORD** hath loved his people, he hath made thee king over them.
- ¹² **Huram** said moreover, **Blessed** be the **LORD** **God** of **Israel**, that made heaven and earth, who hath given to **David** the king a wise son, endued with prudence and understanding, that might build an house for the **LORD**, and an house for his kingdom.

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- ¹³ And now I have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, of **Huram** my father's,
- ¹⁴ The son of a woman of the daughters of **Dan**, and his father was a man of **Tyre**, skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave *any* manner of graving, and to find out every device which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord **David** thy father.
- ¹⁵ Now therefore the wheat, and the barley, the oil, and the wine, which my lord hath spoken of, let him send unto his servants:
- ¹⁶ And we will cut wood *out* of **Lebanon**, as *much* as thou shalt need: and we will bring it to thee in floats by sea to **Joppa**; and thou shalt carry it *up* to **Jerusalem**.
- ¹⁷ And **Solomon** numbered *all* the strangers that were in the land of **Israel**, *after* the numbering wherewith **David** his father had numbered them; and they were found an hundred and fifty thousand and three thousand and six hundred.
- ¹⁸ And he set threescore and ten thousand of them to be bearers of burdens, and fourscore thousand to be hewers in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred overseers to set the people a work.

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- 1 Then **Solomon** began to **build** the **house** of the **LORD** at **Jerusalem** in **mount Moriah**, where the **Lord appeared** unto **David** his **father**, in the **place** that **David** had **prepared** in the **threshingfloor** of **Ornan** the **Jebusite**.
- 2 And he began to **build** in the **second day** of the **second month**, in the **fourth year** of his **reign**.
- 3 Now these are the **things** wherein **Solomon** was **instructed** for the **building** of the **house** of **God**. The **length** by **cubits** *after* the **first measure** was **threescore cubits**, and the **breadth** **twenty cubits**.
- 4 And the **porch** that was in the **front** of the **house**, the **length** of it was according to the **breadth** of the house, **twenty cubits**, and the **height** was an **hundred and twenty**: and he **overlaid** it within with **pure gold**.
- 5 And the **greater house** he **cieled** with **fir tree**, which he **overlaid** with **fine gold**, and set thereon **palm trees** and **chains**.
- 6 And he **garnished** the **house** with **precious stones** for **beauty**: and the **gold** was **gold** of **Parvaim**.
- 7 He **overlaid** also the **house**, the **beams**, the **posts**, and the **walls** thereof, and the **doors** thereof, with **gold**; and **graved cherubims** on the walls.
- 8 And he made the **most holy house**, the **length** whereof was according to the **breadth** of the house, **twenty cubits**, and the **breadth** thereof **twenty cubits**: and he **overlaid** it with **fine gold**, amounting to **six hundred talents**.
- 9 And the **weight** of the **nails** was **fifty shekels** of **gold**. And he **overlaid** the **upper chambers** with **gold**.
- 10 And in the **most holy house** he made **two cherubims** of **image work**, and **overlaid** them with **gold**.
- 11 And the **wings** of the **cherubims** were **twenty cubits long**: **one wing** of the **one cherub** was **five cubits**, reaching to the **wall** of the **house**: and the other wing was likewise **five cubits**, reaching to the wing of the other cherub.
- 12 And **one wing** of the **other cherub** was **five cubits**, reaching to the **wall** of the **house**: and the other wing was **five cubits** also, **joining** to the wing of the other cherub.
- 13 The **wings** of these **cherubims spread** themselves forth **twenty cubits**: and they **stood** on their **feet**, and their **faces** were **inward**.
- 14 And he made the **vail** of **blue**, and **purple**, and **crimson**, and **fine linen**, and **wrought cherubims** thereon.
- 15 Also he made before the **house** **two pillars** of **thirty and five cubits high**, and the **chapter** that was on the **top** of each of them was **five cubits**.¹⁶ And he made **chains**, as in the **oracle**, and put them on the **heads** of the **pillars**; and made an **hundred pomegranates**, and put them on the chains.¹⁷ And he **reared up** the **pillars** **before** the **temple**, one on the **right hand**, and the other on the **left**; and called the **name** of that on the **right hand** **Jachin**, and the name of that on the **left** **Boaz**.

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- ¹ Moreover he made an altar of brass, twenty cubits the *length* thereof, and twenty cubits the *breadth* thereof, and ten cubits the *height* thereof.
- ² Also he made a *molten sea* of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass, and five cubits the *height* thereof; and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.
- ³ And *under* it was the similitude of oxen, which did compass it round about: ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about. Two rows of oxen were cast, when it was cast.
- ⁴ It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking *toward* the *north*, and three looking *toward* the *west*, and three looking *toward* the *south*, and three looking *toward* the *east*. and the sea was set *above* upon them, and *all* their hinder parts were *inward*.
- ⁵ And the thickness of it was an handbreadth, and the brim of it like the work of the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies; and it received and held three thousand baths.
- ⁶ He made also ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them: such things as they offered for the burnt offering they washed in them; but the sea was for the priests to wash in.
- ⁷ And he made ten candlesticks of gold according to their form, and set them in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.
- ⁸ He made also ten tables, and placed them in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he made an hundred basons of gold.
- ⁹ Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with brass.
- ¹⁰ And he set the sea on the right side of the east end, over against the south.
- ¹¹ And Huram made the pots, and the shovels, and the basons. And Huram finished the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the house of God;
- ¹² To wit, the two pillars, and the pommels, and the chapters which were on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreaths to cover the two pommels of the chapters which were on the top of the pillars;
- ¹³ And four hundred pomegranates on the two wreaths; two rows of pomegranates on each wreath, to cover the two pommels of the chapters which were upon the pillars.

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- ¹⁴ He made also bases, and lavens made he upon the bases;
- ¹⁵ One sea, and twelve oxen *under* it.
- ¹⁶ The pots also, and the shovels, and the fleshhooks, and *all* their instruments, did Huram his *father* make to king Solomon for the house of the LORD of bright brass.
- ¹⁷ In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground *between* Succhoth and Zeredathah.
- ¹⁸ Thus Solomon made *all* these vessels in great abundance: for the weight of the brass could not be found out.
- ¹⁹ And Solomon made *all* the vessels that were for the house of God, the golden altar also, and the tables whereon the shewbread was set;
- ²⁰ Moreover the candlesticks with their lamps, that they should burn *after* the manner *before* the oracle, of pure gold;
- ²¹ And the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, made he of gold, and that perfect gold;
- ²² And the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and the censers, of pure gold: and the entry of the house, the inner doors thereof for the most holy place, and the doors of the house of the temple, were of gold.

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- ¹ Thus *all* the work that **Solomon** made for the house of the **LORD** was finished: and **Solomon** brought in *all* the things that **David** his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and *all* the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of **God**.
- ² Then **Solomon** assembled the elders of **Israel**, and *all* the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of **Israel**, unto **Jerusalem**, to bring *up* the ark of the covenant of the **LORD** *out* of the city of **David**, which is **Zion**.
- ³ Wherefore *all* the men of **Israel** assembled themselves unto the king in the feast which was in the seventh month.
- ⁴ And *all* the elders of **Israel** came; and the **Levites** took up the ark.
- ⁵ And they brought *up* the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and *all* the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, these did the priests and the **Levites** bring *up*.
- ⁶ Also king **Solomon**, and *all* the congregation of **Israel** that were assembled unto him *before* the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude.
- ⁷ And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the **LORD** unto his place, to the oracle of the house, into the most holy place, even *under* the wings of the cherubims:
- ⁸ For the cherubims spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof *above*.
- ⁹ And they drew out the staves of the ark, that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark *before* the oracle; but they were not seen without. And there it is unto this day.
- ¹⁰ There was nothing in the ark save the two tables which **Moses** put therein at **Horeb**, when the **LORD** made a covenant with the children of **Israel**, when they came *out* of **Egypt**.
- ¹¹ And it came to pass, when the priests were come *out* of the holy place: (for *all* the priests that were present were sanctified, and did not then wait by course:
- ¹² Also the **Levites** which were the singers, *all* of them of **Asaph**, of **Heman**, of **Jeduthun**, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:)
- ¹³ It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the **LORD**; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the **LORD**, saying, **For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.** that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the **LORD**;
- ¹⁴ So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the **LORD** had filled the house of **God**.

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- ¹ Then said Solomon, The LORD hath said that he would dwell in the *thick darkness*.
- ² But I have built an house of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling *for ever*.
- ³ And the king turned his face, and blessed the *whole congregation* of Israel: and *all* the congregation of Israel stood.
- ⁴ And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who hath with his hands fulfilled that which he spake with his mouth to my father David, saying,
- ⁵ Since the day that I brought forth my people *out* of the land of Egypt I chose no city among *all* the tribes of Israel to build an house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I *any man* to be a ruler over my people Israel:
- ⁶ But I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there; and have chosen David to be over my people Israel.
- ⁷ Now it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.
- ⁸ But the LORD said to David my father, Forasmuch as it was in thine heart to build an house for my name, thou didst well in that it was *in thine heart*.
- ⁹ Notwithstanding thou shalt not build the house; but thy son which shall come forth *out* of thy loins, he shall build the house for my name.
- ¹⁰ The LORD therefore hath performed his word that he hath spoken: for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and am set on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.
- ¹¹ And in it have I put the ark, wherein is the covenant of the LORD, that he made with the children of Israel.
- ¹² And he stood *before* the altar of the LORD in the presence of *all* the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands:
- ¹³ For Solomon had made a brasen scaffold of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court: and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees *before all* the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven.

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- ¹⁴ And said, O **LORD God** of **Israel**, there is **no God** like thee in the **heaven**, **nor** in the **earth**; which **keepest covenant**, and shewest **mercy** unto thy **servants**, that **walk** *before* thee with *all* their **hearts**:
- ¹⁵ Thou which hast **kept** with thy **servant David** my **father** that which thou hast **promised** him; and spakest with thy **mouth**, and hast **fulfilled** it with thine **hand**, as it is this **day**.
- ¹⁶ Now therefore, O **LORD God** of **Israel**, **keep** with thy **servant David** my **father** that which thou hast **promised** him, saying, There shall **not fail** thee a **man** in my **sight** to **sit** upon the **throne** of **Israel**; yet so that thy children take **heed** to their **way** to **walk** in my **law**, as thou hast walked *before* me.
- ¹⁷ Now then, O **LORD God** of **Israel**, let thy **word** be **verified**, which thou hast spoken unto thy **servant David**.
- ¹⁸ **But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built!**
- ¹⁹ Have **respect** therefore to the **prayer** of thy **servant**, and to his **supplication**, O **LORD** my **God**, to hearken unto the **cry** and the **prayer** which thy servant prayeth *before* thee:
- ²⁰ That thine **eyes** may be **open** upon this **house** **day** and **night**, upon the **place** whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy **name** there; to hearken unto the **prayer** which thy servant prayeth *toward* this **place**.
- ²¹ Hearken therefore unto the **supplications** of thy **servant**, and of thy people **Israel**, which they shall make *toward* this **place**: hear thou from thy **dwelling** **place**, even from **heaven**; and when thou hearest, **forgive**.
- ²² If a **man** **sin** against his **neighbour**, and an **oath** be **laid** upon him to make him **swear**, and the oath come *before* thine **altar** in this **house**;
- ²³ Then hear thou from **heaven**, and do, and **judge** thy **servants**, by **requiting** the **wicked**, by **recompensing** his **way** upon his *own* **head**; and by **justifying** the **righteous**, by giving him according to his **righteousness**.
- ²⁴ And if thy people **Israel** be put to the **worse** *before* the **enemy**, because they have **sinned** against thee; and shall **return** and **confess** thy **name**, and **pray** and make **supplication** *before* thee in this **house**;
- ²⁵ Then hear thou from the **heavens**, and **forgive** the **sin** of thy people **Israel**, and bring them **again** unto the **land** which thou **gavest** to them and to their **fathers**.

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- ²⁶ When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; yet if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them;
- ²⁷ Then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, when thou hast taught them the good way, wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance.
- ²⁸ If there be dearth in the land, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillars; if their enemies besiege them in the cities of their land; whatsoever sore or whatsoever sickness there be:
- ²⁹ Then what prayer or what supplication soever shall be made of any man, or of all thy people Israel, when every one shall know his own sore and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands in this house:
- ³⁰ Then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou only knowest the hearts of the children of men.)
- ³¹ That they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways, so long as they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.
- ³² Moreover concerning the stranger, which is not of thy people Israel, but is come from a far country for thy great name's sake, and thy mighty hand, and thy stretched out arm; if they come and pray in this house;
- ³³ Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all people of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as doth thy people Israel, and may know that this house which I have built is called by thy name.
- ³⁴ If thy people go out to war against their enemies by the way that thou shalt send them, and they pray unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name;
- ³⁵ Then hear thou from the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.
- ³⁶ If they sin against thee, (for there is no man which sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them over before their enemies, and they carry them away captives unto a land far off or near;
- ³⁷ Yet if they bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn and pray unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done amiss, and have dealt wickedly,

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- ³⁸ If they return to thee with *all* their heart and with *all* their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and pray *toward* their land, which thou *gavest* unto their fathers, and *toward* the city which thou hast chosen, and *toward* the house which I have built for thy name:
- ³⁹ Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee.
- ⁴⁰ Now, my **God**, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.
- ⁴¹ Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness.
- ⁴² O LORD God, turn not away the face of thine anointed: remember the mercies of **David** thy servant.

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- ¹ Now when **Solomon** had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house.
- ² And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house.
- ³ And when *all* the children of **Israel** *saw* how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the **LORD**, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.
- ⁴ Then the king and *all* the people offered sacrifices before the LORD.
- ⁵ And king **Solomon** offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep: so the king and *all* the people dedicated the house of God.
- ⁶ And the priests waited on their offices: the **Levites** also with instruments of musick of the **LORD**, which **David** the king had made to praise the LORD, because his mercy endureth for ever, when **David** praised by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and *all* **Israel** stood.
- ⁷ Moreover **Solomon** hallowed the middle of the court that was *before* the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the brasen altar which **Solomon** had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, and the meat offerings, and the fat.
- ⁸ Also at the same time **Solomon** kept the feast seven days, and *all* **Israel** with him, a *very great congregation*, from the entering in of **Hamath** unto the river of **Egypt**.
- ⁹ And in the eighth day they made a *solemn assembly*: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.
- ¹⁰ And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the **LORD** had shewed unto **David**, and to **Solomon**, and to **Israel** his people.
- ¹¹ Thus **Solomon** finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house: and *all* that came into **Solomon's heart** to make in the house of the **LORD**, and in his *own* house, he prosperously effected.
- ¹² And the **LORD** appeared to **Solomon** by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.

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- ¹³ If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;
- ¹⁴ If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.
- ¹⁵ Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.
- ¹⁶ For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.
- ¹⁷ And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as **David** thy father walked, and do according to *all* that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments;
- ¹⁸ Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with **David** thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in **Israel**.
- ¹⁹ But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them;
- ²⁰ Then will I pluck them *up* by the roots out of my land which I have *given* them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among *all nations*.
- ²¹ And this house, which is *high*, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath the **LORD** done thus unto this land, and unto this house?
- ²² And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the **LORD God** of their fathers, which brought them forth *out* of the land of **Egypt**, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought *all* this evil upon them.

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- ¹ And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein **Solomon** had built the house of the **LORD**, and his *own* house,
- ² That the cities which **Huram** had restored to **Solomon**, **Solomon** built them, and caused the children of **Israel** to dwell there.
- ³ And **Solomon** went to **Hamathzobah**, and prevailed against it.
- ⁴ And he built **Tadmor** in the wilderness, and *all* the store cities, which he built in **Hamath**.
- ⁵ Also he built **Bethhoron** the *upper*, and **Bethhoron** the *nether*, fenced cities, with walls, gates, and bars;
- ⁶ And **Baalath**, and *all* the store cities that **Solomon** had, and *all* the chariot cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and *all* that **Solomon** desired to build in **Jerusalem**, and in **Lebanon**, and throughout *all* the land of his dominion.
- ⁷ As for *all* the people that were left of the **Hittites**, and the **Amorites**, and the **Perizzites**, and the **Hivites**, and the **Jebusites**, which were not of **Israel**,
- ⁸ But of their children, who were left *after* them in the land, whom the children of **Israel** consumed not, them did **Solomon** make to pay tribute until this day.
- ⁹ But of the children of **Israel** did **Solomon** make no servants for his work; but they were men of war, and chief of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horsemen.
- ¹⁰ And these were the chief of king **Solomon's** officers, even two hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the people.
- ¹¹ And **Solomon** brought *up* the daughter of **Pharaoh** out of the city of **David** unto the house that he had built for her: for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of **David** king of **Israel**, because the places are holy, whereunto the ark of the **LORD** hath come.
- ¹² Then **Solomon** offered burnt offerings unto the **LORD** on the altar of the **LORD**, which he had built *before* the porch,
- ¹³ Even after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of **Moses**, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, even in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles.

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- ¹⁴ And he appointed, according to the order of **David** his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister *before* the priests, as the duty of every day required: the porters also by their courses at every gate: for so had **David** the man of **God** commanded.
- ¹⁵ And they departed not from the commandment of the king unto the priests and Levites concerning *any matter*, or concerning the treasures.
- ¹⁶ Now *all* the work of **Solomon** was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of the **LORD**, and until it was finished. So the house of the **LORD** was perfected.
- ¹⁷ Then went **Solomon** to **Eziongeber**, and to **Eloth**, at the sea side in the land of **Edom**.
- ¹⁸ And **Huram** sent him by the hands of his servants ships, and servants that had knowledge of the sea; and they went with the servants of **Solomon** to **Ophir**, and took thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought them to king **Solomon**.

2 Chronicles 9

- ¹ And when the queen of **Sheba** heard of the fame of **Solomon**, she came to prove Solomon with *hard questions* at **Jerusalem**, with a *very great company*, and camels that bare spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she was come to **Solomon**, she communed with him of *all* that was in her heart.
- ² And **Solomon** told her *all* her questions: and there was nothing hid from **Solomon** which he told her not.
- ³ And when the queen of **Sheba** had *seen* the wisdom of **Solomon**, and the house that he had built,
- ⁴ And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel; his cupbearers also, and their apparel; and his ascent by which he went *up* into the house of the **LORD**; there was *no more spirit* in her.
- ⁵ And she said to the king, It was a *true report* which I heard in mine own land of thine acts, and of thy wisdom:
- ⁶ Howbeit I believed not their words, until I came, and mine eyes had *seen* it: and, behold, the one half of the greatness of thy wisdom was not told me: for thou exceedest the fame that I heard.
- ⁷ Happy are thy men, and happy are these thy servants, which stand *continually before* thee, and hear thy wisdom.
- ⁸ Blessed be the **LORD** thy **God**, which delighted in thee to set thee on his throne, to be king for the **LORD** thy **God**: because thy **God** loved Israel, to establish them *for ever*, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgment and justice.
- ⁹ And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices *great abundance*, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the queen of **Sheba** gave king **Solomon**.
- ¹⁰ And the servants also of **Huram**, and the servants of **Solomon**, which brought gold from **Ophir**, brought algum trees and precious stones.
- ¹¹ And the king made of the algum trees terraces to the house of the **LORD**, and to the king's palace, and harps and psalteries for singers: and there were none such *seen before* in the land of **Judah**.
- ¹² And king **Solomon** gave to the queen of **Sheba** *all her desire*, whatsoever she asked, beside that which she had brought unto the king. So she turned, and went away to her own land, she and her servants.

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- ¹³ Now the *weight* of gold that came to **Solomon** in one year was six hundred and threescore and six talents of gold;
- ¹⁴ Beside that which chapmen and merchants brought. And *all* the kings of **Arabia** and governors of the country brought gold and silver to **Solomon**.
- ¹⁵ And king **Solomon** made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred shekels of beaten gold went to one target.
- ¹⁶ And three hundred shields made he of beaten gold: three hundred shekels of gold went to one shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of **Lebanon**.
- ¹⁷ Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold.
- ¹⁸ And there were six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, which were fastened to the throne, and stays on each side of the sitting place, and two lions standing by the stays:
- ¹⁹ And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps. There was not the like made in any kingdom.
- ²⁰ And *all* the drinking vessels of king **Solomon** were of gold, and *all* the vessels of the house of the forest of **Lebanon** were of pure gold: none were of silver; it was not any thing accounted of in the days of **Solomon**.
- ²¹ For the king's ships went to **Tarshish** with the servants of **Huram**: every three years once came the ships of **Tarshish** bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.
- ²² And king **Solomon** passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.
- ²³ And *all* the kings of the earth sought the presence of **Solomon**, to hear his wisdom, that **God** had put in his heart.
- ²⁴ And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, harness, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.
- ²⁵ And **Solomon** had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; whom he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at **Jerusalem**.
- ²⁶ And he reigned over *all* the kings from the river even unto the land of the **Philistines**, and to the border of **Egypt**.

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- ²⁷ And the king made silver in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycomore trees that are in the low plains in abundance.
- ²⁸ And they brought unto Solomon horses *out of* Egypt, and *out of* all lands.
- ²⁹ Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, are they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer against Jeroboam the son of Nebat?
- ³⁰ And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over *all* Israel forty years.
- ³¹ And Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

2 Chronicles 10

- ¹ And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for to Shechem were *all Israel* come to make him king.
- ² And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was in Egypt, whither he fled from the presence of Solomon the king, heard it, that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt.
- ³ And they sent and called him. So Jeroboam and *all Israel* came and spake to Rehoboam, saying,
- ⁴ Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore ease thou somewhat the grievous servitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve thee.
- ⁵ And he said unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed.
- ⁶ And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye me to return answer to this people?
- ⁷ And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be thy servants for ever.
- ⁸ But he forsook the counsel which the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men that were brought up with him, that stood before him.
- ⁹ And he said unto them, What advice give ye that we may return answer to this people, which have spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us?
- ¹⁰ And the young men that were brought up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou answer the people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it somewhat lighter for us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.
- ¹¹ For whereas my father put a heavy yoke upon you, I will put more to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.
- ¹² So Jeroboam and *all* the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade, saying, Come again to me on the third day.
- ¹³ And the king answered them roughly, and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men,
- ¹⁴ And answered them after the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.
- ¹⁵ So the king hearkened not unto the people: for the cause was of God, that the LORD might perform his word, which he spake by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

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- ¹⁶ And when *all Israel* saw that the king would not hearken unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in **David**? and we have none inheritance in the son of **Jesse**: every man to your tents, O **Israel**: and now, **David**, see to thine *own house*. So *all Israel* went to their tents.
- ¹⁷ But as for the children of **Israel** that dwelt in the cities of **Judah**, **Rehoboam** reigned over them.
- ¹⁸ Then king **Rehoboam** sent Hadoram that was over the tribute; and the children of **Israel** stoned him with *stones*, that he died. But king **Rehoboam** made speed to get him *up* to his chariot, to flee to **Jerusalem**.
- ¹⁹ And **Israel** rebelled against the house of **David** unto this day.

2 Chronicles 11

- ¹ And when **Rehoboam** was come to **Jerusalem**, he gathered of the house of **Judah** and **Benjamin** an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against **Israel**, that he might bring the kingdom again to **Rehoboam**.
- ² But the word of the **LORD** came to **Shemaiah** the man of **God**, saying,
- ³ Speak unto **Rehoboam** the son of **Solomon**, king of **Judah**, and to *all Israel* in **Judah** and **Benjamin**, saying,
- ⁴ Thus saith the **LORD**, Ye shall not go *up*, nor fight against your brethren: return every man to his house: for this thing is done of me. And they obeyed the words of the **LORD**, and returned from going against Jeroboam.
- ⁵ And **Rehoboam** dwelt in **Jerusalem**, and built cities for defence in **Judah**.
- ⁶ He built even **Bethlehem**, and **Etam**, and **Tekoa**,
- ⁷ And **Bethzur**, and **Shoco**, and **Adullam**,
- ⁸ And **Gath**, and **Mareshah**, and **Ziph**,
- ⁹ And **Adoraim**, and **Lachish**, and **Azekah**,
- ¹⁰ And **Zorah**, and **Aijalon**, and **Hebron**, which are in **Judah** and in **Benjamin** fenced cities.
- ¹¹ And he fortified the strong holds, and put captains in them, and store of victual, and of oil and wine.
- ¹² And in every several city he put shields and spears, and made them exceeding strong, having **Judah** and **Benjamin** on his side.
- ¹³ And the priests and the **Levites** that were in *all Israel* resorted to him *out of all* their coasts.
- ¹⁴ For the **Levites** left their suburbs and their possession, and came to **Judah** and **Jerusalem**: for **Jeroboam** and his sons had cast them *off* from executing the priest's office unto the **LORD**:
- ¹⁵ And he ordained him priests for the high places, and for the devils, and for the calves which he had made.
- ¹⁶ And *after* them *out of all* the tribes of **Israel** such as set their hearts to seek the **LORD God** of **Israel** came to **Jerusalem**, to sacrifice unto the **LORD God** of their fathers.
- ¹⁷ So they strengthened the kingdom of **Judah**, and made **Rehoboam** the son of **Solomon** strong, three years: for three years they walked in the way of **David** and **Solomon**.

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- ¹⁸ And **Rehoboam** took him **Mahalath** the daughter of **Jerimoth** the son of **David** to wife, and **Abihail** the daughter of **Eliab** the son of **Jesse**;
- ¹⁹ Which bare him children; **Jeush**, and **Shamariah**, and **Zaham**.
- ²⁰ And *after* her he took **Maachah** the daughter of **Absalom**; which bare him **Abijah**, and **Attai**, and **Ziza**, and **Shelomith**.
- ²¹ And **Rehoboam** loved **Maachah** the daughter of **Absalom** *above all* his wives and his concubines: (for he took eighteen wives, and threescore concubines; and begat twenty and eight sons, and threescore daughters.)
- ²² And **Rehoboam** made **Abijah** the son of **Maachah** the chief, to be ruler among his brethren: for he thought to make him king.
- ²³ And he dealt wisely, and dispersed of *all* his children throughout *all* the countries of **Judah** and **Benjamin**, unto *every fenced city*: and he gave them victual in abundance. And he desired *many wives*.

2 Chronicles 12

- ¹ And it came to pass, when **Rehoboam** had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of the **LORD**, and *all Israel* with him.
- ² And it came to pass, that in the fifth year of king **Rehoboam Shishak** king of **Egypt** came *up against Jerusalem*, because they had transgressed against the **LORD**,
- ³ With twelve hundred chariots, and threescore thousand horsemen: and the people were without number that came with him *out of Egypt*; the **Lubims**, the **Sukkiims**, and the **Ethiopians**.
- ⁴ And he took the fenced cities which pertained to **Judah**, and came to **Jerusalem**.
- ⁵ Then came **Shemaiah** the prophet to **Rehoboam**, and to the princes of **Judah**, that were gathered together to **Jerusalem** because of **Shishak**, and said unto them, Thus saith the **LORD**, Ye have forsaken me, and therefore have I also left you in the hand of **Shishak**.
- ⁶ Whereupon the princes of **Israel** and the king humbled themselves; and they said, The **LORD** is righteous.
- ⁷ And when the **LORD** saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the **LORD** came to **Shemaiah**, saying, They have humbled themselves; therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance; and my wrath shall not be poured out upon **Jerusalem** by the hand of **Shishak**.
- ⁸ Nevertheless they shall be his servants; that they may know my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries.
- ⁹ So **Shishak** king of **Egypt** came *up against Jerusalem*, and took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house; *he took all*: he carried away also the shields of gold which **Solomon** had made.
- ¹⁰ Instead of which king **Rehoboam** made shields of brass, and committed them to the hands of the chief of the guard, that kept the entrance of the king's house.
- ¹¹ And when the king entered into the house of the **LORD**, the guard came and fetches them, and brought them again into the guard chamber.
- ¹² And when he humbled himself, the wrath of the **LORD** turned from him, that he would not destroy him altogether: and also in **Judah** things went well.

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- ¹³ So king **Rehoboam** strengthened himself in **Jerusalem**, and reigned: for **Rehoboam** was one and forty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in **Jerusalem**, the city which the **LORD** had chosen out of *all* the tribes of **Israel**, to put his name there. And his mother's name was **Naamah** an **Ammonitess**.
- ¹⁴ And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the **LORD**.
- ¹⁵ Now the acts of **Rehoboam**, first and last, are they not written in the book of **Shemaiah** the prophet, and of **Iddo** the seer concerning genealogies? And there were wars between **Rehoboam** and **Jeroboam** *continually*.
- ¹⁶ And **Rehoboam** slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of **David**: and **Abijah** his son reigned in his stead.

2 Chronicles 13

- ¹ Now in the eighteenth year of king **Jeroboam** began **Abijah** to reign over **Judah**.
- ² He reigned three years in **Jerusalem**. His mother's name also was **Michaiah** the daughter of **Uriel** of **Gibeah**. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.
- ³ And **Abijah** set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen men: **Jeroboam** also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, being mighty men of valour.
- ⁴ And **Abijah stood up** upon mount Zemaraim, which is in mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me, thou **Jeroboam**, and *all Israel*;
- ⁵ Ought ye not to know that the **LORD God of Israel** gave the kingdom over **Israel** to **David** *for ever*, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?
- ⁶ Yet **Jeroboam** the son of **Nebat**, the servant of **Solomon** the son of **David**, is risen up, and hath rebelled against his lord.
- ⁷ And there are gathered unto him vain men, the children of **Belial**, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of **Solomon**, when **Rehoboam** was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them.
- ⁸ And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the **LORD** in the hand of the sons of **David**; and ye be a great multitude, and there are with your golden calves, which **Jeroboam** made you for *gods*.
- ⁹ Have ye not cast out the priests of the **LORD**, the sons of **Aaron**, and the **Levites**, and have made you priests *after* the manner of the nations of other lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, the same may be a *priest* of them that are no gods.
- ¹⁰ But as for us, the **LORD** is our **God**, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister unto the **LORD**, are the sons of **Aaron**, and the **Levites** wait upon their business:
- ¹¹ And they burn unto the **LORD** every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense: the shewbread also set they in order upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the **LORD** our **God**; but ye have forsaken him.
- ¹² And, behold, **God** himself is with us for our captain, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of **Israel**, fight ye not against the **LORD God** of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper.

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- ¹³ But **Jeroboam** caused an ambushment to come about *behind* them: so they were *before* **Judah**, and the ambushment was *behind* them.
- ¹⁴ And when **Judah** looked *back*, behold, the battle was *before* and *behind*: and they cried unto the **LORD**, and the priests sounded with the trumpets.
- ¹⁵ Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of **Judah** shouted, it came to pass, that **God smote Jeroboam** and *all Israel before Abijah* and **Judah**.
- ¹⁶ And the children of **Israel** fled *before Judah*: and **God delivered** them into their hand.
- ¹⁷ And **Abijah** and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of **Israel** five hundred thousand chosen men.
- ¹⁸ Thus the children of **Israel** were brought *under* at that time, and the children of **Judah** prevailed, because they relied upon the **LORD God** of their fathers.
- ¹⁹ And **Abijah** pursued *after Jeroboam*, and took cities from him, **Bethel** with the towns thereof, and **Jeshanah** with the towns thereof, and **Ephraim** with the towns thereof.
- ²⁰ Neither did **Jeroboam** recover strength again in the days of **Abijah**: and the **LORD struck** him, and he died.
- ²¹ But **Abijah** waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters.
- ²² And the rest of the acts of **Abijah**, and his ways, and his sayings, are written in the story of the prophet Iddo.

2 Chronicles 14

- ¹ So **Abijah** slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of **David**: and **Asa** his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years.
- ² And **Asa** did that which was good and right in the eyes of the **LORD** his **God**:
- ³ For he took away the altars of the *strange* gods, and the high places, and brake down the images, and cut down the groves:
- ⁴ And commanded **Judah** to seek the **LORD God** of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment.
- ⁵ Also he took away *out of all* the cities of **Judah** the high places and the images: and the kingdom was quiet *before* him.
- ⁶ And he built fenced cities in **Judah**: for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because the **LORD** had given him rest.
- ⁷ Therefore he said unto **Judah**, Let us build these cities, and make about them walls, and towers, gates, and bars, while the land is yet *before* us; because we have sought the **LORD** our **God**, we have sought him, and he hath given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered.
- ⁸ And **Asa** had an army of men that bare targets and spears, *out of* **Judah** three hundred thousand; and *out of* **Benjamin**, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand: *all* these were mighty men of valour.
- ⁹ And there came *out against* them **Zerah** the **Ethiopian** with an host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and came unto **Mareshah**.
- ¹⁰ Then **Asa** went *out against* him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of **Zephathah** at **Mareshah**.
- ¹¹ And **Asa** cried unto the **LORD** his **God**, and said, **LORD**, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with *many*, or with them that have no power: help us, O **LORD** our **God**; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O **LORD**, thou art our **God**; let no man prevail against thee.
- ¹² So the **LORD** smote the **Ethiopians** *before* **Asa**, and *before* **Judah**; and the **Ethiopians** fled.
- ¹³ And **Asa** and the people that were with him pursued them unto **Gerar**: and the **Ethiopians** were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed *before* the **LORD**, and *before* his host; and they carried away *very much* spoil.
- ¹⁴ And they smote *all* the cities round about **Gerar**; for the fear of the **LORD** came upon them: and they spoiled *all* the cities; for there was *exceeding much* spoil in them.
- ¹⁵ They smote also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to **Jerusalem**.

2 Chronicles 15

- ¹ And the **Spirit** of **God** came upon **Azariah** the son of **Oded**:
- ² And he went *out* to meet **Asa**, and said unto him, Hear ye me, **Asa**, and *all* **Judah** and **Benjamin**; The **LORD** is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will *forsake* you.
- ³ Now for a *long* season **Israel** hath been without the *true* **God**, and without a *teaching* priest, and without *law*.
- ⁴ But when they in their trouble did turn unto the **LORD** God of **Israel**, and sought him, he was found of them.
- ⁵ And in those times there was no peace to him that went *out*, nor to him that came *in*, but *great* vexations were upon *all* the inhabitants of the countries.
- ⁶ And nation was destroyed of *nation*, and city of *city*: for **God** did vex them with *all* adversity.
- ⁷ **Be ye strong** therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.
- ⁸ And when **Asa** heard these words, and the prophecy of **Oded** the prophet, he took courage, and put away the *abominable* idols *out* of *all* the land of **Judah** and **Benjamin**, and *out* of the cities which he had taken from mount **Ephraim**, and renewed the altar of the **LORD**, that was *before* the porch of the **LORD**.
- ⁹ And he gathered *all* **Judah** and **Benjamin**, and the strangers with them *out* of **Ephraim** and **Manasseh**, and *out* of **Simeon**: for they fell to him *out* of **Israel** in abundance, when they saw that the **LORD** his **God** was with him.
- ¹⁰ So they gathered themselves together at **Jerusalem** in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of **Asa**.
- ¹¹ And they offered unto the **LORD** the same time, of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep.
- ¹² And they entered into a covenant to seek the **LORD** God of their fathers with *all* their heart and with *all* their soul;
- ¹³ That whosoever would not seek the **LORD** God of **Israel** should be put to death, whether *small* or great, whether man or woman.

2 Chronicles 15

- ¹⁴ And they sware unto the **LORD** with a *loud voice*, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets.
- ¹⁵ And *all Judah* rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with *all* their heart, and sought him with their *whole desire*; and he was found of them: and the **LORD** gave them rest round about.
- ¹⁶ And also concerning **Maachah** the mother of **Asa** the king, he removed her from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove: and **Asa** cut down her idol, and stamped it, and burnt it at the brook Kidron.
- ¹⁷ But the *high places* were not taken away out of **Israel**: nevertheless the heart of **Asa** was perfect *all* his days.
- ¹⁸ And he brought into the house of **God** the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels.
- ¹⁹ And there was no more war unto the five and thirtieth year of the reign of **Asa**.

2 Chronicles 16

- ¹ In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.
- ² Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent to Benhadad king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,
- ³ There is a league between me and thee, as there was between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.
- ⁴ And Benhadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abelmaim, and all the store cities of Naphtali.
- ⁵ And it came to pass, when Baasha heard it, that he left off building of Ramah, and let his work cease.
- ⁶ Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha was building; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah.
- ⁷ And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand.
- ⁸ Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand.
- ⁹ For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.
- ¹⁰ Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa oppressed some of the people the same time.
- ¹¹ And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.
- ¹² And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians.
- ¹³ And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.
- ¹⁴ And they buried him in his own sepulchres, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odours and divers kinds of spices prepared by the apothecaries' art: and they made a very great burning for him.

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- ¹ And **Jehoshaphat** his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against Israel.
- ² And he placed forces in *all* the fenced cities of **Judah**, and set garrisons in the land of **Judah**, and in the cities of **Ephraim**, which **Asa** his father had taken.
- ³ And the **LORD** was with **Jehoshaphat**, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto *Baalim*;
- ⁴ But sought to the **Lord God** of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not *after* the doings of **Israel**.
- ⁵ Therefore the **LORD** stablished the kingdom in his hand; and *all* **Judah** brought to **Jehoshaphat** presents; and he had riches and honour in abundance.
- ⁶ And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the **LORD**: moreover he took away the high places and groves *out of* **Judah**.
- ⁷ Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his princes, even to **Benhail**, and to **Obadiah**, and to **Zechariah**, and to **Nethaneel**, and to **Michaiah**, to teach in the cities of **Judah**.
- ⁸ And with them he sent **Levites**, even **Shemaiah**, and **Nethaniah**, and **Zebadiah**, and **Asahel**, and **Shemiramoth**, and **Jehonathan**, and **Adonijah**, and **Tobijah**, and **Tobadonijah**, **Levites**; and with them **Elishama** and **Jehoram**, priests.
- ⁹ And they taught in **Judah**, and had the book of the law of the **LORD** with them, and went about throughout *all* the cities of **Judah**, and taught the people.
- ¹⁰ And the fear of the **LORD** fell upon *all* the kingdoms of the lands that were round about **Judah**, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.
- ¹¹ Also some of the **Philistines** brought **Jehoshaphat** presents, and tribute silver; and the **Arabians** brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he goats.
- ¹² And **Jehoshaphat** waxed great exceedingly; and he built in **Judah** castles, and cities of store.
- ¹³ And he had *much* business in the cities of **Judah**: and the men of war, *mighty* men of valour, were in **Jerusalem**.
- ¹⁴ And these are the numbers of them according to the house of their fathers: Of **Judah**, the captains of thousands; **Adnah** the chief, and with him mighty men of valour three hundred thousand.

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- ¹⁵ And next to him was **Jehohanan** the captain, and with him two hundred and fourscore thousand.
- ¹⁶ And next him was **Amasiah** the son of **Zichri**, who *willingly offered* himself unto the **LORD**; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valour.
- ¹⁷ And of **Benjamin**; **Eliada** a *mighty man* of valour, and with him armed men with bow and shield two hundred thousand.
- ¹⁸ And next him was **Jehozabad**, and with him an hundred and fourscore thousand ready prepared for the war.
- ¹⁹ These waited on the king, beside those whom the king put in the *fenced cities* throughout *all Judah*.

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- ¹ Now **Jehoshaphat** had **riches** and **honour** in **abundance**, and **joined affinity** with **Ahab**.
- ² And *after certain* years he went *down* to **Ahab** to **Samaria**. And **Ahab killed sheep** and **oxen** for him in **abundance**, and for the people that he had with him, and **persuaded** him to go *up* with him to **Ramothgilead**.
- ³ And **Ahab** king of **Israel** said unto **Jehoshaphat** king of **Judah**, Wilt thou go with me to **Ramothgilead**? And he answered him, I am as thou art, and my people as thy people; and we will be with thee in the **war**.
- ⁴ And **Jehoshaphat** said unto the king of **Israel**, **Enquire**, I pray thee, at the **word** of the **LORD** to **day**.
- ⁵ Therefore the king of **Israel** **gathered** together of **prophets four hundred** men, and said unto them, Shall we go to **Ramothgilead** to **battle**, or shall I **forbear**? And they said, **Go up**; for **God** will **deliver** it into the king's **hand**.
- ⁶ But **Jehoshaphat** said, Is there **not** here a **prophet** of the **LORD** besides, that we might **enquire** of him?
- ⁷ And the king of **Israel** said unto **Jehoshaphat**, There is yet **one man**, by whom we may **enquire** of the **LORD**: but I **hate** him; for he **never prophesied good** unto me, but **always evil**. the same is **Micaiah** the son of **Imla**. And **Jehoshaphat** said, Let **not** the king say so.
- ⁸ And the king of **Israel** called for one of his **officers**, and said, **Fetch quickly** **Micaiah** the son of **Imla**.
- ⁹ And the king of **Israel** and **Jehoshaphat** king of **Judah** **sat** either of them on his **throne**, **clothed** in their **robes**, and they sat in a **void** place at the **entering in** of the **gate** of **Samaria**; and **all** the **prophets** **prophesied** *before* them.
- ¹⁰ And **Zedekiah** the son of **Chenaanah** had made him **horns** of **iron**, and said, Thus saith the **LORD**, With these thou **shalt push** **Syria** until they be **consumed**.
- ¹¹ And **all** the **prophets prophesied** so, saying, Go *up* to **Ramothgilead**, and **prosper**: for the **LORD** shall **deliver** it into the hand of the **king**.
- ¹² And the **messenger** that went to call **Micaiah** spake to him, saying, Behold, the **words** of the **prophets** **declare good** to the king with **one assent**; let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be **like** one of their's, and speak thou good.
- ¹³ And **Micaiah** said, As the **LORD** **liveth**, even what my **God** saith, that will I speak.
- ¹⁴ And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, **Micaiah**, shall we go to **Ramothgilead** to **battle**, or shall I **forbear**? And he said, Go ye *up*, and **prosper**, and they shall be **delivered** into your **hand**.

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- ¹⁵ And the king said to him, How *many times* shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the truth to me in the name of the LORD?
- ¹⁶ Then he said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the **LORD** said, These have no master; let them return therefore every man to his house in peace.
- ¹⁷ And the king of **Israel** said to **Jehoshaphat**, Did I not tell thee that he would not prophesy good unto me, but evil?
- ¹⁸ Again he said, Therefore hear the word of the LORD; I saw the **LORD** sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left.
- ¹⁹ And the **LORD** said, Who shall entice Ahab king of **Israel**, that he may go up and fall at **Ramothgilead**? And one spake saying *after* this manner, and another saying *after* that manner.
- ²⁰ Then there came *out* a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will entice him. And the **LORD** said unto him, Wherewith?
- ²¹ And he said, I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And the **Lord** said, Thou shalt entice him, and thou shalt also prevail: go out, and do even so.
- ²² Now therefore, behold, the **LORD** hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the **LORD** hath spoken evil against thee.
- ²³ Then **Zedekiah** the son of **Chenaanah** came *near*, and smote Micaiah upon the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?
- ²⁴ And **Micaiah** said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself.
- ²⁵ Then the king of **Israel** said, Take ye **Micaiah**, and carry him back to **Amon** the governor of the city, and to **Joash** the king's son;
- ²⁶ And say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I return in peace.
- ²⁷ And **Micaiah** said, If thou certainly return in peace, then hath not the **LORD** spoken by me. And he said, Harken, *all ye people*.
- ²⁸ So the king of **Israel** and **Jehoshaphat** the king of **Judah** went *up* to **Ramothgilead**.

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- ²⁹ And the king of **Israel** said unto **Jehoshaphat**, I will disguise myself, and I will go to the battle; but put thou on thy robes. So the king of **Israel** disguised himself; and they went to the battle.
- ³⁰ Now the king of **Syria** had commanded the captains of the chariots that were with him, saying, Fight ye not with *small* or *great*, save *only* with the king of **Israel**.
- ³¹ And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw **Jehoshaphat**, that they said, It is the king of **Israel**. Therefore they compassed about him to fight: but **Jehoshaphat** cried out, and the **LORD** helped him; and **God** moved them to depart from him.
- ³² For it came to pass, that, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of **Israel**, they turned back again from pursuing him.
- ³³ And a *certain* man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of **Israel** between the joints of the harness: therefore he said to his *chariot* man, Turn thine hand, that thou mayest carry me out of the host; for I am wounded.
- ³⁴ And the battle increased that day: howbeit the king of **Israel** stayed himself *up* in his chariot against the **Syrians** until the even: and about the time of the sun going *down* he died.

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- ¹ And **Jehoshaphat** the king of **Judah** returned to his house in peace to **Jerusalem**.
- ² And **Jehu** the son of **Hanani** the seer went *out* to meet him, and said to king **Jehoshaphat**, Shouldest thou help the *ungodly*, and love them that hate the **LORD**? therefore is wrath upon thee from *before* the **LORD**.
- ³ Nevertheless there are *good* things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves *out* of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek **God**.
- ⁴ And **Jehoshaphat** dwelt at **Jerusalem**: and he went *out* again through the people from **Beersheba** to mount **Ephraim**, and brought them *back* unto the **LORD** **God** of their fathers.
- ⁵ And he set judges in the land throughout *all* the fenced cities of **Judah**, city by city,
- ⁶ And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for the **LORD**, who is with you in the judgment.
- ⁷ Wherefore now let the fear of the **LORD** be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with the **LORD** our **God**, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.
- ⁸ Moreover in **Jerusalem** did **Jehoshaphat** set of the Levites, and of the priests, and of the chief of the fathers of **Israel**, for the judgment of the **LORD**, and for controversies, when they returned to **Jerusalem**.
- ⁹ And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the **LORD**, *faithfully*, and with a *perfect heart*.
- ¹⁰ And what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in your cities, *between blood* and *blood*, *between law* and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye shall even warn them that they trespass not against the **LORD**, and so wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall not trespass.
- ¹¹ And, behold, **Amariah** the chief priest is over you in *all* matters of the **LORD**; and **Zebadiah** the son of **Ishmael**, the ruler of the house of **Judah**, for *all* the king's matters: also the Levites shall be officers *before* you. Deal courageously, and the **LORD** shall be with the good.

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- ¹ It came to pass *after* this also, that the children of **Moab**, and the children of **Ammon**, and with them other beside the **Ammonites**, came against **Jehoshaphat** to battle.
- ² Then there came some that told **Jehoshaphat**, saying, There cometh a *great multitude* against thee from beyond the sea on this side **Syria**; and, behold, they be in **Hazazontamar**, which is **Engedi**.
- ³ And **Jehoshaphat** feared, and set himself to seek the **LORD**, and proclaimed a fast throughout *all* **Judah**.
- ⁴ And **Judah** gathered themselves together, to ask help of the **LORD**: even *out of all* the cities of **Judah** they came to seek the **LORD**.
- ⁵ And **Jehoshaphat** stood in the congregation of **Judah** and **Jerusalem**, in the house of the **LORD**, *before* the new court,
- ⁶ And said, O **LORD God** of our fathers, art not thou **God** in heaven? and rulest not thou over *all* the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?
- ⁷ Art not thou our **God**, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land *before* thy people **Israel**, and gavest it to the seed of **Abraham** thy friend for ever?
- ⁸ And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying,
- ⁹ If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.
- ¹⁰ And now, behold, the children of **Ammon** and **Moab** and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came *out of* the land of **Egypt**, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not;
- ¹¹ Behold, I say, how they reward us, to come to cast us *out of* thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit.
- ¹² O our **God**, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this *great company* that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.
- ¹³ And *all* **Judah** stood before the **LORD**, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.
- ¹⁴ Then upon **Jahaziel** the son of **Zechariah**, the son of **Benaiah**, the son of **Jeiel**, the son of **Mattaniah**, a **Levite** of the sons of **Asaph**, came the **Spirit** of the **LORD** in the midst of the congregation;

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- ¹⁵ And he said, Hearken ye, *all Judah*, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's.
- ¹⁶ To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel.
- ¹⁷ Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you.
- ¹⁸ And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and *all Judah* and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD.
- ¹⁹ And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high.
- ²⁰ And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.
- ²¹ And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever.
- ²² And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.
- ²³ For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another.
- ²⁴ And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped.
- ²⁵ And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.

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- ²⁶ And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of **Berachah**; for there they blessed the **LORD**: therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of **Berachah**, unto this day.
- ²⁷ Then they returned, every man of **Judah** and **Jerusalem**, and **Jehoshaphat** in the forefront of them, to go again to **Jerusalem** with joy; for the **LORD** had made them to rejoice over their enemies.
- ²⁸ And they came to **Jerusalem** with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house of the **LORD**.
- ²⁹ And the fear of **God** was on *all* the kingdoms of those countries, when they had heard that the **LORD** fought against the enemies of **Israel**.
- ³⁰ So the realm of **Jehoshaphat** was quiet: for his **God** gave him rest round about.
- ³¹ And **Jehoshaphat** reigned over **Judah**: he was thirty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and five years in **Jerusalem**. And his mother's name was **Azubah** the daughter of **Shilhi**.
- ³² And he walked in the way of **Asa** his father, and departed not from it, doing that which was right in the sight of the **LORD**.
- ³³ Howbeit the high places were not taken away: for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts unto the **God** of their fathers.
- ³⁴ Now the rest of the acts of **Jehoshaphat**, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of **Jehu** the son of **Hanani**, who is mentioned in the book of the kings of **Israel**.
- ³⁵ And *after* this did **Jehoshaphat** king of **Judah** join himself with **Ahaziah** king of **Israel**, who did *very wickedly*.
- ³⁶ And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to **Tarshish**: and they made the ships in **Eziongaber**.
- ³⁷ Then **Eliezer** the son of **Dodavah** of **Mareshah** prophesied against **Jehoshaphat**, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with **Ahaziah**, the **LORD** hath broken thy works. And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go to **Tarshish**.

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- ¹ Now **Jehoshaphat** slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of **David**. And **Jehoram** his son reigned in his stead.
- ² And he had brethren the sons of **Jehoshaphat**, **Azariah**, and **Jehiel**, and **Zechariah**, and **Azariah**, and **Michael**, and **Shephatiah**: *all* these were the sons of **Jehoshaphat** king of **Israel**.
- ³ And their father gave them great gifts of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fenced cities in **Judah**: but the kingdom gave he to **Jehoram**; because he was the firstborn.
- ⁴ Now when **Jehoram** was risen up to the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself, and slew all his brethren with the sword, and divers also of the princes of Israel.
- ⁵ **Jehoram** was thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in **Jerusalem**.
- ⁶ And he walked in the way of the kings of **Israel**, like as did the house of **Ahab**: for he had the daughter of **Ahab** to wife: and he wrought that which was evil in the eyes of the **LORD**.
- ⁷ Howbeit the **LORD** would not destroy the house of **David**, because of the covenant that he had made with **David**, and as he promised to give a light to him and to his sons *for ever*.
- ⁸ In his days the **Edomites** revolted from *under* the dominion of **Judah**, and made themselves a king.
- ⁹ Then **Jehoram** went forth with his princes, and *all* his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and smote the **Edomites** which compassed him in, and the captains of the chariots.
- ¹⁰ So the **Edomites** revolted from *under* the hand of **Judah** unto this day. The same time also did **Libnah** revolt from *under* his hand; because he had forsaken the **LORD God** of his fathers.
- ¹¹ Moreover he made high places in the mountains of **Judah** and caused the inhabitants of **Jerusalem** to commit fornication, and compelled Judah thereto.
- ¹² And there came a writing to him from **Elijah** the prophet, saying, Thus saith the **LORD God** of **David** thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of **Jehoshaphat** thy father, nor in the ways of **Asa** king of **Judah**,
- ¹³ But hast walked in the way of the kings of **Israel**, and hast made **Judah** and the inhabitants of **Jerusalem** to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of the house of **Ahab**, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, which were *better* than thyself:

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- ¹⁴ Behold, with a great plague will the LORD smite thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and *all* thy goods:
- ¹⁵ And thou shalt have great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by *day*.
- ¹⁶ Moreover the LORD stirred up against Jehoram the *spirit* of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that were *near* the Ethiopians:
- ¹⁷ And they came up into Judah, and brake into it, and carried away *all* the substance that was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that there was never a son left him, save Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.
- ¹⁸ And *after all* this the LORD smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease.
- ¹⁹ And it came to pass, that in process of time, *after* the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness: so he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers.
- ²⁰ Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being desired. Howbeit they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.

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- ¹ And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his stead: for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had slain *all* the eldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned.
- ² Forty and two years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Athaliah the daughter of Omri.
- ³ He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counsellor to do *wickedly*.
- ⁴ Wherefore he did evil in the sight of the LORD like the house of Ahab: for they were his counsellors *after* the death of his father to his destruction.
- ⁵ He walked also *after* their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramothgilead: and the Syrians smote Joram.
- ⁶ And he returned to be healed in Jezreel because of the wounds which were given him at Ramah, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. And Azariah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went *down* to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick.
- ⁷ And the destruction of Ahaziah was of God by coming to Joram: for when he was come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab.
- ⁸ And it came to pass, that, when Jehu was executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, and found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brethren of Ahaziah, that ministered to Ahaziah, he slew them.
- ⁹ And he sought Ahaziah: and they caught him, (for he was hid in Samaria,) and brought him to Jehu: and when they had slain him, they buried him: Because, said they, he is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the LORD with *all* his heart. So the house of Ahaziah had no power to keep still the kingdom.
- ¹⁰ But when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of the house of Judah.
- ¹¹ But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bedchamber. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, (for she was the sister of Ahaziah,) hid him from Athaliah, so that she slew him not.
- ¹² And he was with them hid in the house of God six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.

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- ¹ And in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him.
- ² And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites *out of all* the cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.
- ³ And *all* the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD hath said of the sons of David.
- ⁴ This is the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you entering on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, shall be porters of the doors;
- ⁵ And a third part shall be at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and *all* the people shall be in the courts of the house of the LORD.
- ⁶ But let none come into the house of the LORD, save the priests, and they that minister of the Levites; they shall go *in*, for they are holy: but *all* the people shall keep the watch of the LORD.
- ⁷ And the Levites shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whosoever else cometh into the house, he shall be put to death: but be ye with the king when he *cometh in*, and when he *goeth out*.
- ⁸ So the Levites and *all* Judah did according to *all* things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded, and took every man his men that were to *come in* on the sabbath, with them that were to *go out* on the sabbath: for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not the courses.
- ⁹ Moreover Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds spears, and bucklers, and shields, that had been king David's, which were in the house of God.
- ¹⁰ And he set *all* the people, every man having 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, by the king round about.
- ¹¹ Then they brought *out* the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and gave him the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, God save the king.
- ¹² Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the LORD:

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- ¹³ And she looked, and, behold, the king stood at his pillar at the entering in, and the princes and the trumpets by the king: and *all* the people of the land rejoiced, and sounded with trumpets, also the singers with instruments of musick, and such as taught to sing praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, **Treason, Treason.**
- ¹⁴ Then Jehoiada the priest brought *out* the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth of the ranges: and whoso followeth her, let him be slain with the sword. For the priest said, **Slay** her not in the house of the **LORD**.
- ¹⁵ So they laid hands on her; and when she was come to the entering of the horse gate by the king's house, they slew her there.
- ¹⁶ **And Jehoiada made a covenant between him, and between all the people, and between the king, that they should be the LORD's people.**
- ¹⁷ Then *all* the people went to the house of **Baal**, and brake it *down*, and brake his altars and his images *in pieces*, and slew Mattan the priest of **Baal** *before* the altars.
- ¹⁸ Also Jehoiada appointed the offices of the house of the **LORD** by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house of the **LORD**, to offer the burnt offerings of the **LORD**, as it is written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, as it was ordained by David.
- ¹⁹ And he set the porters at the gates of the house of the **LORD**, that none which was unclean in *anything* should enter in.
- ²⁰ And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and *all* the people of the land, and brought *down* the king from the house of the **LORD**: and they came through the high gate into the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom.
- ²¹ And *all* the people of the land rejoiced: and the city was quiet, *after* that they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

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- ¹ **Joash** was seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in **Jerusalem**. His mother's name also was **Zibiah** of **Beersheba**.
- ² **And Joash** did that which was right in the sight of the **LORD** *all the days* of **Jehoiada** the priest.
- ³ **And Jehoiada** took for him two wives; and he begat sons and daughters.
- ⁴ **And it came to pass** *after* this, that **Joash** was minded to repair the house of the **LORD**.
- ⁵ **And he gathered** together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go *out* unto the cities of **Judah**, and gather of *all Israel* money to repair the house of your **God** from year to year, and see that ye hasten the matter. Howbeit the Levites hastened it not.
- ⁶ **And the king** called for **Jehoiada** the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in *out* of **Judah** and *out* of **Jerusalem** the collection, according to the commandment of **Moses** the servant of the **LORD**, and of the congregation of **Israel**, for the tabernacle of witness?
- ⁷ **For the sons** of **Athaliah**, that wicked woman, had broken up the house of **God**; and also *all the dedicated things* of the house of the **LORD** did they bestow upon **Baalim**.
- ⁸ **And at the king's commandment** they made a chest, and set it *without* at the gate of the house of the **LORD**.
- ⁹ **And they made** a proclamation through **Judah** and **Jerusalem**, to bring in to the **LORD** the collection that **Moses** the servant of **God** laid upon **Israel** in the wilderness.
- ¹⁰ **And all the princes** and *all the people* rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end.
- ¹¹ **Now it came to pass**, that at what time the chest was brought unto the king's office by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that there was much money, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to his place again. **Thus they did** day by day, and gathered money in abundance.
- ¹² **And the king** and **Jehoiada** gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of the **LORD**, and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the **LORD**, and also such as wrought iron and brass to mend the house of the **LORD**.
- ¹³ **So the workmen wrought**, and the work was perfected by them, and they set the house of **God** in his state, and strengthened it.

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- ¹⁴ And when they had finished it, they brought the rest of the money *before* the king and Jehoiada, whereof were made vessels for the house of the LORD, even vessels to minister, and to offer withal, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD *continually all the days* of Jehoiada.
- ¹⁵ But Jehoiada waxed old, and was full of days when he died; an hundred and thirty years old was he when he died.
- ¹⁶ And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both *toward God*, and *toward* his house.
- ¹⁷ Now *after* the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. Then the king hearkened unto them.
- ¹⁸ And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served groves and idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass.
- ¹⁹ Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear.
- ²⁰ And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you.
- ²¹ And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of the LORD.
- ²² Thus Joash the king remembered not the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, The LORD look upon it, and require it.
- ²³ And it came to pass at the end of the year, that the host of Syria came up against him: and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed *all* the princes of the people from among the people, and sent *all* the spoil of them unto the king of Damascus.
- ²⁴ For the army of the Syrians came with a *small* company of men, and the LORD delivered a *very great* host into their hand, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers. So they executed judgment against Joash.

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- ²⁵ And when they were departed from him, (for they left him in great diseases,) his *own* servants conspired against him for the blood of the **sons of Jehoiada** the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died: and they buried him in the city of **David**, but they buried him not in the sepulchres of the kings.
- ²⁶ And these are they that conspired against him; **Zabad** the son of **Shimeath** an **Ammonitess**, and **Jehozabad** the son of **Shimrith** a **Moabitess**.
- ²⁷ Now concerning his sons, and the greatness of the burdens laid upon him, and the repairing of the house of God, behold, they are written in the story of the book of the kings. And **Amaziah** his son reigned in his stead.

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- ¹ **Amaziah** was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in **Jerusalem**. And his mother's name was **Jehoaddan** of **Jerusalem**.
- ² And he did that which was right in the sight of the **LORD**, but not with a perfect heart.
- ³ Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was established to him, that he slew his servants that had killed the king his father.
- ⁴ But he slew not their children, but did as it is written in the law in the book of **Moses**, where the **LORD** commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.
- ⁵ Moreover **Amaziah** gathered **Judah** together, and made them captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of their fathers, throughout *all* **Judah** and **Benjamin**: and he numbered them from twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thousand choice men, able to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield.
- ⁶ He hired also an hundred thousand mighty men of valour *out* of **Israel** for an hundred talents of silver.
- ⁷ But there came a man of **God** to him, saying, O king, let not the army of **Israel** go with thee; for the **LORD** is not with Israel, to wit, with *all* the children of **Ephraim**.
- ⁸ But if thou wilt go, do it; be strong for the battle: **God** shall make thee fall before the enemy: for **God** hath power to help, and to cast down.
- ⁹ And **Amaziah** said to the man of **God**, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of **Israel**? And the man of **God** answered, The **LORD** is able to give thee *much more* than this.
- ¹⁰ Then **Amaziah** separated them, to wit, the army that was come to him *out* of **Ephraim**, to go home again: wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in great anger.
- ¹¹ And **Amaziah** strengthened himself, and led forth his people, and went to the valley of salt, and smote of the children of **Seir** ten thousand.
- ¹² And other ten thousand left alive did the children of **Judah** carry away captive, and brought them unto the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, that they *all* were broken in pieces.
- ¹³ But the soldiers of the army which **Amaziah** sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of **Judah**, from **Samaria** even unto **Bethoron**, and smote three thousand of them, and took *much* spoil.

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- ¹⁴ Now it came to pass, *after* that **Amaziah** was come from the slaughter of the **Edomites**, that he brought the **gods** of the children of **Seir**, and *set them up to be his gods*, and bowed down himself *before* them, and burned incense unto them.
- ¹⁵ Wherefore the anger of the **LORD** was kindled against **Amaziah**, and he sent unto him a prophet, which said unto him, **Why hast thou sought** *after* the gods of the people, which could not deliver their *own* people *out of thine hand*?
- ¹⁶ And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that the king said unto him, Art thou made of the king's counsel? forbear; why shouldst thou be smitten? Then the prophet forbore, and said, I know that **God** hath determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel.
- ¹⁷ Then **Amaziah** king of **Judah** took advice, and sent to **Joash**, the son of **Jehoahaz**, the son of **Jehu**, king of **Israel**, saying, Come, let us see one another in the face.
- ¹⁸ And **Joash** king of **Israel** sent to **Amaziah** king of **Judah**, saying, The thistle that was in **Lebanon** sent to the cedar that was in **Lebanon**, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in **Lebanon**, and trode down the thistle.
- ¹⁹ Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smitten the **Edomites**; and thine heart lifteth thee *up* to boast: abide now at home; why shouldst thou meddle to thine hurt, that thou shouldst fall, even thou, and **Judah** with thee?
- ²⁰ But **Amaziah** would not hear; for it came of **God**, that he might deliver them into the hand of their enemies, because they sought *after* the gods of **Edom**.
- ²¹ So **Joash** the king of **Israel** went *up*; and they saw one another in the face, both he and **Amaziah** king of **Judah**, at **Bethshemesh**, which belongeth to **Judah**.
- ²² And **Judah** was put to the worse *before* **Israel**, and they fled every man to his tent.
- ²³ And **Joash** the king of **Israel** took **Amaziah** king of **Judah**, the son of **Joash**, the son of **Jehoahaz**, at **Bethshemesh**, and brought him to **Jerusalem**, and brake down the wall of **Jerusalem** from the gate of **Ephraim** to the corner gate, four hundred cubits.
- ²⁴ And he took *all* the gold and the silver, and *all* the vessels that were found in the house of **God** with **Obededom**, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to **Samaria**.
- ²⁵ And **Amaziah** the son of **Joash** king of **Judah** lived *after* the death of **Joash** son of **Jehoahaz** king of **Israel** fifteen years.
- ²⁶ Now the rest of the acts of **Amaziah**, first and last, behold, are they not written in the book of the kings of **Judah** and **Israel**? ²⁷ Now *after* the time that **Amaziah** did turn away from following the LORD they made a conspiracy against him in **Jerusalem**; and he fled to **Lachish**: but they sent to **Lachish** *after* him, and slew him there. ²⁸ And they brought him upon horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of **Judah**.

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- ¹ Then *all* the people of **Judah** took **Uzziah**, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father **Amaziah**.
- ² He built **Eloth**, and restored it to **Judah**, *after* that the king slept with his fathers.
- ³ Sixteen years old was **Uzziah** when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in **Jerusalem**. His mother's name also was **Jecoliah** of **Jerusalem**.
- ⁴ And he did that which was right in the sight of the **LORD**, according to *all* that his father **Amaziah** did.
- ⁵ And he sought **God** in the days of **Zechariah**, who had understanding in the visions of **God**: and as long as he sought the **LORD**, **God** made him to prosper.
- ⁶ And he went forth and warred against the **Philistines**, and brake down the wall of **Gath**, and the *wall* of **Jabneh**, and the *wall* of **Ashdod**, and built cities about **Ashdod**, and among the **Philistines**.
- ⁷ And **God** helped him against the **Philistines**, and against the **Arabians** that dwelt in **Gurbaal**, and the **Mehunims**.
- ⁸ And the **Ammonites** gave gifts to **Uzziah**: and his name spread *abroad* even to the entering in of **Egypt**; for he strengthened himself *exceedingly*.
- ⁹ Moreover **Uzziah** built towers in **Jerusalem** at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning of the wall, and fortified them.
- ¹⁰ Also he built towers in the desert, and digged *many wells*: for he had *much* cattle, both in the *low* country, and in the plains: husbandmen also, and vine dressers in the mountains, and in **Carmel**: for he loved husbandry.
- ¹¹ Moreover **Uzziah** had an host of *fighting* men, that went *out* to war by bands, according to the number of their account by the hand of **Jeiel** the scribe and **Maaseiah** the ruler, *under* the hand of **Hananiah**, one of the king's captains.
- ¹² The *whole* number of the chief of the fathers of the *mighty* men of valour were two thousand and six hundred.
- ¹³ And *under* their hand was an army, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with *mighty* power, to help the king against the enemy.
- ¹⁴ And **Uzziah** prepared for them throughout *all* the host shields, and spears, and helmets, and habergeons, and bows, and slings to cast stones.

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- ¹⁵ And he made in **Jerusalem engines**, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his name spread far abroad, for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.
- ¹⁶ But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense.
- ¹⁷ And **Azariah** the priest went in *after* him, and with him fourscore priests of the LORD, that were *valiant men*:
- ¹⁸ And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, It appertaineth not unto thee, **Uzziah**, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests the sons of **Aaron**, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; neither shall it be for thine honour from the LORD God.
- ¹⁹ Then **Uzziah** was wroth, and had a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead *before* the priests in the house of the LORD, from beside the incense altar.
- ²⁰ And **Azariah** the *chief priest*, and *all* the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from thence; yea, himself hasted also to go *out*, because the LORD had smitten him.
- ²¹ And **Uzziah** the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD: and **Jotham** his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.
- ²² Now the rest of the acts of **Uzziah**, first and last, did **Isaiah** the prophet, the son of **Amoz**, write.
- ²³ So **Uzziah** slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which belonged to the kings; for they said, He is a leper: and **Jotham** his son reigned in his stead.

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- ¹ **Jotham** was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in **Jerusalem**. His mother's name also was **Jerushah**, the daughter of **Zadok**.
- ² And he did that which was right in the sight of the **LORD**, according to *all* that his father **Uzziah** did: howbeit he entered not into the temple of the **LORD**. And the people did yet corruptly.
- ³ He built the *high gate* of the house of the **LORD**, and on the wall of **Ophel** he built much.
- ⁴ Moreover he built cities in the mountains of **Judah**, and in the forests he built castles and towers.
- ⁵ He fought also with the king of the **Ammonites**, and prevailed against them. And the children of **Ammon** gave him the same year an hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So *much* did the children of **Ammon** pay unto him, both the second year, and the third.
- ⁶ So **Jotham** became mighty, because he prepared his ways *before* the **LORD** his **God**.
- ⁷ Now the rest of the acts of **Jotham**, and *all* his wars, and his ways, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of **Israel** and **Judah**.
- ⁸ He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in **Jerusalem**.
- ⁹ And **Jotham** slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of **David**: and **Ahaz** his son reigned in his stead.

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- ¹ **Ahaz** was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in **Jerusalem**: but he did not that which was right in the sight of the **LORD**, like **David** his father:
- ² For he walked in the ways of the kings of **Israel**, and made also *molten images* for **Baalim**.
- ³ Moreover he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and *burnt his children in the fire*, after the abominations of the heathen whom the **LORD** had cast out before the children of **Israel**.
- ⁴ He sacrificed also and burnt incense in the *high places*, and on the hills, and under every green tree.
- ⁵ Wherefore the **LORD** his **God** delivered him into the hand of the king of **Syria**; and they smote him, and carried away a great multitude of them captives, and brought them to **Damascus**. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of **Israel**, who smote him with a great slaughter.
- ⁶ For **Pekah** the son of **Remaliah** slew in **Judah** an hundred and twenty thousand in one day, which were *all valiant men*; because they had forsaken the **LORD God** of their fathers.
- ⁷ And **Zichri**, a *mighty man* of **Ephraim**, slew Maaseiah the king's son, and **Azrikam** the governor of the house, and **Elkanah** that was *next* to the king.
- ⁸ And the children of **Israel** carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away *much spoil* from them, and brought the spoil to **Samaria**.
- ⁹ But a prophet of the **LORD** was there, whose name was **Oded**: and he went *out before* the host that came to **Samaria**, and said unto them, Behold, because the **LORD God** of your fathers was wroth with **Judah**, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage that reacheth up unto heaven.
- ¹⁰ And now ye purpose to keep under the children of **Judah** and **Jerusalem** for bondmen and bondwomen unto you: but are there not with you, even with you, sins against the **LORD** your **God**?
- ¹¹ Now hear me therefore, and deliver the captives again, which ye have taken captive of your brethren: for the *fierce wrath* of the **LORD** is upon you.
- ¹² Then certain of the heads of the children of **Ephraim**, **Azariah** the son of **Johanan**, **Berechiah** the son of **Meshillemoth**, and **Jehizkiah** the son of **Shallum**, and **Amasa** the son of **Hadlai**, stood up against them that came from the war,

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- ¹³ And said unto them, Ye shall not bring in the captives hither: for whereas we have offended against the **LORD** already, ye intend to add more to our sins and to our trespass: for our trespass is great, and there is fierce wrath against **Israel**.
- ¹⁴ So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the congregation.
- ¹⁵ And the men which were expressed by name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil clothed all that were naked among them, and arrayed them, and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon asses, and brought them to **Jericho**, the city of palm trees, to their brethren: then they returned to **Samaria**.
- ¹⁶ At that time did king **Ahaz** send unto the kings of **Assyria** to help him.
- ¹⁷ For again the **Edomites** had come and smitten **Judah**, and carried away captives.
- ¹⁸ The **Philistines** also had invaded the cities of the low country, and of the south of **Judah**, and had taken **Bethshemesh**, and **Ajalon**, and **Gederoth**, and **Shocho** with the villages thereof, and **Timnah** with the villages thereof, **Gimzo** also and the villages thereof: and they dwelt there.
- ¹⁹ For the **LORD** brought **Judah** low because of **Ahaz** king of **Israel**; for he made **Judah** naked, and transgressed sore against the **LORD**.
- ²⁰ And **Tilgathpilneser** king of **Assyria** came unto him, and distressed him, but strengthened him not.
- ²¹ For **Ahaz** took away a portion out of the house of the **LORD**, and out of the house of the king, and of the princes, and gave it unto the king of **Assyria**: but he helped him not.
- ²² And in the time of his distress did he trespass yet more against the **LORD**: this is that king **Ahaz**.
- ²³ For he sacrificed unto the gods of **Damascus**, which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of **Syria** help them, therefore will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all **Israel**.
- ²⁴ And **Ahaz** gathered together the vessels of the house of **God**, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of **God**, and shut up the doors of the house of the **LORD**, and he made him altars in every corner of **Jerusalem**.
- ²⁵ And in every several city of **Judah** he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the **LORD** **God** of his fathers.
- ²⁶ Now the rest of his acts and of all his ways, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of **Judah** and **Israel**.
- ²⁷ And **Ahaz** slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, even in **Jerusalem**: but they brought him not into the sepulchres of the kings of **Israel**: and **Hezekiah** his son reigned in his stead.

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- ¹ **Hezekiah** began to reign when he was five and twenty years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in **Jerusalem**. And his mother's name was **Abijah**, the daughter of **Zechariah**.
- ² And he did that which was right in the sight of the **LORD**, according to *all* that **David** his father had done.
- ³ He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the **LORD**, and repaired them.
- ⁴ And he brought in the priests and the **Levites**, and gathered them together into the *east street*,
- ⁵ And said unto them, Hear me, ye **Levites**, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the **LORD God** of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness *out* of the holy place.
- ⁶ For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the eyes of the **LORD** our **God**, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the **LORD**, and turned their backs.
- ⁷ Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place unto the **God** of **Israel**.
- ⁸ Wherefore the wrath of the **LORD** was upon **Judah** and **Jerusalem**, and he hath delivered them to trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing, as ye see with your eyes.
- ⁹ For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this.
- ¹⁰ Now it is in mine heart to make a covenant with the **LORD God** of **Israel**, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.
- ¹¹ My sons, be not now negligent: for the **LORD** hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him, and burn incense.
- ¹² Then the **Levites** arose, **Mahath** the son of **Amasai**, and **Joel** the son of **Azariah**, of the sons of the **Kohathites**: and of the sons of **Merari**, **Kish** the son of **Abdi**, and **Azariah** the son of **Jehalelel**: and of the **Gershonites**; **Joah** the son of **Zimmah**, and **Eden** the son of **Joah**:
- ¹³ And of the sons of **Elizaphan**; **Shimri**, and **Jeiel**: and of the sons of **Asaph**; **Zechariah**, and **Mattaniah**:
- ¹⁴ And of the sons of **Heman**; **Jehiel**, and **Shimei**: and of the sons of **Jeduthun**; **Shemaiah**, and **Uzziel**.

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- ¹⁵ And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the **LORD**, to cleanse the house of the **LORD**.
- ¹⁶ And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the **LORD**, to cleanse it, and brought *out all* the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the **LORD** into the court of the house of the **LORD**. And the Levites took it, to carry it *out abroad* into the brook **Kidron**.
- ¹⁷ Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the **LORD**: so they sanctified the house of the **LORD** in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end.
- ¹⁸ Then they went in to **Hezekiah** the king, and said, We have cleansed *all* the house of the **LORD**, and the altar of burnt offering, with *all* the vessels thereof, and the shewbread table, with *all* the vessels thereof.
- ¹⁹ Moreover *all* the vessels, which king **Ahaz** in his reign did cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they are *before* the altar of the **LORD**.
- ²⁰ Then **Hezekiah** the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went *up* to the house of the **LORD**.
- ²¹ And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he goats, for a sin offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for **Judah**. And he commanded the priests the sons of **Aaron** to offer them on the altar of the **LORD**.
- ²² So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled it on the altar: likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar.
- ²³ And they brought forth the he goats for the sin offering *before* the king and the congregation; and they laid their hands upon them:
- ²⁴ And the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for *all* **Israel**: for the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering should be made for *all* **Israel**.

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- ²⁵ And he set the Levites in the house of the **LORD** with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of **David**, and of **Gad** the king's seer, and **Nathan** the prophet: for so was the commandment of the **LORD** by his prophets.
- ²⁶ And the Levites stood with the instruments of **David**, and the priests with the trumpets.
- ²⁷ And **Hezekiah** commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the **LORD** began also with the trumpets, and with the instruments ordained by **David** king of **Israel**.
- ²⁸ And *all* the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: and *all* this continued until the burnt offering was finished.
- ²⁹ And when they had made an end of offering, the king and *all* that were present with him bowed themselves, and worshipped.
- ³⁰ Moreover **Hezekiah** the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the **LORD** with the words of **David**, and of **Asaph** the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.
- ³¹ Then **Hezekiah** answered and said, Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the **LORD**, come *near* and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the **LORD**. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as *many* as were of a free heart burnt offerings.
- ³² And the number of the burnt offerings, which the congregation brought, was threescore and ten bullocks, an hundred rams, and two hundred lambs: *all* these were for a burnt offering to the **LORD**.
- ³³ And the consecrated things were six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep.
- ³⁴ But the priests were *too few*, so that they could not flay *all* the burnt offerings: wherefore their brethren the Levites did help them, till the work was ended, and until the other priests had sanctified themselves: for the Levites were *more upright* in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests.
- ³⁵ And also the burnt offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and the drink offerings for every burnt offering. So the service of the house of the **LORD** was set in order.
- ³⁶ And **Hezekiah** rejoiced, and *all* the people, that **God** had prepared the people: *for the thing was done suddenly*.

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- ¹ And **Hezekiah** sent to *all Israel* and **Judah**, and wrote letters also to **Ephraim** and **Manasseh**, that they should come to the house of the **LORD** at **Jerusalem**, to keep the **passover** unto the **LORD God** of **Israel**.
- ² For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and *all* the congregation in **Jerusalem**, to keep the **passover** in the second month.
- ³ For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves *sufficiently*, neither had the people gathered themselves together to **Jerusalem**.
- ⁴ And the thing pleased the king and *all* the congregation.
- ⁵ So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout *all Israel*, from **Beersheba** even to **Dan**, that they should come to keep the **passover** unto the **LORD God** of **Israel** at **Jerusalem**: for they had not done it of a long time in such sort as it was written.
- ⁶ So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout *all Israel* and **Judah**, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, **Ye children of Israel**, turn again unto the **LORD God** of **Abraham**, **Isaac**, and **Israel**, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of **Assyria**.
- ⁷ And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, which trespassed against the **LORD God** of their fathers, who therefore gave them *up* to desolation, as ye see.
- ⁸ Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto the **LORD**, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve the **LORD** your **God**, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you.
- ⁹ For if ye turn again unto the **LORD**, your brethren and your children shall find compassion *before* them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the **LORD** your **God** is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him.
- ¹⁰ So the posts passed from city to city through the country of **Ephraim** and **Manasseh** even unto **Zebulun**: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.
- ¹¹ Nevertheless divers of **Asher** and **Manasseh** and of **Zebulun** humbled themselves, and came to **Jerusalem**.
- ¹² Also in **Judah** the hand of **God** was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word of the **LORD**.

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- ¹³ And there assembled at Jerusalem *much* people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation.
- ¹⁴ And they arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and *all* the altars for incense took they away, and cast them into the brook Kidron.
- ¹⁵ Then they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the second month: and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought in the burnt offerings into the house of the LORD.
- ¹⁶ And they stood in their place *after* their manner, according to the law of Moses the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood, which they received of the hand of the Levites.
- ¹⁷ For there were *many* in the congregation that were not sanctified: therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing of the passovers for every one that was not clean, to sanctify them unto the LORD.
- ¹⁸ For a multitude of the people, even *many* of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good LORD pardon every one
- ¹⁹ That prepareth his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary.
- ²⁰ And the LORD hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.
- ²¹ And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, singing with loud instruments unto the LORD.
- ²² And Hezekiah spake *comfortably* unto *all* the Levites that taught the good knowledge of the LORD: and they did eat throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings, and making confession to the LORD God of their fathers.
- ²³ And the *whole* assembly took counsel to keep other seven days: and they kept other seven days with gladness. ²⁴ For Hezekiah king of Judah did give to the congregation a thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the congregation a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep: and a great number of priests sanctified themselves. ²⁵ And *all* the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and *all* the congregation that came *out* of Israel, and the strangers that came *out* of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced. ²⁶ So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem. ²⁷ Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy dwelling place, even unto heaven.

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- ¹ Now when *all* this was finished, *all Israel* that were present went *out* to the cities of **Judah**, and brake the images *in pieces*, and cut down the groves, and threw down the high places and the altars *out of all Judah* and **Benjamin**, in **Ephraim** also and **Manasseh**, until they had utterly destroyed them *all*. Then *all* the children of **Israel** returned, every man to his possession, into their *own cities*.
- ² And **Hezekiah** appointed the courses of the priests and the Levites *after* their courses, every man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of the **LORD**.
- ³ He appointed also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, to wit, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as it is written in the law of the **LORD**.
- ⁴ Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in **Jerusalem** to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might be encouraged in the law of the **LORD**.
- ⁵ And as soon as the commandment came *abroad*, the children of **Israel** brought in abundance the firstfruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of *all* the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in *abundantly*.
- ⁶ And concerning the children of **Israel** and **Judah**, that dwelt in the cities of **Judah**, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things which were consecrated unto the **LORD** their **God**, and laid them by heaps.
- ⁷ In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished them in the seventh month.
- ⁸ And when **Hezekiah** and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the **LORD**, and his people **Israel**.
- ⁹ Then **Hezekiah** questioned with the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps.
- ¹⁰ And **Azariah** the chief priest of the house of **Zadok** answered him, and said, Since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of the **LORD**, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for the **LORD** hath blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store.
- ¹¹ Then **Hezekiah** commanded to prepare chambers in the house of the **LORD**; and they prepared them,

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- ¹² And brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated things faithfully. over which Cononiah the Levite was ruler, and Shimei his brother was the *next*.
- ¹³ And Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, were overseers *under the hand* of Cononiah and Shimei his brother, at the commandment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house of God.
- ¹⁴ And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the porter *toward the east*, was over the freewill offerings of God, to distribute the oblations of the LORD, and the most holy things.
- ¹⁵ And next him were Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, in their set office, to give to their brethren by courses, as well to the great as to the *small*.
- ¹⁶ Beside their genealogy of males, from three years old and *upward*, even unto every one that entereth into the house of the LORD, his daily portion for their service in their charges according to their courses;
- ¹⁷ Both to the genealogy of the priests by the house of their fathers, and the Levites from twenty years old and *upward*, in their charges by their courses;
- ¹⁸ And to the genealogy of *all their little ones*, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through *all* the congregation: for in their set office they sanctified themselves in holiness:
- ¹⁹ Also of the sons of Aaron the priests, which were in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every several city, the men that were expressed by name, to give portions to *all* the males among the priests, and to *all* that were reckoned by genealogies among the Levites.
- ²⁰ And thus did Hezekiah throughout *all Judah*, and wrought that which was good and right and truth *before the LORD* his God.
- ²¹ And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with *all his heart*, and prospered.

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- ¹ After these things, and the establishment thereof, **Sennacherib** king of **Assyria** came, and entered into **Judah**, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himself.
- ² And when **Hezekiah** saw that **Sennacherib** was come, and that he was purposed to fight against **Jerusalem**,
- ³ He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters fountains which were *without* the city: and they did help him.
- ⁴ So there was gathered *much* people together, who stopped *all* the fountains, and the brook that ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of **Assyria** come, and find *much water*?
- ⁵ Also he strengthened himself, and built up *all* the wall that was broken, and raised it *up* to the towers, and another wall *without*, and repaired **Millo** in the city of **David**, and made darts and shields in abundance.
- ⁶ And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city, and spake *comfortably* to them, saying,
- ⁷ Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of **Assyria**, nor for *all* the multitude that is with him: for there be *more* with us than with him:
- ⁸ With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the **LORD** our **God** to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of **Hezekiah** king of **Judah**.
- ⁹ After this did **Sennacherib** king of **Assyria** send his servants to **Jerusalem**, (but he himself laid siege against **Lachish**, and *all* his power with him,) unto **Hezekiah** king of **Judah**, and unto *all* **Judah** that were at **Jerusalem**, saying,
- ¹⁰ Thus saith **Sennacherib** king of **Assyria**, Whereon do ye trust, that ye abide in the siege in **Jerusalem**?
- ¹¹ Doth not **Hezekiah** persuade you to give over yourselves to die by famine and by thirst, saying, The **LORD** our **God** shall deliver us *out* of the hand of the king of **Assyria**?
- ¹² Hath not the same **Hezekiah** taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded **Judah** and **Jerusalem**, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and burn incense upon it?
- ¹³ Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto *all* the people of other lands? were the gods of the nations of those lands *any ways* able to deliver their lands *out* of mine hand?

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- ¹⁴ Who was there among *all* the **gods** of those **nations** that my **fathers** *utterly destroyed*, that could **deliver** his people *out* of mine **hand**, that your **God** should be able to deliver you *out* of mine **hand**?
- ¹⁵ **Now** therefore let **not Hezekiah** *deceive* you, *nor persuade* you on this manner, *neither yet believe* him: for **no god** of *any nation* or *kingdom* was able to **deliver** his people *out* of mine **hand**, and *out* of the **hand** of my **fathers**: how *much less* shall your **God** **deliver** you *out* of mine **hand**?
- ¹⁶ And his servants spake yet *more* **against** the **LORD God**, and **against** his **servant Hezekiah**.
- ¹⁷ He **wrote** also **letters** to *rail* on the **LORD God** of Israel, and to speak **against** him, saying, As the **gods** of the **nations** of other **lands** have **not delivered** their people *out* of mine **hand**, so shall **not** the **God** of **Hezekiah** **deliver** his people *out* of mine **hand**.
- ¹⁸ Then they **cried** with a *loud voice* in the **Jews'** **speech** unto the people of **Jerusalem** that were on the **wall**, to *affright* them, and to **trouble** them; that they might take the **city**.
- ¹⁹ And they spake **against** the **God** of **Jerusalem**, as **against** the **gods** of the people of the **earth**, which were the **work** of the **hands** of **man**.
- ²⁰ And for this cause **Hezekiah** the king, and the **prophet Isaiah** the son of **Amoz**, **prayed** and **cried** to **heaven**.
- ²¹ And the **LORD** **sent** an **angel**, which **cut off** *all* the **mighty men** of **valour**, and the **leaders** and **captains** in the **camp** of the king of **Assyria**. So he **returned** with **shame** of **face** to his **own land**. And when he was come into the **house** of his **god**, they that came forth of his **own bowels** **slew** him there with the **sword**.
- ²² Thus the **LORD** **saved** **Hezekiah** and the **inhabitants** of **Jerusalem** from the **hand** of **Sennacherib** the king of **Assyria**, and from the **hand** of *all* **other**, and **guided** them on **every** side.
- ²³ And *many* brought **gifts** unto the **LORD** to **Jerusalem**, and **presents** to **Hezekiah** king of **Judah**: so that he was **magnified** in the **sight** of *all* **nations** from thenceforth.
- ²⁴ In those **days** **Hezekiah** was **sick** to the **death**, and **prayed** unto the **LORD**: and he spake unto him, and he gave him a **sign**.
- ²⁵ But **Hezekiah** **rendered not** again according to the **benefit** done unto him; for his **heart** was **lifted up**: therefore there was **wrath** upon him, and upon **Judah** and **Jerusalem**.
- ²⁶ Notwithstanding **Hezekiah** **humbled** himself for the **pride** of his **heart**, both he and the **inhabitants** of **Jerusalem**, so that the **wrath** of the **LORD** came **not** upon them in the **days** of **Hezekiah**.

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- ²⁷ And **Hezekiah** had *exceeding much riches* and honour: and he made himself treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for *all manner of pleasant jewels*;
- ²⁸ Storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for *all manner of beasts*, and cotes for flocks.
- ²⁹ Moreover he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance: for **God** had given him substance *very much*.
- ³⁰ This same **Hezekiah** also stopped the upper watercourse of **Gihon**, and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of **David**. And **Hezekiah** prospered in *all his works*.
- ³¹ Howbeit in the business of the ambassadors of the princes of **Babylon**, who sent unto him to enquire of the wonder that was done in the land, **God** left him, to try him, that he might know *all that was in his heart*.
- ³² Now the rest of the acts of **Hezekiah**, and his goodness, behold, they are written in the vision of **Isaiah** the prophet, the son of **Amoz**, and in the book of the kings of **Judah** and **Israel**.
- ³³ And **Hezekiah** slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the chiefest of the sepulchres of the sons of **David**: and *all Judah* and the inhabitants of **Jerusalem** did him honour at his death. And **Manasseh** his son reigned in his stead.

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- ¹ **Manasseh** was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in **Jerusalem**:
- ² But did that which was evil in the sight of the **LORD**, like unto the abominations of the heathen, whom the **LORD** had cast out before the children of **Israel**.
- ³ For he built again the high places which **Hezekiah** his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for **Baalim**, and made groves, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.
- ⁴ Also he built altars in the house of the **LORD**, whereof the **LORD** had said, In **Jerusalem** shall my name be for ever.
- ⁵ And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the **LORD**.
- ⁶ And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of **Hinnom**: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the **LORD**, to provoke him to anger.
- ⁷ And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of **God**, of which **God** had said to **David** and to **Solomon** his son, In this house, and in **Jerusalem**, which I have chosen before all the tribes of **Israel**, will I put my name for ever.
- ⁸ Neither will I any more remove the foot of **Israel** from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of **Moses**.
- ⁹ So **Manasseh** made **Judah** and the inhabitants of **Jerusalem** to err, and to do worse than the heathen, whom the **LORD** had destroyed before the children of **Israel**.
- ¹⁰ And the **LORD** spake to **Manasseh**, and to his people: but they would not hearken.
- ¹¹ Wherefore the **LORD** brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of **Assyria**, which took **Manasseh** among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to **Babylon**.
- ¹² And when he was in affliction, he besought the **LORD** his **God**, and humbled himself greatly before the **God** of his fathers,
- ¹³ And prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to **Jerusalem** into his kingdom. Then **Manasseh** knew that the **LORD** he was **God**.

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- ¹⁴ Now *after* this he built a wall without the city of **David**, on the *west* side of **Gihon**, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fish gate, and compassed about **Ophel**, and raised it *up* a very great height, and put captains of war in *all* the fenced cities of **Judah**.
- ¹⁵ And he took away the strange gods, and the idol *out* of the house of the **LORD**, and *all* the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the **LORD**, and in **Jerusalem**, and cast them *out* of the city.
- ¹⁶ And he repaired the altar of the **LORD**, and sacrificed thereon peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the **LORD** God of **Israel**.
- ¹⁷ Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, yet unto the **LORD** their God *only*.
- ¹⁸ Now the rest of the acts of **Manasseh**, and his prayer unto his **God**, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of the **LORD** God of **Israel**, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of **Israel**.
- ¹⁹ His prayer also, and how **God** was intreated of him, and *all* his sins, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set *up* groves and graven images, *before* he was humbled: behold, they are written among the sayings of the seers.
- ²⁰ So **Manasseh** slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and **Amon** his son reigned in his stead.
- ²¹ **Amon** was two and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned two years in **Jerusalem**.
- ²² But he did that which was evil in the sight of the **LORD**, as did **Manasseh** his father: for **Amon** sacrificed unto *all* the carved images which **Manasseh** his father had made, and served them;
- ²³ And humbled not himself *before* the **LORD**, as **Manasseh** his father had humbled himself; but **Amon** trespassed more and more.
- ²⁴ And his servants conspired against him, and slew him in his own house.
- ²⁵ But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king **Amon**; and the people of the land made **Josiah** his son king in his stead.

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- ¹ **Josiah** was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in **Jerusalem** one and thirty years.
- ² And he did that which was right in the sight of the **LORD**, and walked in the ways of **David** his father, and declined neither to the right hand, nor to the left.
- ³ For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the **God** of **David** his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge **Judah** and **Jerusalem** from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images.
- ⁴ And they brake down the altars of **Baalim** in his presence; and the images, that were on high above them, he cut down; and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made dust of them, and strowed it upon the graves of them that had sacrificed unto them.
- ⁵ And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed **Judah** and **Jerusalem**.
- ⁶ And so did he in the cities of **Manasseh**, and **Ephraim**, and **Simeon**, even unto **Naphtali**, with their mattocks round about.
- ⁷ And when he had broken down the altars and the groves, and had beaten the graven images into powder, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of **Israel**, he returned to **Jerusalem**.
- ⁸ Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent **Shaphan** the son of **Azaliah**, and **Maaseiah** the governor of the city, and **Joah** the son of **Joahaz** the recorder, to repair the house of the **LORD** his **God**.
- ⁹ And when they came to **Hilkiah** the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of **God**, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of **Manasseh** and **Ephraim**, and of all the remnant of **Israel**, and of all **Judah** and **Benjamin**; and they returned to **Jerusalem**.
- ¹⁰ And they put it in the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of the **LORD**, and they gave it to the workmen that wrought in the house of the **LORD**, to repair and amend the house:
- ¹¹ Even to the artificers and builders gave they it, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and to floor the houses which the kings of **Judah** had destroyed.
- ¹² And the men did the work faithfully: and the overseers of them were **Jahath** and **Obadiah**, the Levites, of the sons of **Merari**; and **Zechariah** and **Meshullam**, of the sons of the Kohathites, to set it forward; and other of the Levites, all that could skill of instruments of musick.

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- ¹³ Also they were over the bearers of burdens, and were overseers of *all* that wrought the work in *any* manner of service: and of the Levites there were scribes, and officers, and porters.
- ¹⁴ And when they brought *out* the money that was brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found a book of the law of the LORD given by Moses.
- ¹⁵ And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan.
- ¹⁶ And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, saying, *All* that was committed to thy servants, they do it.
- ¹⁷ And they have gathered together the money that was found in the house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and to the hand of the workmen.
- ¹⁸ Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath given me a book. And Shaphan read it *before* the king.
- ¹⁹ And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes.
- ²⁰ And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying,
- ²¹ Go, enquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do *after all* that is written in this book.
- ²² And Hilkiah, and they that the king had appointed, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they spake to her to that effect.
- ²³ And she answered them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell ye the man that sent you to me,
- ²⁴ Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even *all* the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah:
- ²⁵ Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with *all* the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched.

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- ²⁶ And as for the king of **Judah**, who sent you to enquire of the **LORD**, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the **LORD God of Israel** concerning the words which thou hast heard;
- ²⁷ Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard thee also, saith the **LORD**.
- ²⁸ Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again.
- ²⁹ Then the king sent and gathered together *all* the elders of **Judah** and **Jerusalem**.
- ³⁰ And the king went *up* into the house of the **LORD**, and *all* the men of **Judah**, and the inhabitants of **Jerusalem**, and the priests, and the Levites, and *all* the people, *great and small*: and he read in their ears *all* the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the **LORD**.
- ³¹ And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with *all* his heart, and with *all* his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book.
- ³² And he caused *all* that were present in **Jerusalem** and **Benjamin** to stand to it. And the inhabitants of **Jerusalem** did according to the covenant of **God**, the **God** of their fathers.
- ³³ And **Josiah** took away all the abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of Israel, and made *all* that were present in **Israel** to serve, even to serve the **LORD** their **God**. And *all* his days they departed not from following the LORD, the **God** of their fathers.

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- ¹ Moreover **Josiah** kept a passover unto the **LORD** in **Jerusalem**: and they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month.
- ² And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house of the **LORD**,
- ³ And said unto the **Levites** that taught *all Israel*, which were holy unto the **LORD**, Put the *holy ark* in the house which **Solomon** the son of **David** king of **Israel** did build; it shall not be a burden upon your shoulders: serve now the LORD your God, and his people **Israel**,
- ⁴ And prepare yourselves by the houses of your fathers, *after* your courses, according to the writing of **David** king of **Israel**, and according to the writing of **Solomon** his son.
- ⁵ And stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the families of the fathers of your brethren the people, and *after* the division of the families of the **Levites**.
- ⁶ So kill the passover, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare your brethren, that they may do according to the word of the **LORD** by the hand of **Moses**.
- ⁷ And **Josiah** gave to the people, of the flock, lambs and kids, *all* for the passover offerings, for *all* that were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bullocks: these were of the king's substance.
- ⁸ And his princes gave *willingly* unto the people, to the priests, and to the **Levites**: **Hilkiah** and **Zechariah** and **Jehiel**, rulers of the house of **God**, gave unto the priests for the passover offerings two thousand and six hundred *small cattle* and three hundred oxen.
- ⁹ **Conaniah** also, and **Shemaiah** and **Nethaneel**, his brethren, and **Hashabiah** and **Jeiel** and **Jozabad**, chief of the **Levites**, gave unto the **Levites** for passover offerings five thousand *small cattle*, and five hundred oxen.
- ¹⁰ So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the **Levites** in their courses, according to the king's commandment.
- ¹¹ And they killed the passover, and the priests sprinkled the blood from their hands, and the **Levites** flayed them.
- ¹² And they removed the burnt offerings, that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer unto the **LORD**, as it is written in the book of **Moses**. And so did they with the oxen.

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- ¹³ And they roasted the passover with fire according to the ordinance: but the other holy offerings sod they in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and divided them speedily among *all* the people.
- ¹⁴ And *afterward* they made ready for themselves, and for the priests: because the priests the sons of Aaron were busied in offering of burnt offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron.
- ¹⁵ And the singers the sons of Asaph were in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the porters waited at every gate; they might not depart from their service; for their brethren the Levites prepared for them.
- ¹⁶ So *all* the service of the LORD was prepared the same day, to keep the passover, and to offer burnt offerings upon the altar of the LORD, according to the commandment of king Josiah.
- ¹⁷ And the children of Israel that were present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days.
- ¹⁸ And there was no passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did *all* the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and *all* Judah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
- ¹⁹ In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah was *this* passover kept.
- ²⁰ *After all* this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Necho king of Egypt came *up* to fight against Charchemish by Euphrates: and Josiah *went out* against him.
- ²¹ But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? I come not against thee this day, but against the house wherewith I have war: for God commanded me to make haste: forbear thee from meddling with God, who is with me, that he destroy thee not.
- ²² Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.
- ²³ And the archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, Have me away; for I am sore wounded.

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- ²⁴ His servants therefore took him *out* of that chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had; and they brought him to **Jerusalem**, and he died, and was buried in one of the sepulchres of his fathers. **And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.**
- ²⁵ **And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah:** and *all* the singing men and the singing women spake of Josiah in their lamentations to this day, and made them an ordinance in **Israel**: and, behold, they are written in the lamentations.
- ²⁶ Now the rest of the acts of **Josiah**, and his goodness, according to that which was written in the law of the **LORD**,
- ²⁷ And his deeds, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of **Israel** and **Judah**.

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- ¹ Then the people of the land took **Jehoahaz** the son of **Josiah**, and made him king in his father's **stead** in **Jerusalem**.
- ² **Jehoahaz** was twenty and three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in **Jerusalem**.
- ³ And the king of **Egypt** put him *down* at **Jerusalem**, and condemned the land in an hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.
- ⁴ And the king of **Egypt** made **Eliakim** his brother king over **Judah** and **Jerusalem**, and turned his name to **Jehoiakim**. And **Necho** took **Jehoahaz** his brother, and carried him to **Egypt**.
- ⁵ **Jehoiakim** was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in **Jerusalem**: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the **LORD** his **God**.
- ⁶ Against him came *up* **Nebuchadnezzar** king of **Babylon**, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to **Babylon**.
- ⁷ **Nebuchadnezzar** also carried of the vessels of the house of the **LORD** to **Babylon**, and put them in his temple at **Babylon**.
- ⁸ Now the rest of the acts of **Jehoiakim**, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of **Israel** and **Judah**: and **Jehoiachin** his son reigned in his stead.
- ⁹ **Jehoiachin** was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in **Jerusalem**: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the **LORD**.
- ¹⁰ And when the year was expired, king **Nebuchadnezzar** sent, and brought him to **Babylon**, with the goodly vessels of the house of the **LORD**, and made **Zedekiah** his brother king over **Judah** and **Jerusalem**.
- ¹¹ **Zedekiah** was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in **Jerusalem**.
- ¹² And he did that which was evil in the sight of the **LORD** his **God**, and humbled not himself *before* **Jeremiah** the prophet speaking from the mouth of the **LORD**.
- ¹³ And he also rebelled against king **Nebuchadnezzar**, who had made him swear by **God**: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the **LORD God** of **Israel**.

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- ¹⁴ Moreover *all* the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed *very much after all* the abominations of the heathen; and polluted the house of the **LORD** which he had hallowed in **Jerusalem**.
- ¹⁵ And the **LORD** God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place:
- ¹⁶ But they mocked the messengers of **God**, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the **LORD** arose against his people, *till there was no remedy*.
- ¹⁷ Therefore he brought upon them the king of the **Chaldees**, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, *old* man, or him that stooped for age: he gave them *all* into his hand.
- ¹⁸ And *all* the vessels of the house of **God**, *great* and *small*, and the treasures of the house of the **LORD**, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; *all* these he brought to **Babylon**.
- ¹⁹ And they burnt the house of **God**, and brake down the wall of **Jerusalem**, and burnt *all* the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed *all* the goodly vessels thereof.
- ²⁰ And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to **Babylon**; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of **Persia**:
- ²¹ To fulfil the word of the **LORD** by the mouth of **Jeremiah**, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as *long* as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.
- ²² Now in the first year of **Cyrus** king of **Persia**, that the word of the **LORD** spoken by the mouth of **Jeremiah** might be accomplished, the **LORD** stirred up the spirit of **Cyrus** king of **Persia**, that he made a proclamation throughout *all* his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,
- ²³ Thus saith **Cyrus** king of **Persia**, *All* the kingdoms of the earth hath the **LORD** God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in **Jerusalem**, which is in **Judah**. Who is there among you of *all* his people? The **LORD** his God be with him, and let him go *up*.