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- ¹ Now king **David** was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he *gat* no heat.
- ² Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand *before* the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may *get* heat.
- ³ So they sought for a fair damsel throughout *all* the coasts of **Israel**, and found **Abishag** a **Shunammite**, and brought her to the king.
- ⁴ And the damsel was very fair, and cherished the king, and ministered to him: but the king knew her not.
- ⁵ Then **Adonijah** the son of **Haggith** exalted himself, saying, *I will be king*. and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run *before* him.
- ⁶ And his father had not displeased him at *any time* in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was a very goodly man; and his mother bare him *after* **Absalom**.
- ⁷ And he conferred with **Joab** the son of **Zeruiah**, and with **Abiathar** the priest: and they following **Adonijah** helped him.
- ⁸ But **Zadok** the priest, and **Benaiah** the son of **Jehoiada**, and **Nathan** the prophet, and **Shimei**, and **Rei**, and the mighty men which belonged to **David**, were not with **Adonijah**.
- ⁹ And **Adonijah** slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of **Zohemoth**, which is by **Enrogel**, and called *all* his brethren the king's sons, and *all* the men of **Judah** the king's servants:
- ¹⁰ But **Nathan** the prophet, and **Benaiah**, and the mighty men, and **Solomon** his brother, he called not.
- ¹¹ Wherefore **Nathan** spake unto **Bathsheba** the mother of **Solomon**, saying, Hast thou not heard that **Adonijah** the son of **Haggith** doth reign, and **David** our lord knoweth it not?
- ¹² Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine *own* life, and the life of thy son **Solomon**.
- ¹³ Go and get thee in unto king **David**, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, *Assuredly* **Solomon** thy son shall reign *after* me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth **Adonijah** reign?
- ¹⁴ Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in *after* thee, and confirm thy words.
- ¹⁵ And **Bathsheba** went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and **Abishag** the **Shunammite** ministered unto the king.

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- ¹⁶ And **Bathsheba** bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, What wouldest thou?
- ¹⁷ And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest by the **LORD** thy **God** unto thine handmaid, saying, *Assuredly* **Solomon** thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne.
- ¹⁸ And now, behold, **Adonijah** reigneth; and now, my lord the king, thou knowest it not:
- ¹⁹ And he hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called *all* the sons of the king, and **Abiathar** the priest, and **Joab** the captain of the host: but **Solomon** thy servant hath he not called.
- ²⁰ And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of *all* **Israel** are upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king *after* him.
- ²¹ Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son **Solomon** shall be counted offenders.
- ²² And, lo, while she yet talked with the king, **Nathan** the prophet also came in.
- ²³ And they told the king, saying, Behold **Nathan** the prophet. And when he was come in *before* the king, he bowed himself *before* the king with his face to the ground.
- ²⁴ And **Nathan** said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, **Adonijah** shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne?
- ²⁵ For he is gone *down* this day, and hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called *all* the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and **Abiathar** the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink *before* him, and say, **God save** king **Adonijah**.
- ²⁶ But me, even me thy servant, and **Zadok** the priest, and **Benaiah** the son of **Jehoiada**, and thy servant **Solomon**, hath he not called.
- ²⁷ Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not shewed it unto thy servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king *after* him?
- ²⁸ Then king **David** answered and said, Call me **Bathsheba**. And she came into the king's presence, and stood *before* the king.
- ²⁹ And the king sware, and said, As the **LORD liveth**, that hath redeemed my soul *out of all* distress,
- ³⁰ Even as I sware unto thee by the **LORD God** of **Israel**, saying, *Assuredly* **Solomon** thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I *certainly* do this day.

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- ³¹ Then **Bathsheba** bowed with her face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, Let my lord king **David** live for ever.
- ³² And king **David** said, Call me **Zadok** the priest, and **Nathan** the prophet, and **Benaiah** the son of **Jehoiada**. And they came *before* the king.
- ³³ The king also said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause **Solomon** my son to ride upon mine *own* mule, and bring him *down* to **Gihon**:
- ³⁴ And let **Zadok** the priest and **Nathan** the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king **Solomon**.
- ³⁵ Then ye shall come *up after* him, that he may come and sit upon the throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over **Israel** and over **Judah**.
- ³⁶ And **Benaiah** the son of **Jehoiada** answered the king, and said, **Amen**: the **LORD God** of my lord the king say so too.
- ³⁷ As the **LORD** hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with **Solomon**, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king **David**.
- ³⁸ So **Zadok** the priest, and **Nathan** the prophet, and **Benaiah** the son of **Jehoiada**, and the **Cherethites**, and the **Pelethites**, went *down*, and caused **Solomon** to ride upon king **David's** mule, and brought him to **Gihon**.
- ³⁹ And **Zadok** the priest took an horn of oil *out* of the tabernacle, and anointed **Solomon**. And they blew the trumpet; and *all* the people said, God save king **Solomon**.
- ⁴⁰ And *all* the people came *up after* him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.
- ⁴¹ And **Adonijah** and *all* the guests that were with him heard it as they had made an end of eating. And when **Joab** heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Wherefore is this noise of the city being in an uproar?
- ⁴² And while he yet spake, behold, **Jonathan** the son of **Abiathar** the priest came; and **Adonijah** said unto him, Come in; for thou art a valiant man, and bringest good tidings.
- ⁴³ And **Jonathan** answered and said to **Adonijah**, *Verily* our lord king **David** hath made **Solomon** king.
- ⁴⁴ And the king hath sent with him **Zadok** the priest, and **Nathan** the prophet, and **Benaiah** the son of **Jehoiada**, and the **Cherethites**, and the **Pelethites**, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule:

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- ⁴⁵ And **Zadok** the priest and **Nathan** the prophet have anointed him king in **Gihon**: and they are come *up* from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that ye have heard.
- ⁴⁶ And also **Solomon** sitteth on the throne of the kingdom.
- ⁴⁷ And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king **David**, saying, **God** make the name of **Solomon** better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne. And the king bowed himself upon the bed.
- ⁴⁸ And also thus said the king, Blessed be the **LORD God** of **Israel**, which hath given one to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing it.
- ⁴⁹ And *all* the guests that were with **Adonijah** were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way.
- ⁵⁰ And **Adonijah** feared because of **Solomon**, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.
- ⁵¹ And it was told **Solomon**, saying, Behold, **Adonijah** feareth king **Solomon**: for, lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king **Solomon** swear unto me today that he will not slay his servant with the sword.
- ⁵² And **Solomon** said, If he will shew himself a worthy man, there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die.
- ⁵³ So king **Solomon** sent, and they brought him *down* from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to king **Solomon**: and **Solomon** said unto him, Go to thine house.

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- ¹ Now the days of **David** drew *nigh* that he should die; and he charged **Solomon** his son, saying,
- ² I go the way of *all* the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man;
- ³ And keep the charge of the **LORD** thy **God**, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of **Moses**, that thou mayest prosper in *all* that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:
- ⁴ That the **LORD** may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk *before* me in truth with *all* their heart and with *all* their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of **Israel**.
- ⁵ Moreover thou knowest also what **Joab** the son of **Zeruiah** did to me, and what he did to the two captains of the hosts of **Israel**, unto **Abner** the son of **Ner**, and unto **Amasa** the son of **Jether**, whom he slew, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that was about his loins, and in his shoes that were on his feet.
- ⁶ Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go *down* to the grave in peace.
- ⁷ But shew kindness unto the sons of **Barzillai** the **Gileadite**, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so they came to me when I fled because of **Absalom** thy brother.
- ⁸ And, behold, thou hast with thee **Shimei** the son of **Gera**, a **Benjamite** of **Bahurim**, which cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to **Mahanaim**: but he came *down* to meet me at **Jordan**, and I sware to him by the **LORD**, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword.
- ⁹ Now therefore hold him not guiltless: for thou art a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him; but his hoar head bring thou *down* to the grave with blood.
- ¹⁰ **So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David.**
- ¹¹ And the days that **David** reigned over **Israel** were forty years: seven years reigned he in **Hebron**, and thirty and three years reigned he in **Jerusalem**.
- ¹² **Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly.**
- ¹³ And **Adonijah** the son of **Haggith** came to **Bathsheba** the mother of **Solomon**. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably.
- ¹⁴ He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And she said, Say on.

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- ¹⁵ And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and that *all* Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's: for it was his from the **LORD**.
- ¹⁶ And now I ask one petition of thee, deny me not. And she said unto him, Say on.
- ¹⁷ And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto **Solomon** the king, (for he will not say thee nay;) that he give me **Abishag** the **Shunammite** to wife.
- ¹⁸ And **Bathsheba** said, Well; I will speak for thee unto the king.
- ¹⁹ **Bathsheba** therefore went unto king **Solomon**, to speak unto him for **Adonijah**. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand.
- ²⁰ Then she said, I desire one *small* petition of thee; I pray thee, say me not nay. And the king said unto her, Ask on, my mother: for I will not say thee nay.
- ²¹ And she said, Let **Abishag** the **Shunammite** be given to **Adonijah** thy brother to wife.
- ²² And king **Solomon** answered and said unto his mother, And why dost thou ask **Abishag** the **Shunammite** for **Adonijah**? ask for him the kingdom also; for he is mine elder brother; even for him, and for **Abiathar** the priest, and for **Joab** the son of **Zeruiah**.
- ²³ Then king **Solomon** swore by the **LORD**, saying, **God** do so to me, and more also, if **Adonijah** have not spoken this word against his own life.
- ²⁴ Now therefore, as the **LORD** liveth, which hath established me, and set me on the throne of **David** my father, and who hath made me an house, as he promised, **Adonijah** shall be put to death this day.
- ²⁵ And king **Solomon** sent by the hand of **Benaiah** the son of **Jehoiada**; and he fell upon him that he died.
- ²⁶ And unto **Abiathar** the priest said the king, Get thee to **Anathoth**, unto thine *own* fields; for thou art worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the ark of the **LORD** **God** *before* **David** my father, and because thou hast been afflicted in *all* wherein my father was afflicted.
- ²⁷ So **Solomon** thrust out **Abiathar** from being priest unto the **LORD**; that he might fulfil the word of the **LORD**, which he spake concerning the house of **Eli** in **Shiloh**.

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- ²⁸ Then tidings came to **Joab**: for **Joab** had turned *after Adonijah*, though he turned not *after Absalom*. And **Joab** fled unto the tabernacle of the **LORD**, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.
- ²⁹ And it was told king **Solomon** that **Joab** was fled unto the tabernacle of the **LORD**; and, behold, he is by the altar. Then **Solomon** sent **Benaiah** the son of **Jehoiada**, saying, Go, fall upon him.
- ³⁰ And **Benaiah** came to the tabernacle of the **LORD**, and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, Nay, but I will die here. And **Benaiah** brought the king word again, saying, Thus said **Joab**, and thus he answered me.
- ³¹ And the king said unto him, Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest take away the innocent blood, which **Joab** shed, from me, and from the house of my father.
- ³² And the **LORD** shall return his blood upon his *own head*, who fell upon two men *more righteous* and better than he, and slew them with the sword, my father David not knowing thereof, to *wit*, **Abner** the son of **Ner**, captain of the host of **Israel**, and **Amasa** the son of **Jether**, captain of the host of **Judah**.
- ³³ Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of **Joab**, and upon the head of his seed *for ever*: but upon **David**, and upon his seed, and upon his house, and upon his throne, shall there be peace *for ever* from the **LORD**.
- ³⁴ So **Benaiah** the son of **Jehoiada** went *up*, and fell upon him, and slew him: and he was buried in his *own house* in the wilderness.
- ³⁵ And the king put **Benaiah** the son of **Jehoiada** in his room over the host: and **Zadok** the priest did the king put in the room of **Abiathar**.
- ³⁶ And the king sent and called for **Shimei**, and said unto him, Build thee an house in **Jerusalem**, and dwell there, and go not forth thence *any whither*.
- ³⁷ For it shall be, that on the day thou goest *out*, and passest over the brook Kidron, thou shalt know for certain that thou shalt *surely die*: thy blood shall be upon thine *own head*.
- ³⁸ And **Shimei** said unto the king, The saying is good: as my lord the king hath said, so will thy servant do. And **Shimei** dwelt in **Jerusalem** *many days*.
- ³⁹ And it came to pass at the end of three years, that two of the servants of **Shimei** ran away unto **Achish** son of **Maachah** king of **Gath**. And they told **Shimei**, saying, Behold, thy servants be in **Gath**.

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- ⁴⁰ And **Shimei** arose, and saddled his ass, and went to **Gath** to **Achish** to seek his servants: and **Shimei** went, and brought his servants from **Gath**.
- ⁴¹ And it was told **Solomon** that **Shimei** had gone from **Jerusalem** to **Gath**, and was come again.
- ⁴² And the king sent and called for **Shimei**, and said unto him, Did I not make thee to swear by the **LORD**, and protested unto thee, saying, Know for a certain, on the day thou goest *out*, and walkest abroad any whither, that thou shalt *surely die*? and thou saidst unto me, The word that I have heard is good.
- ⁴³ Why then hast thou not kept the oath of the **LORD**, and the commandment that I have charged thee with?
- ⁴⁴ The king said moreover to **Shimei**, Thou knowest *all* the wickedness which thine heart is *privy* to, that thou didst to **David** my father: therefore the **LORD** shall return thy wickedness upon thine *own head*;
- ⁴⁵ And king **Solomon** shall be blessed, and the throne of **David** shall be established *before* the **LORD** *for ever*.
- ⁴⁶ So the king commanded **Benaiah** the son of **Jehoiada**; which went *out*, and fell upon him, that he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of **Solomon**.

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- ¹ And **Solomon** made *affinity* with **Pharaoh** king of **Egypt**, and took **Pharaoh's** daughter, and brought her into the city of **David**, until he had made an end of building his *own house*, and the *house* of the **LORD**, and the wall of **Jerusalem** round about.
- ² Only the people sacrificed in *high places*, because there was no house built unto the name of the **LORD**, until those days.
- ³ And **Solomon** loved the **LORD**, walking in the statutes of **David** his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in *high places*.
- ⁴ And the king went to **Gibeon** to sacrifice there; for that was the *great high place*: a thousand burnt offerings did **Solomon** offer upon that altar.
- ⁵ In **Gibeon** the **LORD** appeared to **Solomon** in a dream by night: and **God** said, **Ask what I shall give thee**.
- ⁶ And **Solomon** said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father *great mercy*, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this *great kindness*, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.
- ⁷ And *now*, O **LORD** my **God**, thou hast made thy servant king instead of **David** my father: and I am but a *little child*: I know not how to *go out or come in*.
- ⁸ And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a *great* people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.
- ⁹ **Give** therefore thy servant an *understanding heart* to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?
- ¹⁰ And the speech pleased the **LORD**, that **Solomon** had asked this thing.
- ¹¹ And **God** said unto him, **Because** thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself *long life*; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment;
- ¹² Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a *wise* and an *understanding heart*; so that there was *none like thee before thee*, neither *after* thee shall *any arise* like unto thee.
- ¹³ And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be *any* among the kings like unto thee *all thy days*.

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- ¹⁴ And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.
- ¹⁵ And Solomon awoke; and, behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood *before* the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to *all* his servants.
- ¹⁶ Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood *before* him.
- ¹⁷ And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwelt in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house.
- ¹⁸ And it came to pass the third day *after* that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house.
- ¹⁹ And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it.
- ²⁰ And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.
- ²¹ And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear.
- ²² And the other woman said, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. And this said, No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they spake *before* the king.
- ²³ Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living.
- ²⁴ And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword *before* the king.
- ²⁵ And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.
- ²⁶ Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it.
- ²⁷ Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof.
- ²⁸ And *all* Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment.

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- ¹ So king **Solomon** was king over *all* Israel.
- ² And these were the princes which he had; **Azariah** the son of **Zadok** the priest,
- ³ **Elihoreph** and **Ahiah**, the sons of **Shisha**, scribes; **Jehoshaphat** the son of **Ahilud**, the recorder.
- ⁴ And **Benaiah** the son of **Jehoiada** was over the host: and **Zadok** and **Abiathar** were the priests:
- ⁵ And **Azariah** the son of **Nathan** was over the officers: and **Zabud** the son of **Nathan** was *principal officer*, and the *king's friend*.
- ⁶ And **Ahishar** was over the household: and **Adoniram** the son of **Abda** was over the tribute.
- ⁷ And **Solomon** had twelve officers over *all* Israel, which provided victuals for the king and his household: each man his month in a year made provision.
- ⁸ And these are their names: The son of **Hur**, in mount Ephraim:
- ⁹ The son of **Dekar**, in **Makaz**, and in **Shaalbim**, and **Bethshemesh**, and **Elonbethanan**:
- ¹⁰ The son of **Hesed**, in **Aruboth**; to him pertained **Sochoh**, and *all* the land of **Hepher**:
- ¹¹ The son of **Abinadab**, in *all* the region of **Dor**; which had **Taphath** the daughter of **Solomon** to wife:
- ¹² **Baana** the son of **Ahilud**; to him pertained **Taanach** and **Megiddo**, and *all* **Bethshean**, which is by **Zartanah** beneath **Jezeel**, from **Bethshean** to **Abelmeholah**, even unto the place that is *beyond* **Jokneam**:
- ¹³ The son of **Geber**, in **Ramothgilead**; to him pertained the towns of **Jair** the son of **Manasseh**, which are in **Gilead**; to him also pertained the region of **Argob**, which is in **Bashan**, threescore great cities with walls and *brases bars*:
- ¹⁴ **Ahinadab** the son of **Iddo** had **Mahanaim**:
- ¹⁵ **Ahimaaz** was in **Naphtali**; he also took **Basmath** the daughter of **Solomon** to wife:
- ¹⁶ **Baanah** the son of **Hushai** was in **Asher** and in **Aloth**:
- ¹⁷ **Jehoshaphat** the son of **Paruah**, in **Issachar**:
- ¹⁸ **Shimei** the son of **Elah**, in **Benjamin**:
- ¹⁹ **Geber** the son of **Uri** was in the country of **Gilead**, in the country of **Sihon** king of the **Amorites**, and of **Og** king of **Bashan**; and he was the *only officer* which was in the land.
- ²⁰ **Judah** and **Israel** were *many*, as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry.

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- ²¹ And Solomon reigned over *all* kingdoms from the river unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and served Solomon *all* the days of his life.
- ²² And Solomon's provision for *one* day was *thirty* measures of *fine* flour, and *threescore* measures of meal,
- ²³ *Ten* fat oxen, and *twenty* oxen out of the pastures, and an *hundred* sheep, beside *harts*, and *roebucks*, and *fallowdeer*, and *fatted* fowl.
- ²⁴ For he had *dominion* over *all* the region on this side the river, from *Tiphseh* even to *Azzah*, over *all* the kings on this side the river: and he had *peace* on *all* sides round about him.
- ²⁵ And *Judah* and *Israel* dwelt *safely*, *every* man under his *vine* and under his *fig tree*, from *Dan* even to *Beersheba*, *all* the days of *Solomon*.
- ²⁶ And *Solomon* had *forty thousand* stalls of *horses* for his *chariots*, and *twelve thousand* horsemen.
- ²⁷ And those officers provided victual for king *Solomon*, and for *all* that came unto king *Solomon's table*, *every* man in his *month*: they *lacked nothing*.
- ²⁸ *Barley* also and *straw* for the *horses* and *dromedaries* brought they unto the place where the officers were, *every* man according to his *charge*.
- ²⁹ And *God* gave *Solomon* *wisdom* and *understanding exceeding much*, and *largeness* of *heart*, even as the *sand* that is on the *sea shore*.
- ³⁰ And *Solomon's* *wisdom excelled* the wisdom of *all* the children of the *east country*, and *all* the wisdom of *Egypt*.
- ³¹ For he was *wiser* than *all* men; than *Ethan* the *Ezrahite*, and *Heman*, and *Chalcol*, and *Darda*, the sons of *Mahol*: and his *fame* was in *all* nations round about.
- ³² And he spake *three thousand* proverbs: and his *songs* were a *thousand and five*.
- ³³ And he spake of *trees*, from the *cedar tree* that is in *Lebanon* even unto the *hyssop* that *springeth out* of the *wall*: he spake also of *beasts*, and of *fowl*, and of *creeping things*, and of *fishes*.
- ³⁴ And there came of *all* people to *hear* the *wisdom* of *Solomon*, from *all* kings of the *earth*, which had heard of his wisdom.

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- ¹ And **Hiram** king of **Tyre** sent his **servants** unto **Solomon**; for he had heard that they had **anointed** him king in the **room** of his **father**: for **Hiram** was ever a **lover** of **David**.
- ² And **Solomon** sent to **Hiram**, saying,
- ³ Thou **knowest** how that **David** my **father** could **not build** an **house** unto the **name** of the **LORD** his **God** for the **wars** which were about him on **every** side, until the **LORD** put them *under* the **soles** of his **feet**.
- ⁴ But now the **LORD** my **God** hath given me **rest** on **every** side, so that there is **neither adversary nor evil** *occurrent*.
- ⁵ And, behold, I **purpose** to **build** an **house** unto the **name** of the **LORD** my **God**, as the **LORD** spake unto **David** my **father**, saying, **Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name**.
- ⁶ Now therefore **command** thou that they **hew** me **cedar trees** *out* of **Lebanon**; and my **servants** shall be with thy servants: and unto thee will I give **hire** for thy servants according to *all* that thou shalt **appoint**: for thou **knowest** that there is **not** among us *any* that can **skill** to hew **timber** like unto the **Sidonians**.
- ⁷ And it came to pass, when **Hiram** heard the **words** of **Solomon**, that he **rejoiced greatly**, and said, **Blessed** be the **LORD** this **day**, which hath given unto **David** a **wise** son over this **great** people.
- ⁸ And **Hiram** sent to **Solomon**, saying, I have **considered** the things which thou **sentest** to me for: and I will do *all* thy **desire** concerning **timber** of **cedar**, and concerning timber of **fir**.
- ⁹ My **servants** shall bring them *down* from **Lebanon** unto the **sea**: and I will **convey** them by sea in **floats** unto the **place** that thou shalt **appoint** me, and will cause them to be **discharged** there, and thou shalt **receive** them: and thou shalt **accomplish** my **desire**, in giving **food** for my **household**.
- ¹⁰ So **Hiram** gave **Solomon** **cedar trees** and **fir** trees according to *all* his **desire**.
- ¹¹ And **Solomon** gave **Hiram** **twenty thousand measures** of **wheat** for **food** to his **household**, and **twenty measures** of **pure oil**: thus gave **Solomon** to **Hiram** **year** by **year**.
- ¹² And the **LORD** gave **Solomon** **wisdom**, as he **promised** him: and there was **peace** between **Hiram** and **Solomon**; and they **two** made a **league** together.
- ¹³ And king **Solomon** **raised a levy** *out* of *all* **Israel**; and the levy was **thirty thousand men**.
- ¹⁴ And he sent them to **Lebanon**, **ten thousand** a **month** by **courses**: a month they were in **Lebanon**, and **two** months at **home**: and **Adoniram** was over the **levy**.
- ¹⁵ And **Solomon** had **threescore** and **ten thousand** that **bare burdens**, and **fourscore thousand hewers** in the **mountains**;

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- ¹⁶ Beside the chief of Solomon's officers which were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that wrought in the work.
- ¹⁷ And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house.
- ¹⁸ And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew them, and the stonesquarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

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- ¹ And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year *after* the children of Israel were come *out* of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD.
- ² And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, the *length* thereof was threescore cubits, and the *breadth* thereof twenty cubits, and the *height* thereof thirty cubits.
- ³ And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits was the *length* thereof, according to the *breadth* of the house; and ten cubits was the *breadth* thereof *before* the house.
- ⁴ And for the house he made windows of narrow lights.
- ⁵ And against the wall of the house he built chambers round about, against the walls of the house round about, both of the temple and of the oracle: and he made chambers round about:
- ⁶ The *nethermost* chamber was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad: for without in the wall of the house he made narrowed rests round about, that the beams should not be fastened in the walls of the house.
- ⁷ And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready *before* it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.
- ⁸ The door for the middle chamber was in the right side of the house: and they went *up* with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and *out* of the middle into the third.
- ⁹ So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar.
- ¹⁰ And then he built chambers against *all* the house, five cubits *high*: and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.
- ¹¹ And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying,
- ¹² Concerning this house which thou art *in building*, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep *all* my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father:
- ¹³ And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.
- ¹⁴ So Solomon built the house, and finished it.
- ¹⁵ And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house, and the walls of the ceiling: and he covered them on the *inside* with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir.
- ¹⁶ And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built them for it within, even for the oracle, even for the most holy place.

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- 17 And the house, that is, the temple *before* it, was forty cubits *long*.
- 18 And the cedar of the house within was carved with knops and open flowers: *all* was cedar; there was no stone seen.
- 19 And the oracle he prepared in the house *within*, to set there the ark of the covenant of the **LORD**.
- 20 And the oracle in the forepart was twenty cubits in *length*, and twenty cubits in *breadth*, and twenty cubits in the *height* thereof: and he overlaid it with pure gold; and so covered the altar which was of cedar.
- 21 So Solomon overlaid the house *within* with pure gold: and he made a partition by the chains of gold *before* the oracle; and he overlaid it with gold.
- 22 And the *whole* house he overlaid with gold, until he had finished *all* the house: also the *whole* altar that was by the oracle he overlaid with gold.
- 23 And *within* the oracle he made two cherubims of olive tree, each ten cubits *high*.
- 24 And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other were ten cubits.
- 25 And the other cherub was ten cubits: both the cherubims were of one measure and one size.
- 26 The *height* of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was it of the other cherub.
- 27 And he set the cherubims within the inner house: and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubims, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the *midst* of the house.
- 28 And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.
- 29 And he carved *all* the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, *within* and *without*.
- 30 And the floors of the house he overlaid with gold, *within* and *without*.
- 31 And for the entering of the oracle he made doors of olive tree: the lintel and side posts were a fifth part of the wall.
- 32 The two doors also were of olive tree; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold, and spread gold upon the cherubims, and upon the palm trees.
- 33 So also made he for the door of the temple posts of olive tree, a fourth part of the wall.
- 34 And the two doors were of fir tree: the two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding.

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- ³⁵ And he carved thereon cherubims and palm trees and open flowers: and covered them with gold fitted upon the carved work.
- ³⁶ And he built the *inner* court with three rows of hewed stone, and a row of cedar beams.
- ³⁷ In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the **LORD** laid, in the month Zif:
- ³⁸ And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished throughout *all* the parts thereof, and according to *all* the fashion of it. So was he seven years *in building* it.

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- ¹ But **Solomon** was building his *own* house thirteen years, and he finished *all* his house.
- ² He built also the house of the forest of **Lebanon**; the *length* thereof was an hundred cubits, and the *breadth* thereof fifty cubits, and the *height* thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars.
- ³ And it was covered with cedar *above* upon the beams, that lay on forty five pillars, fifteen in a row.
- ⁴ And there were windows in three rows, and light was against light in three ranks.
- ⁵ And *all* the doors and posts were square, with the windows: and light was against light in three ranks.
- ⁶ And he made a porch of pillars; the *length* thereof was fifty cubits, and the *breadth* thereof thirty cubits: and the porch was *before* them: and the other pillars and the thick beam were *before* them.
- ⁷ Then he made a porch for the throne where he might judge, even the *porch of judgment*: and it was covered with cedar from one side of the floor to the other.
- ⁸ And his house where he dwelt had another court within the porch, which was of the like work. **Solomon** made also an house for **Pharaoh's** daughter, whom he had taken to wife, like unto this porch.
- ⁹ *All* these were of costly stones, according to the measures of hewed stones, sawed with saws, *within* and *without*, even from the foundation unto the coping, and so on the *outside toward* the great court.
- ¹⁰ And the foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits.
- ¹¹ And *above* were costly stones, *after* the measures of hewed stones, and cedars.
- ¹² And the great court round about was with three rows of hewed stones, and a row of cedar beams, both for the *inner* court of the house of the **LORD**, and for the porch of the house.
- ¹³ And king **Solomon sent** and fetched **Hiram** *out of* **Tyre**.
- ¹⁴ He was a widow's son of the tribe of **Naphtali**, and his father was a man of **Tyre**, a worker in brass: and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and cunning to work *all* works in brass. And he came to king **Solomon**, and wrought *all* his work.
- ¹⁵ For he cast two pillars of brass, of eighteen cubits *high* apiece: and a line of twelve cubits did compass either of them about.
- ¹⁶ And he made two chapters of molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one chapter was five cubits, and the height of the other chapter was five cubits:
- ¹⁷ And nets of checker work, and wreaths of chain work, for the chapters which were upon the *top* of the pillars; seven for the one chapter, and seven for the other chapter.

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- 18 And he made the pillars, and two rows round about upon the one network, to cover the chapters that were upon the *top*, with pomegranates: and so did he for the other chapter.
- 19 And the chapters that were upon the *top* of the pillars were of lily work in the porch, four cubits.
- 20 And the chapters upon the two pillars had pomegranates also *above*, over against the belly which was by the network: and the pomegranates were two hundred in rows round about upon the other chapter.
- 21 And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple: and he set *up* the right pillar, and called the name thereof Jachin: and he set up the *left* pillar, and called the name thereof Boaz.
- 22 And upon the *top* of the pillars was lily work: so was the work of the pillars finished.
- 23 And he made a molten sea, ten cubits from the one brim to the other: it was round *all* about, and his *height* was five cubits: and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.
- 24 And *under* the brim of it round about there were knops compassing it, ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about: the knops were cast in two rows, when it was cast.
- 25 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*.
- 26 And it was an hand breadth thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained two thousand baths.
- 27 And he made ten bases of brass; four cubits was the *length* of one base, and four cubits the *breadth* thereof, and the *height* of it.
- 28 And the work of the bases was on this manner: they had borders, and the borders were *between* the ledges:
- 29 And on the borders that were *between* the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubims: and upon the ledges there was a base above: and *beneath* the lions and oxen were *certain* additions made of thin work.
- 30 And every base had four brasen wheels, and plates of brass: and the four corners thereof had undersetters: *under* the laver were undersetters molten, at the side of every addition.
- 31 And the mouth of it within the chapter and *above* was a cubit: but the mouth thereof was round *after* the work of the base, a cubit and an half: and also upon the mouth of it were gravings with their borders, foursquare, not round.
- 32 And *under* the borders were four wheels; and the axletrees of the wheels were joined to the base: and the *height* of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit.

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- ³³ And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel: their axletrees, and their naves, and their felloes, and their spokes, were *all molten*.
- ³⁴ And there were four undersetters to the four corners of one base: and the undersetters were of the very base itself.
- ³⁵ And in the *top* of the base was there a round compass of half a cubit high: and on the *top* of the base the ledges thereof and the borders thereof were of the same.
- ³⁶ For on the plates of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubims, lions, and palm trees, according to the proportion of every one, and additions round about.
- ³⁷ *After* this manner he made the ten bases: *all* of them had one casting, one measure, and one size.
- ³⁸ Then made he ten lavers of brass: one laver contained forty baths: and every laver was four cubits: and upon every one of the ten bases one laver.
- ³⁹ And he put five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set the sea on the right side of the house *eastward* over against the *south*.
- ⁴⁰ And Hiram made the lavers, and the shovels, and the basons. So Hiram made an end of doing *all* the work that he made king Solomon for the house of the LORD:
- ⁴¹ The two pillars, and the two bowls of the chapters that were on the *top* of the two pillars; and the two networks, to cover the two bowls of the chapters which were upon the *top* of the pillars;
- ⁴² And four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, even two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the chapters that were upon the pillars;
- ⁴³ And the ten bases, and ten lavers on the bases;
- ⁴⁴ And one sea, and twelve oxen *under* the sea;
- ⁴⁵ And the pots, and the shovels, and the basons: and *all* these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of the LORD, were of bright brass.
- ⁴⁶ In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground *between* Succoth and Zarthan.
- ⁴⁷ And Solomon left *all* the vessels unweighed, because they were *exceeding many*: neither was the weight of the brass found out.
- ⁴⁸ And Solomon made *all* the vessels that pertained unto the house of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon the shewbread was,

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- ⁴⁹ And the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right side, and five on the left, *before* the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold,
- ⁵⁰ And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and the censers of pure gold; and the hinges of gold, both for the doors of the *inner* house, the *most holy* place, and for the doors of the house, *to wit*, of the temple.
- ⁵¹ So was ended *all* the work that king Solomon made for the house of the LORD. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated; even the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the house of the LORD.

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- ¹ 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 king **Solomon** in **Jerusalem**, that they might bring *up* the **ark** of the **covenant** of the **LORD** *out* of the **city** of **David**, which is **Zion**.
- ² And *all* the **men** of **Israel** **assembled** themselves unto king **Solomon** at the **feast** in the **month** **Ethanim**, which is the **seventh** month.
- ³ And *all* the **elders** of **Israel** came, and the **priests** took *up* the **ark**.
- ⁴ And they brought *up* the **ark** of the **LORD**, and the **tabernacle** of the **congregation**, and *all* the **holy vessels** that were in the tabernacle, even those did the **priests** and the **Levites** bring *up*.
- ⁵ And king **Solomon**, and *all* the **congregation** of **Israel**, that were **assembled** unto him, were with him *before* the **ark**, **sacrificing sheep** and **oxen**, that could **not** be told **nor numbered** for **multitude**.
- ⁶ And the **priests** brought in the **ark** of the **covenant** of the **LORD** unto his **place**, into the **oracle** of the **house**, to the **most holy** place, even *under* the **wings** of the **cherubims**.
- ⁷ For the **cherubims** **spread** forth their **two wings** over the **place** of the **ark**, and the cherubims **covered** the ark and the **staves** thereof *above*.
- ⁸ And they **drew out** the **staves**, that the **ends** of the staves were seen *out* in the **holy place** *before* the **oracle**, and they were **not** seen without: and there they are unto this **day**.
- ⁹ There was **nothing** in the **ark** save the **two tables** of **stone**, which **Moses** put there at **Horeb**, when the **LORD** made a **covenant** with the children of **Israel**, when they came *out* of the land of **Egypt**.
- ¹⁰ **And it came to pass**, when the **priests** were come *out* of the **holy place**, that the **cloud** **filled** the **house** of the **LORD**,
- ¹¹ **So that the priests could not stand to minister** because of the **cloud**: for the **glory** of the **LORD** had **filled** the **house** of the **LORD**.
- ¹² Then spake **Solomon**, The **LORD** said that he would **dwell** in the **thick darkness**.
- ¹³ I have **surely built** thee an **house** to **dwell** in, a **settled** place for thee to **abide** in *for ever*.
- ¹⁴ And the king **turned** his **face** about, and **blessed** *all* the **congregation** of **Israel**: (and *all* the congregation of **Israel** **stood**;))
- ¹⁵ And he said, **Blessed** be the **LORD God** of **Israel**, which spake with his **mouth** unto **David** my **father**, and hath with his **hand** **fulfilled** it, saying,
- ¹⁶ Since the **day** that I brought forth my people **Israel** *out* of **Egypt**, I **chose no city** *out* of *all* the **tribes** of **Israel** to **build** an **house**, that my **name** might be therein; but I chose **David** to be over my people **Israel**.
- ¹⁷ And it was in the **heart** of **David** my **father** to **build** an **house** for the **name** of the **LORD God** of **Israel**.

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- 18 And the **LORD** said unto **David** my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart.
- 19 Nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth *out* of thy loins, he shall build the house unto my name.
- 20 And the **LORD** hath performed his word that he spake, and I am risen up in the room of **David** my father, and sit on the throne of **Israel**, as the **LORD** promised, and have built an house for the name of the **LORD God** of **Israel**.
- 21 And I have set there a place for the ark, wherein is the covenant of the **LORD**, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them *out* of the land of **Egypt**.
- 22 And **Solomon** stood *before* the altar of the **LORD** in the presence of *all* the congregation of **Israel**, and spread forth his hands *toward* heaven:
- 23 And he said, **LORD God** of **Israel**, there is no God like thee, in heaven *above*, or on earth *beneath*, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk *before* thee with *all* their heart:
- 24 Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day.
- 25 Therefore now, **LORD God** of **Israel**, keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of **Israel**; so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk *before* me as thou hast walked *before* me.
- 26 And now, O **God** of **Israel**, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father.
- 27 But will **God** *indeed* dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how *much less* this house that I have builded?
- 28 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O **LORD** my **God**, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth *before* thee to day:
- 29 That thine eyes may be open *toward* this house night and day, even *toward* the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make *toward* this place.
- 30 And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people **Israel**, when they shall pray *toward* this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive.
- 31 If *any man* trespass against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath come *before* thine altar in this house:

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- ³² Then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.
- ³³ When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house:
- ³⁴ Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers.
- ³⁵ When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them:
- ³⁶ Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.
- ³⁷ If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, or if there be caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness there be;
- ³⁸ What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house:
- ³⁹ Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;)
- ⁴⁰ That they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.
- ⁴¹ Moreover concerning a stranger, that is not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake;
- ⁴² (For they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched out arm;) when he shall come and pray toward this house;
- ⁴³ Hear thou in heaven 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, to fear thee, as do thy people Israel; and that they may know that this house, which I have builded, is called by thy name.
- ⁴⁴ If thy people go out to battle against their enemy, whithersoever thou shalt send them, and shall pray unto the LORD toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house that I have built for thy name:
- ⁴⁵ Then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

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- ⁴⁶ If they sin against thee, (for there is no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, *far or near*,
- ⁴⁷ Yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness;
- ⁴⁸ And so return unto thee with *all* their heart, and with *all* their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto thee *toward* their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name:
- ⁴⁹ Then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and maintain their cause,
- ⁵⁰ And forgive thy people that have sinned against thee, and *all* their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee, and give them compassion *before* them who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them:
- ⁵¹ For they be thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth *out* of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron:
- ⁵² That thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them in *all* that they call for unto thee.
- ⁵³ For thou didst separate them from among *all* the people of the earth, to be thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers *out* of Egypt, O LORD God.
- ⁵⁴ And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying *all* this prayer and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from *before* the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.
- ⁵⁵ And he stood, and blessed *all* the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying,
- ⁵⁶ Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to *all* that he promised: there hath not failed one word of *all* his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.
- ⁵⁷ The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us:
- ⁵⁸ That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in *all* his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.

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- ⁵⁹ And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication *before* the **LORD**, be *nigh* unto the **LORD** our **God** day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people **Israel** at *all* times, as the matter shall require:
- ⁶⁰ That *all* the people of the earth may know that the **LORD** is **God**, and that there is none else.
- ⁶¹ Let your heart therefore be perfect with the **LORD** our **God**, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.
- ⁶² And the king, and *all* **Israel** with him, offered sacrifice *before* the **LORD**.
- ⁶³ And **Solomon** offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the **LORD**, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and *all* the children of **Israel** dedicated the house of the **LORD**.
- ⁶⁴ The same day did the king hallow the *middle* of the court that was *before* the house of the **LORD**: for there he offered burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the brasen altar that was *before* the **LORD** was *too little* to receive the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.
- ⁶⁵ And at that time **Solomon** held a feast, and *all* **Israel** with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of **Hamath** unto the river of **Egypt**, *before* the **LORD** our **God**, seven days and seven days, even fourteen days.
- ⁶⁶ On the eighth day he sent the people away: and they blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for *all* the goodness that the **LORD** had done for **David** his servant, and for **Israel** his people.

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- ¹ And it came to pass, when **Solomon** had finished the building of the house of the **LORD**, and the king's house, and *all* **Solomon's desire** which he was pleased to do,
- ² That the **LORD** appeared to **Solomon** the second time, as he had appeared unto him at **Gibeon**.
- ³ And the **LORD** said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made *before* me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there *for ever*; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there *perpetually*.
- ⁴ And if thou wilt walk *before* me, as **David** thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to *all* that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments:
- ⁵ Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon **Israel** *for ever*, as I promised to **David** thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of **Israel**.
- ⁶ But if ye shall at *all* turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set *before* you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them:
- ⁷ Then will I cut off **Israel** *out of the land* which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and **Israel** shall be a proverb and a byword among *all* people:
- ⁸ And at this house, which is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the **LORD** done thus unto this land, and to this house?
- ⁹ And they shall answer, Because they forsook the **LORD** their **God**, who brought forth their fathers *out of* the land of **Egypt**, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the **LORD** brought upon them *all this evil*.
- ¹⁰ And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when **Solomon** had built the two houses, the house of the **LORD**, and the king's house,
- ¹¹ (Now **Hiram** the king of **Tyre** had furnished **Solomon** with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to *all* his desire;) that then king **Solomon** gave **Hiram** twenty cities in the land of **Galilee**.
- ¹² And **Hiram** came *out from* **Tyre** to see the cities which **Solomon** had given him; and they pleased him *not*.
- ¹³ And he said, What cities are these which thou hast given me, my brother? And he called them the land of **Cabul** unto this day.
- ¹⁴ And **Hiram** sent to the king sixscore talents of gold.
- ¹⁵ And this is the reason of the levy which king **Solomon** raised; for to build the house of the **LORD**, and his *own* house, and **Millo**, and the wall of **Jerusalem**, and **Hazor**, and **Megiddo**, and **Gezer**.

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- ¹⁶ For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and given it for a present unto his daughter, Solomon's wife.
- ¹⁷ And Solomon built Gezer, and Bethhoron the nether,
- ¹⁸ And Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land,
- ¹⁹ And all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.
- ²⁰ And all the people that were left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which were not of the children of Israel,
- ²¹ Their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, upon those did Solomon levy a tribute of bondservice unto this day.
- ²² But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no bondmen: but they were men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.
- ²³ These were the chief of the officers that were over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work.
- ²⁴ But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which Solomon had built for her: then did he build Millo.
- ²⁵ And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, and he burnt incense upon the altar that was before the LORD. So he finished the house.
- ²⁶ And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Eziongeber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom.
- ²⁷ And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.
- ²⁸ And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.

1 Kings 10

- ¹ And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions.
- ² And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of *all* that was in her heart.
- ³ And Solomon told her *all* her questions: there was not any thing hid from the king, which he told her not.
- ⁴ And when the queen of Sheba had seen *all* Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built,
- ⁵ And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went *up* unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.
- ⁶ And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom.
- ⁷ Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.
- ⁸ Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom.
- ⁹ Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel *for ever*, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.
- ¹⁰ And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.
- ¹¹ And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almug trees, and precious stones.
- ¹² And the king made of the almug trees pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for singers: there came no such almug trees, nor were seen unto this day.
- ¹³ And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba *all* her desire, whatsoever she asked, *beside* that which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.
- ¹⁴ Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold,

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- ¹⁵ Beside that he had of the merchantmen, and of the traffick of the spice merchants, and of *all* the kings of **Arabia**, and of the governors of the country.
- ¹⁶ And king **Solomon** made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred shekels of gold went to one target.
- ¹⁷ And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three pound of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of **Lebanon**.
- ¹⁸ Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold.
- ¹⁹ The throne had six steps, and the *top* of the throne was round *behind*: and there were stays on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the stays.
- ²⁰ 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***.
- ²¹ And *all* king **Solomon's** drinking vessels 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 nothing accounted of in the days of **Solomon**.
- ²² For the king had at sea a navy of **Tharshish** with the navy of **Hiram**: once in three years came the navy of **Tharshish**, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.
- ²³ So king **Solomon** exceeded *all* the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom.
- ²⁴ And *all* the earth sought to **Solomon**, to hear his wisdom, which **God** had put in his heart.
- ²⁵ And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.
- ²⁶ And **Solomon** gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at **Jerusalem**.
- ²⁷ And the king made silver to be in **Jerusalem** as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycomore trees that are in the vale, for abundance.
- ²⁸ And **Solomon** had horses brought *out* of **Egypt**, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.
- ²⁹ And a chariot came *up* and went *out* of **Egypt** for six hundred shekels of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for *all* the kings of the **Hittites**, and for the kings of **Syria**, did they bring them *out* by their means.

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- ¹ But king **Solomon** loved many strange women, together with the daughter of **Pharaoh**, women of the **Moabites**, **Ammonites**, **Edomites**, **Zidonians**, and **Hittites**:
- ² Of the nations concerning which the **LORD** said unto the children of **Israel**, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.
- ³ And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.
- ⁴ For it came to pass, when **Solomon** was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the **LORD** his **God**, as was the heart of **David** his father.
- ⁵ For **Solomon** went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the **Zidonians**, and after Milcom the abomination of the **Ammonites**.
- ⁶ And **Solomon** did evil in the sight of the **LORD**, and went not fully after the **LORD**, as did **David** his father.
- ⁷ Then did **Solomon** build an high place for **Chemosh**, the abomination of **Moab**, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for **Molech**, the abomination of the children of **Ammon**.
- ⁸ And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.
- ⁹ And the **LORD** was angry with **Solomon**, because his heart was turned from the **LORD God** of **Israel**, which had appeared unto him twice,
- ¹⁰ And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the **LORD** commanded.
- ¹¹ Wherefore the **LORD** said unto **Solomon**, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.
- ¹² Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son.
- ¹³ Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.
- ¹⁴ And the **LORD** stirred up an adversary unto **Solomon**, **Hadad** the **Edomite**: he was of the king's seed in **Edom**.
- ¹⁵ For it came to pass, when **David** was in **Edom**, and **Joab** the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, after he had smitten every male in **Edom**;

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- ¹⁶ (For six months did Joab remain there with *all Israel*, until he had cut off every male in Edom;)
- ¹⁷ That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad being yet a *little* child.
- ¹⁸ And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them *out* of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him an house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land.
- ¹⁹ And Hadad found great favour in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to wife the sister of his *own* wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.
- ²⁰ And the sister of Tahpenes bare him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house: and Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh.
- ²¹ And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to mine *own* country.
- ²² Then Pharaoh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine *own* country? And he answered, Nothing: howbeit let me go in *any* wise.
- ²³ And God stirred him *up* another adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah:
- ²⁴ And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, when David slew them of Zobah: and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus.
- ²⁵ And he was an adversary to Israel *all* the days of Solomon, *beside* the mischief that Hadad did: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.
- ²⁶ And Jeroboam the son of Nebath, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow woman, even he lifted up his hand against the king.
- ²⁷ And this was the cause that he lifted up his hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, and repaired the breaches of the city of David his father.
- ²⁸ And the man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valour: and Solomon seeing the young man that he was industrious, he made him ruler over *all* the charge of the house of Joseph.
- ²⁹ And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went *out* of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two were *alone* in the field:
- ³⁰ And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces:

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- ³¹ And he said to **Jeroboam**, Take thee **ten pieces**: for thus saith the **LORD**, the **God of Israel**, Behold, I will **rend** the **kingdom** *out* of the **hand** of **Solomon**, and will **give ten tribes** to thee:
- ³² (But he shall have **one tribe** for my **servant David's** sake, and for **Jerusalem's** sake, the **city** which I have **chosen** *out* of *all* the tribes of **Israel**:)
- ³³ Because that they have **forsaken** me, and have **worshipped Ashtoreth** the goddess of the **Zidonians**, **Chemosh** the god of the **Moabites**, and **Milcom** the god of the children of **Ammon**, and have **not walked** in my **ways**, to do that which is **right** in mine **eyes**, and to **keep** my **statutes** and my **judgments**, as did **David** his **father**.
- ³⁴ Howbeit I will **not** take the *whole* **kingdom** *out* of his **hand**: but I will make him **prince** *all* the **days** of his **life** for **David** my **servant's** sake, whom I **chose**, because he **kept** my **commandments** and my **statutes**:
- ³⁵ But I will take the **kingdom** *out* of his son's **hand**, and will give it unto thee, even **ten tribes**.
- ³⁶ And unto his son will I give **one tribe**, that **David** my **servant** may have a **light** *always* *before* me in **Jerusalem**, the **city** which I have **chosen** me to put my **name** there.
- ³⁷ And I will take thee, and thou shalt **reign** according to *all* that thy **soul desireth**, and shalt be **king** over **Israel**.
- ³⁸ And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto *all* that I **command** thee, and wilt **walk** in my **ways**, and do that is **right** in my **sight**, to **keep** my **statutes** and my **commandments**, as **David** my **servant** did; that I will be *with* thee, and **build** thee a **sure** **house**, as I built for **David**, and will give **Israel** unto thee.
- ³⁹ And I will for this **afflict** the **seed** of **David**, but **not for ever**.
- ⁴⁰ **Solomon** sought therefore to **kill Jeroboam**. And **Jeroboam** **arose**, and **fled** into **Egypt**, unto **Shishak** king of **Egypt**, and was in **Egypt** until the **death** of **Solomon**.
- ⁴¹ And the **rest** of the **acts** of **Solomon**, and *all* that he did, and his **wisdom**, are they **not written** in the **book** of the **acts** of **Solomon**?
- ⁴² And the **time** that **Solomon** **reigned** in **Jerusalem** over *all* **Israel** was **forty** **years**.
- ⁴³ And **Solomon** **slept** with his **fathers**, and was **buried** in the **city** of **David** his **father**: and **Rehoboam** his son **reigned** in his **stead**.

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- ¹ And **Rehoboam** went to **Shechem**: for *all Israel* were come to **Shechem** to make him king.
- ² And it came to pass, when **Jeroboam** the son of **Nebat**, who was yet in **Egypt**, heard of it, (for he was fled from the presence of king **Solomon**, and **Jeroboam dwelt** in **Egypt**;))
- ³ That they sent and called him. And **Jeroboam** and *all* the congregation of **Israel** came, and spake unto **Rehoboam**, saying,
- ⁴ Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the *grievous service* of thy father, and his *heavy* yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee.
- ⁵ And he said unto them, Depart yet for three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.
- ⁶ And king **Rehoboam consulted** with the *old men*, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people?
- ⁷ And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants *for ever*.
- ⁸ But he forsook the counsel of the *old men*, which they had given him, and consulted with the *young men* that were grown *up* with him, and which stood before him:
- ⁹ And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter?
- ¹⁰ And the *young men* that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, **My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins**.
- ¹¹ And now whereas my father did lade you with a *heavy yoke*, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.
- ¹² So **Jeroboam** and *all* the people came to **Rehoboam** the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day.
- ¹³ And the king answered the people *roughly*, and forsook the *old men's counsel* that they gave him;
- ¹⁴ And spake to them *after* the counsel of the *young men*, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.
- ¹⁵ Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; for the cause was from the **LORD**, that he might perform his saying, which the **LORD** spake by **Ahijah** the **Shilonite** unto **Jeroboam** the son of **Nebat**.
- ¹⁶ So when *all Israel* saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, **What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David**. So **Israel departed** unto their tents.

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- 17 But as for the children of **Israel** which dwelt in the cities of **Judah**, **Rehoboam** reigned over them.
- 18 Then king **Rehoboam** sent **Adoram**, who was over the tribute; and *all Israel* stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king **Rehoboam** made speed to get him *up* to his chariot, to flee to **Jerusalem**.
- 19 So **Israel** rebelled against the house of **David** unto this day.
- 20 And it came to pass, when *all Israel* heard that **Jeroboam** was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over *all Israel*: there was none that followed the house of **David**, but the tribe of **Judah** *only*.
- 21 And when **Rehoboam** was come to **Jerusalem**, he assembled *all the house* of **Judah**, with the tribe of **Benjamin**, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against the house of **Israel**, to bring the kingdom again to **Rehoboam** the son of **Solomon**.
- 22 But the word of **God** came unto **Shemaiah** the man of **God**, saying,
- 23 Speak unto **Rehoboam**, the son of **Solomon**, king of **Judah**, and unto *all the house* of **Judah** and **Benjamin**, and to the remnant of the people, saying,
- 24 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go *up*, nor fight against your brethren the children of **Israel**: return every man to his house; for this thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the **LORD**, and returned to depart, according to the word of the **LORD**.
- 25 Then **Jeroboam** built **Shechem** in mount **Ephraim**, and dwelt therein; and went *out* from thence, and built **Penuel**.
- 26 And **Jeroboam** said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of **David**:
- 27 If this people go *up* to do sacrifice in the house of the **LORD** at **Jerusalem**, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto **Rehoboam** king of **Judah**, and they shall kill me, and go again to **Rehoboam** king of **Judah**.
- 28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is *too much* for you to go *up* to **Jerusalem**: behold thy gods, O **Israel**, which brought thee *up out of the land of Egypt*.²⁹ And he set the one in **Bethel**, and the other put he in **Dan**.³⁰ And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship *before* the one, even unto **Dan**.³¹ And he made an house of high places, and made priests of the *lowest* of the people, which were not of the sons of **Levi**.³² And **Jeroboam** ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in **Judah**, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in **Bethel**, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in **Bethel** the priests of the high places which he had made.³³ So he offered upon the altar which he had made in **Bethel** the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his *own heart*; and ordained a feast unto the children of **Israel**: and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.

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- ¹ And, behold, there came a man of **God** *out* of **Judah** by the word of the **LORD** unto **Bethel**: and **Jeroboam** stood by the altar to burn incense.
- ² And he cried against the altar in the word of the **LORD**, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the **LORD**; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of **David**, **Josiah** by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the *high places* that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee.
- ³ And he gave a sign the *same day*, saying, This is the sign which the **LORD** hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.
- ⁴ And it came to pass, when king **Jeroboam** heard the saying of the man of **God**, which had cried against the altar in **Bethel**, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.
- ⁵ The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of **God** had given by the word of the **LORD**.
- ⁶ And the king answered and said unto the man of **God**, Intreat now the face of the **LORD** thy **God**, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of **God** besought the **LORD**, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was *before*.
- ⁷ And the king said unto the man of **God**, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward.
- ⁸ And the man of **God** said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:
- ⁹ For so was it charged me by the word of the **LORD**, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the *same way* that thou camest.
- ¹⁰ So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to **Bethel**.
- ¹¹ Now there dwelt an *old prophet* in **Bethel**; and his sons came and told him *all* the works that the man of **God** had done that day in **Bethel**: the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father.
- ¹² And their father said unto them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of **God** went, which came from **Judah**.
- ¹³ And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon,
- ¹⁴ And went *after* the man of **God**, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, Art thou the man of **God** that camest from **Judah**? And he said, *I am*.
- ¹⁵ Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread.

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- ¹⁶ And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place:
- ¹⁷ For it was said to me by the word of the **LORD**, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest.
- ¹⁸ He said unto him, I am a prophet *also* as thou art; and an *angel* spake unto me by the word of the **LORD**, saying, Bring him *back* with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. But he lied unto him.
- ¹⁹ So he went *back* with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water.
- ²⁰ And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the **LORD** came unto the prophet that brought him *back*:
- ²¹ And he cried unto the man of **God** that came from **Judah**, saying, Thus saith the **LORD**, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the **LORD**, and hast not kept the commandment which the **LORD** thy **God commanded** thee,
- ²² But camest *back*, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which the **Lord** did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers.
- ²³ And it came to pass, *after* he had eaten bread, and *after* he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, *to wit*, for the prophet whom he had brought *back*.
- ²⁴ And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcase.
- ²⁵ And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told it in the city where the *old prophet dwelt*.
- ²⁶ And when the prophet that brought him *back* from the way heard thereof, he said, It is the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the **LORD**: therefore the **LORD** hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath orn him, and slain him, according to the word of the **LORD**, which he spake unto him.
- ²⁷ And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled him.
- ²⁸ And he went and found his carcase cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcase: **the lion had not eaten the carcase, nor torn the ass.**
- ²⁹ And the prophet took *up* the carcase of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it *back*: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.
- ³⁰ And he laid his carcase in his *own* grave; and they mourned over him, saying, **Alas, my brother!**

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- ³¹ And it came to pass, *after* he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God is buried; lay my bones *beside* his bones:
- ³² For the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel, and against *all* the houses of the high places which are in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.
- ³³ *After* this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places: whosoever would, he consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places.
- ³⁴ And this thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it *off*, and to destroy it from *off* the face of the earth.

1 Kings 14

- ¹ At that time **Abijah** the son of **Jeroboam** fell sick.
- ² And **Jeroboam** said to his wife, **Arise**, I pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou be not known to be the wife of **Jeroboam**; and get thee to **Shiloh**: behold, there is **Ahijah** the prophet, which told me that I should be king over this people.
- ³ And take with thee ten loaves, and cracknels, and a cruse of honey, and go to him: he shall tell thee what shall become of the child.
- ⁴ And **Jeroboam's** wife did so, and arose, and went to **Shiloh**, and came to the house of **Ahijah**. But **Ahijah** could not see; for his eyes were set by reason of his age.
- ⁵ And the **LORD** said unto **Ahijah**, Behold, the wife of **Jeroboam** cometh to ask a thing of thee for her son; for he is sick: thus and thus shalt thou say unto her: for it shall be, when she cometh in, that she shall feign herself to be another woman.
- ⁶ And it was so, when **Ahijah** heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, thou wife of **Jeroboam**; why feignest thou thyself to be another? for I am sent to thee with heavy tidings.
- ⁷ Go, tell **Jeroboam**, Thus saith the **LORD God** of **Israel**, Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince over my people **Israel**,
- ⁸ And rent the kingdom away from the house of **David**, and gave it thee: and yet thou hast not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with *all* his heart, to do that *only* which was right in mine eyes;
- ⁹ But hast done evil *above all* that were *before* thee: for thou hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me *behind* thy back:
- ¹⁰ Therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of **Jeroboam**, and will cut off from **Jeroboam** him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in **Israel**, and will take away the remnant of the house of **Jeroboam**, as a man taketh away dung, till it be *all* gone.
- ¹¹ Him that dieth of **Jeroboam** in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for the **LORD** hath spoken it.
- ¹² **Arise** thou therefore, get thee to thine own house: and when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die.
- ¹³ And *all* **Israel** shall mourn for him, and bury him: for he *only* of **Jeroboam** shall come to the grave, because in him there is found some good thing toward the **LORD God** of **Israel** in the house of **Jeroboam**.

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- ¹⁴ Moreover the **LORD** shall **raise** him *up* a **king** over **Israel**, who shall **cut off** the **house** of **Jeroboam** that **day**: but what? *even now*.
- ¹⁵ For the **LORD** shall **smite** **Israel**, as a **reed** is **shaken** in the **water**, and he shall **root up** **Israel** **out of this good land**, which he gave to their fathers, and shall **scatter** them **beyond** the **river**, because they have made their **groves**, **provoking** the **LORD** to **anger**.
- ¹⁶ And he shall give **Israel** *up* because of the **sins** of **Jeroboam**, who did sin, and who made **Israel** to sin.
- ¹⁷ And **Jeroboam's** wife **arose**, and **departed**, and came to **Tirzah**: and when she came to the threshold of the **door**, the **child** **died**;
- ¹⁸ And they **buried** him; and *all* **Israel** **mourned** for him, according to the **word** of the **LORD**, which he spake by the **hand** of his **servant** **Ahijah** the **prophet**.
- ¹⁹ And the **rest** of the **acts** of **Jeroboam**, how he **warred**, and how he **reigned**, behold, they are **written** in the **book** of the **chronicles** of the **kings** of **Israel**.
- ²⁰ And the **days** which **Jeroboam** **reigned** were **two and twenty** years: and he **slept** with his **fathers**, and **Nadab** his son reigned in his **stead**.
- ²¹ And **Rehoboam** the son of **Solomon** **reigned** in **Judah**. **Rehoboam** was **forty and one** years **old** when he began to reign, and he reigned **seventeen** years in **Jerusalem**, the **city** which the **LORD** did **choose** **out of all** the **tribes** of **Israel**, to put his **name** there. And his **mother's** name was **Naamah** an **Ammonitess**.
- ²² And **Judah** did **evil** in the **sight** of the **LORD**, and they **provoked** him to **jealousy** with their **sins** which they had **committed**, *above all* that their **fathers** had done.
- ²³ For they *also* **built** them **high places**, and **images**, and **groves**, on every **high hill**, and *under* every **green tree**.
- ²⁴ And there were also **sodomites** in the land: and they did according to *all* the **abominations** of the **nations** which the **LORD** **cast out** *before* the children of **Israel**.
- ²⁵ And it came to **pass** in the **fifth** year of king **Rehoboam**, that **Shishak** king of **Egypt** came *up* **against Jerusalem**:
- ²⁶ And he **took away** the **treasures** of the **house** of the **LORD**, and the **treasures** of the **king's** house; he even **took away** *all*. and he **took away** *all* the **shields** of **gold** which **Solomon** had made.
- ²⁷ And king **Rehoboam** made in their **stead** **brassen shields**, and **committed** them unto the **hands** of the **chief** of the **guard**, which **kept** the **door** of the **king's** house.
- ²⁸ And it was so, when the king went into the **house** of the **LORD**, that the **guard** **bare** them, and brought them back into the **guard chamber**.

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- ²⁹ Now the rest of the acts of **Rehoboam**, and *all* that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Judah**?
- ³⁰ And there was war *between* **Rehoboam** and **Jeroboam** *all* their days.
- ³¹ And **Rehoboam** slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of **David**. And his mother's name was **Naamah** an **Ammonitess**. And **Abijam** his son reigned in his stead.

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- ¹ Now in the eighteenth year of king **Jeroboam** the son of **Nebathai** reigned Abijam over **Judah**.
- ² Three years reigned he in **Jerusalem**. and his mother's name was **Maachah**, the daughter of **Abishalom**.
- ³ And he walked in *all* the sins of his father, which he had done *before* him: and his heart was not perfect with the **LORD** his **God**, as the heart of **David** his father.
- ⁴ Nevertheless for **David's** sake did the **LORD** his **God** give him a lamp in **Jerusalem**, to set up his son *after* him, and to establish Jerusalem:
- ⁵ Because **David** did that which was right in the eyes of the **LORD**, and turned not aside from *anything* that he commanded him *all* the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.
- ⁶ And there was war between Rehoboam and **Jeroboam** *all* the days of his life.
- ⁷ Now the rest of the acts of **Abijam**, and *all* that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Judah**? And there was war between Abijam and **Jeroboam**.
- ⁸ And **Abijam** slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of **David**: and **Asa** his son reigned in his stead.
- ⁹ And in the twentieth year of **Jeroboam** king of **Israel** reigned Asa over **Judah**.
- ¹⁰ And forty and one years reigned he in **Jerusalem**. And his mother's name was **Maachah**, the daughter of **Abishalom**.
- ¹¹ And **Asa** did that which was right in the eyes of the **LORD**, as did **David** his father.
- ¹² And he took away the sodomites *out* of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.
- ¹³ And also **Maachah** his mother, even her he removed from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove; and **Asa** destroyed her idol, and burnt it by the brook Kidron.
- ¹⁴ But the high places were not removed: nevertheless **Asa's** heart was perfect with the **LORD** *all* his days.
- ¹⁵ And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated, and the things which himself had dedicated, into the house of the **LORD**, silver, and gold, and vessels.
- ¹⁶ And there was war between Asa and **Baasha** king of **Israel** *all* their days.
- ¹⁷ And **Baasha** king of **Israel** went up against **Judah**, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer any to go *out* or come in to **Asa** king of **Judah**.
- ¹⁸ Then **Asa** took *all* the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of the **LORD**, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king **Asa** sent them to **Benhadad**, the son of **Tabrimon**, the son of **Hezion**, king of **Syria**, that dwelt at **Damascus**, saying,

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- ¹⁹ There is a league *between* me and thee, and *between* my father and thy father: behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; come and break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.
- ²⁰ So Benhadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of the hosts which he had against the cities of Israel, and smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abelbethmaachah, and *all* Cinneroth, with *all* the land of Naphtali.
- ²¹ And it came to pass, when Baasha heard thereof, that he left off building of Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah.
- ²² Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout *all* Judah; none was exempted: and they took away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had buildded; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.
- ²³ The rest of *all* the acts of Asa, and *all* his might, and *all* that he did, and the cities which he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? Nevertheless in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.
- ²⁴ And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.
- ²⁵ And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years.
- ²⁶ And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.
- ²⁷ And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and *all* Israel laid siege to Gibbethon.
- ²⁸ Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead.
- ²⁹ And it came to pass, when he reigned, that he smote *all* the house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam *any* that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according unto the saying of the LORD, which he spake by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite:
- ³⁰ Because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger.
- ³¹ Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and *all* that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

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- ³² And there was war *between* **Asa** and **Baasha** king of **Israel** *all* their days.
- ³³ In the third year of **Asa** king of **Judah** began **Baasha** the son of **Ahijah** to reign over *all* **Israel** in **Tirzah**, twenty and four years.
- ³⁴ And he did evil in the sight of the **LORD**, and walked in the way of **Jeroboam**, and in his sin wherewith he made **Israel** to sin.

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- ¹ Then the word of the **LORD** came to **Jehu** the son of **Hanani** against **Baasha**, saying,
- ² Forasmuch as I exalted thee *out* of the dust, and made thee prince over my people **Israel**; and thou hast walked in the way of **Jeroboam**, and hast made my people **Israel** to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins;
- ³ Behold, I will take away the posterity of **Baasha**, and the posterity of his house; and will make thy house like the house of **Jeroboam** the son of **Nebat**.
- ⁴ Him that dieth of **Baasha** in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in the fields shall the fowls of the air eat.
- ⁵ Now the rest of the acts of **Baasha**, and what he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Israel**?
- ⁶ So **Baasha** slept with his fathers, and was buried in **Tirzah**: and **Elah** his son reigned in his stead.
- ⁷ And also by the hand of the prophet **Jehu** the son of **Hanani** came the word of the **LORD** against **Baasha**, and against his house, even for *all the evil* that he did in the sight of the **LORD**, in provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of **Jeroboam**; and because he killed him.
- ⁸ In the twenty and sixth year of **Asa** king of **Judah** began **Elah** the son of **Baasha** to reign over **Israel** in **Tirzah**, two years.
- ⁹ And his servant **Zimri**, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him, as he was in **Tirzah**, drinking himself drunk in the house of **Arza** steward of his house in **Tirzah**.
- ¹⁰ And **Zimri** went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of **Asa** king of **Judah**, and reigned in his stead.
- ¹¹ And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he slew *all* the house of **Baasha**: he left him not one that pisseth against a wall, neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends.
- ¹² Thus did **Zimri** destroy *all* the house of **Baasha**, according to the word of the **LORD**, which he spake against **Baasha** by **Jehu** the prophet.
- ¹³ For *all* the sins of **Baasha**, and the sins of **Elah** his son, by which they sinned, and by which they made **Israel** to sin, in provoking the **LORD** God of **Israel** to anger with their vanities.
- ¹⁴ Now the rest of the acts of **Elah**, and *all* that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Israel**?
- ¹⁵ In the twenty and seventh year of **Asa** king of **Judah** did **Zimri** reign seven days in **Tirzah**. And the people were encamped against **Gibbethon**, which belonged to the **Philistines**.

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- ¹⁶ And the people that were encamped heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also slain the king: wherefore *all Israel* made Omri, the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp.
- ¹⁷ And Omri went *up* from Gibbethon, and *all Israel* with him, and they besieged Tirzah.
- ¹⁸ And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the palace of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and died.
- ¹⁹ For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to sin.
- ²⁰ Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he wrought, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
- ²¹ Then were the people of Israel divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri.
- ²² But the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned.
- ²³ In the thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, twelve years: six years reigned he in Tirzah.
- ²⁴ And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, *after* the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, Samaria.
- ²⁵ But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse than *all* that were *before* him.
- ²⁶ For he walked in *all* the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities.
- ²⁷ Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he shewed, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
- ²⁸ So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.
- ²⁹ And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years.
- ³⁰ And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD *above all* that were *before* him.
- ³¹ And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.

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- ³² And he reared up an altar for **Baal** in the house of **Baal**, which he had built in **Samaria**.
- ³³ And **Ahab** made a grove; and **Ahab** did *more* to provoke the **LORD God** of **Israel** to anger than *all* the kings of **Israel** that were *before* him.
- ³⁴ In his days did **Hiel** the **Bethelite** build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in **Abiram** his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son **Segub**, according to the word of the **LORD**, which he spake by **Joshua** the son of **Nun**.

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- ¹ And **Elijah** the **Tishbite**, who was of the inhabitants of **Gilead**, said unto **Ahab**, As the **LORD God** of **Israel liveth**, *before* whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.
- ² And the word of the **LORD** came unto him, saying,
- ³ Get thee *hence*, and turn thee *eastward*, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is *before Jordan*.
- ⁴ And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.
- ⁵ So he went and did according unto the word of the **LORD**: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is *before Jordan*.
- ⁶ And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.
- ⁷ And it came to pass *after* a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.
- ⁸ And the word of the **LORD** came unto him, saying,
- ⁹ Arise, get thee to **Zarephath**, which belongeth to **Zidon**, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.
- ¹⁰ So he arose and went to **Zarephath**. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.
- ¹¹ And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.
- ¹² And she said, As the **LORD** thy **God liveth**, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.
- ¹³ And **Elijah** said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and *after* make for thee and for thy son.
- ¹⁴ For thus saith the **LORD God** of **Israel**, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the **LORD** sendeth rain upon the earth.
- ¹⁵ And she went and did according to the saying of **Elijah**: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.

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- ¹⁶ And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the **LORD**, which he spake by **Elijah**.
- ¹⁷ And it came to pass *after* these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.
- ¹⁸ And she said unto **Elijah**, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of **God**? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?
- ¹⁹ And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him *out* of her bosom, and carried him *up* into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his *own* bed.
- ²⁰ And he cried unto the **LORD**, and said, O **LORD** my **God**, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?
- ²¹ And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the **LORD**, and said, O **LORD** my **God**, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.
- ²² And the **LORD** heard the voice of **Elijah**; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.
- ²³ And **Elijah** took the child, and brought him *down out* of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and **Elijah** said, **See, thy son liveth**.
- ²⁴ And the woman said to **Elijah**, Now by this I know that thou art a man of **God**, and that the word of the **LORD** in thy mouth is truth.

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- ¹ And it came to pass *after many days*, that the word of the **LORD** came to **Elijah** in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto **Ahab**; and I will send rain upon the earth.
- ² And **Elijah** went to shew himself unto **Ahab**. And there was a sore famine in **Samaria**.
- ³ And **Ahab** called **Obadiah**, which was the governor of his house. (Now **Obadiah** feared the **LORD** *greatly*.)
- ⁴ For it was so, when **Jezebel** cut off the prophets of the **LORD**, that **Obadiah** took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)
- ⁵ And **Ahab** said unto **Obadiah**, Go into the land, unto *all* fountains of water, and unto *all* brooks: *peradventure* we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, that we lose not *all* the beasts.
- ⁶ So they divided the land *between* them to pass throughout it: **Ahab** went one way by himself, and **Obadiah** went another way by himself.
- ⁷ And as **Obadiah** was in the way, behold, **Elijah** met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, Art thou that my lord **Elijah**?
- ⁸ And he answered him, *I am*: go, tell thy lord, Behold, **Elijah** is here.
- ⁹ And he said, What have I sinned, that thou wouldest deliver thy servant into the hand of **Ahab**, to slay me?
- ¹⁰ As the **LORD** thy **God** liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, He is not there; he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not.
- ¹¹ And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, **Elijah** is here.
- ¹² And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from thee, that the **Spirit** of the **LORD** shall carry thee whither I know not; and so when I come and tell **Ahab**, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy servant fear the **LORD** from my youth.
- ¹³ Was it not told my lord what I did when **Jezebel** slew the prophets of the **LORD**, how I hid an hundred men of the **LORD's** prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?
- ¹⁴ And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, **Elijah** *is here*: and he shall slay me.
- ¹⁵ And **Elijah** said, As the **LORD** of hosts liveth, *before* whom I stand, I will surely shew myself unto him to day.
- ¹⁶ So **Obadiah** went to meet **Ahab**, and told him: and **Ahab** went to meet **Elijah**.
- ¹⁷ And it came to pass, when **Ahab** saw **Elijah**, that **Ahab** said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth **Israel**?

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- 18 And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy *father's house*, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the **LORD**, and thou hast followed Baalim.
- 19 Now therefore send, and gather to me *all Israel* unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table.
- 20 So **Ahab** sent unto *all* the children of **Israel**, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.
- 21 And **Elijah** came unto *all* the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the **LORD** be **God**, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.
- 22 Then said **Elijah** unto the people, I, *even I only*, remain a prophet of the **LORD**; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.
- 23 Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire *under*. and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire *under*.
- 24 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the **LORD**: and the **God** that answereth by fire, let him be **God**. And *all* the people answered and said, It is well spoken.
- 25 And **Elijah** said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are *many*, and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire *under*.
- 26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, **O Baal, hear us**. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.
- 27 And it came to pass at noon, that **Elijah** mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or *peradventure* he sleepeth, and must be awaked.
- 28 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves *after* their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.
- 29 And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.
- 30 And **Elijah** said unto *all* the people, Come *near* unto me. And *all* the people came *near* unto him. And he repaired the altar of the **LORD** that was broken down.
- 31 And **Elijah** took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of **Jacob**, unto whom the word of the **LORD** came, saying, **Israel shall be thy name**:
- 32 And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the **LORD**: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

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- ³³ And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.
- ³⁴ And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.
- ³⁵ And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.
- ³⁶ And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done *all* these things at thy word.
- ³⁷ Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart *back* again.
- ³⁸ Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.
- ³⁹ And when *all* the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.
- ⁴⁰ And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them *down* to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.
- ⁴¹ And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee *up*, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.
- ⁴² So Ahab went *up* to eat and to drink. And Elijah went *up* to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself *down* upon the earth, and put his face *between* his knees,
- ⁴³ And said to his servant, Go *up* now, look *toward* the sea. And he went *up*, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go *again* seven times.
- ⁴⁴ And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud *out* of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go *up*, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee *down* that the rain stop thee not.
- ⁴⁵ And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.
- ⁴⁶ And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran *before* Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

1 Kings 19

- ¹ And **Ahab** told **Jezebel** *all* that **Elijah** had done, and withal how he had slain *all* the prophets with the sword.
- ² Then **Jezebel** sent a messenger unto **Elijah**, saying, So let the gods do to me, and *more also*, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by *to* morrow about this time.
- ³ And when he *saw* that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to **Beersheba**, which belongeth to **Judah**, and left his servant there.
- ⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is *enough*; now, O **LORD**, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.
- ⁵ And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.
- ⁶ And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baked on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.
- ⁷ And the angel of the **LORD** came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is *too great* for thee.
- ⁸ And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto **Horeb** the mount of God.
- ⁹ And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the **LORD** came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?
- ¹⁰ And he said, I have been very jealous for the **LORD God** of hosts: for the children of **Israel** have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.
- ¹¹ And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the **LORD** passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks *before* the **LORD**; but the **LORD** was not in the wind: and *after* the wind an earthquake; but the **LORD** was not in the earthquake:
- ¹² And *after* the earthquake a fire; but the **LORD** was not in the fire: and *after* the fire a still small voice.

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- ¹³ And it was so, when **Elijah** heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went *out*, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?
- ¹⁴ And he said, I have been very jealous for the **LORD God** of hosts: because the children of **Israel** have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, **even I only, am left**; and they seek my life, to take it away.
- ¹⁵ And the **LORD** said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:
- ¹⁶ And **Jehu** the son of **Nimshi** shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and **Elisha** the son of **Shaphat** of **Abelmeholah** shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.
- ¹⁷ And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall **Jehu** slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall **Elisha** slay.
- ¹⁸ Yet I have left me seven thousand in **Israel**, *all* the knees which have not bowed unto **Baal**, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.
- ¹⁹ So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of **Shaphat**, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen *before* him, and he with the twelfth: and **Elijah** passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.
- ²⁰ And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?
- ²¹ And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went *after Elijah*, and ministered unto him.

1 Kings 20

- ¹ And **Benhadad** the king of **Syria** gathered *all* his **host** together: and there were **thirty and two** kings with him, and **horses**, and **chariots**; and he went *up* and **besieged Samaria**, and **warred** against it.
- ² And he **sent messengers** to **Ahab** king of **Israel** into the **city**, and said unto him, Thus saith **Benhadad**,
- ³ **Thy silver** and thy **gold** is mine; thy **wives** also and thy children, even the **goodliest**, are mine.
- ⁴ And the king of **Israel** answered and said, My lord, O king, according to thy saying, I am thine, and *all* that I have.
- ⁵ And the **messengers** came *again*, and said, Thus speaketh **Benhadad**, saying, Although I have **sent** unto thee, saying, Thou shalt **deliver** me thy **silver**, and thy **gold**, and thy **wives**, and thy children;
- ⁶ Yet I will **send** my **servants** unto thee *to morrow* about this **time**, and they shall **search** thine **house**, and the houses of thy **servants**; and it shall be, that whatsoever is **pleasant** in thine **eyes**, they shall put it in their **hand**, and take it **away**.
- ⁷ Then the king of **Israel** called *all* the **elders** of the land, and said, **Mark**, I pray you, and see how this **man seeketh mischief**: for he **sent** unto me for my **wives**, and for my children, and for my **silver**, and for my **gold**; and I **denied him not**.
- ⁸ And *all* the **elders** and *all* the people said unto him, **Hearken not** unto him, **nor consent**.
- ⁹ Wherefore he said unto the **messengers** of **Benhadad**, Tell my lord the king, *All* that thou didst **send** for to thy **servant** at the **first** I will do: but this **thing** I may **not** do. And the **messengers departed**, and brought him **word again**.
- ¹⁰ And **Benhadad sent** unto him, and said, The **gods** do so unto me, and *more also*, if the **dust** of **Samaria** shall **suffice** for **handfuls** for *all* the people that **follow** me.
- ¹¹ And the king of **Israel** answered and said, Tell him, Let **not** him that **girdeth** on his **harness boast** himself as he that **putteth** it *off*.
- ¹² And it came to **pass**, when **Ben-hadad** heard this **message**, as he was **drinking**, he and the **kings** in the **pavilions**, that he said unto his **servants**, **Set** yourselves in **array**. And they set themselves in array **against the city**.
- ¹³ And, behold, there came a **prophet** unto **Ahab** king of **Israel**, saying, Thus saith the **LORD**, Hast thou **seen all this great multitude?** behold, I will **deliver** it into thine **hand** **this day**; and thou shalt **know** that **I am the LORD**.
- ¹⁴ And **Ahab** said, **By whom?** And he said, Thus saith the **LORD**, **Even by the young men** of the **princes** of the **provinces**. Then he said, Who shall **order** the **battle**? And he answered, **Thou**.

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- ¹⁵ Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty two: and *after* them he numbered *all* the people, even *all* the children of Israel, being seven thousand.
- ¹⁶ And they went *out* at noon. But Benhadad was drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him.
- ¹⁷ And the young men of the princes of the provinces went *out first*; and Benhadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come *out* of Samaria.
- ¹⁸ And he said, Whether they be come *out* for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come *out* for war, take them alive.
- ¹⁹ So these young men of the princes of the provinces came *out* of the city, and the army which followed them.
- ²⁰ And they slew every one his man: and the Syrians fled; and Israel pursued them: and Benhadad the king of Syria escaped on an horse with the horsemen.
- ²¹ And the king of Israel went *out*, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.
- ²² And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said unto him, Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou doest: for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come *up against* thee.
- ²³ And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Their gods are gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they.
- ²⁴ And do this thing, Take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their rooms:
- ²⁵ And number thee an army, like the army that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. And he hearkened unto their voice, and did so.
- ²⁶ And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Benhadad numbered the Syrians, and went *up* to Aphek, to fight against Israel.
- ²⁷ And the children of Israel were numbered, and were *all present*, and went against them: and the children of Israel pitched *before* them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country.
- ²⁸ And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver *all* this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that *I am* the LORD.

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- ²⁹ And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day.
- ³⁰ But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and there a wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand of the men that were left. And Benhadad fled, and came into the city, into an inner chamber.
- ³¹ And his servants said unto him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings: let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: *peradventure* he will save thy life.
- ³² So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant Benhadad saith, I pray thee, let me live. And he said, Is he yet alive? he is my brother.
- ³³ Now the men did diligently observe whether anything would come from him, and did hastily catch it: and they said, Thy brother Benhadad. Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then Benhadad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot.
- ³⁴ And Ben-hadad said unto him, The cities, which my father took from thy father, I will restore; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. Then said Ahab, I will send thee away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.
- ³⁵ And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his neighbour in the word of the LORD, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to smite him.
- ³⁶ Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and slew him.
- ³⁷ Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man smote him, so that in smiting he wounded him.
- ³⁸ So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with ashes upon his face.
- ³⁹ And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver.
- ⁴⁰ And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, So shall thy judgment be; thyself hast decided it.

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- ⁴¹ And he hasted, and took the ashes away from his face; and the king of Israel discerned him that he was of the prophets.
- ⁴² And he said unto him, Thus saith the **LORD**, **Because thou hast let go *out of thy hand* a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people.**
- ⁴³ And the king of Israel went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to **Samaria**.

1 Kings 21

- ¹ And it came to pass *after* these things, that **Naboth** the **Jezreelite** had a vineyard, which was in **Jezreel**, hard by the palace of **Ahab** king of **Samaria**.
- ² And **Ahab** spake unto **Naboth**, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is *near* unto my house: and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.
- ³ And **Naboth** said to **Ahab**, The **LORD** forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.
- ⁴ And **Ahab** came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which **Naboth** the **Jezreelite** had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him *down* upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.
- ⁵ But **Jezebel** his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?
- ⁶ And he said unto her, Because I spake unto **Naboth** the **Jezreelite**, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard.
- ⁷ And **Jezebel** his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of **Israel**? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of **Naboth** the **Jezreelite**.
- ⁸ So she wrote letters in **Ahab's** name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with **Naboth**.
- ⁹ And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on *high* among the people:
- ¹⁰ And set two men, sons of Belial, *before* him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him *out*, and stone him, that he may die.
- ¹¹ And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as **Jezebel** had sent unto them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them.
- ¹² They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on *high* among the people.
- ¹³ And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat *before* him: and the men of **Belial** witnessed against him, even against **Naboth**, in the presence of the people, saying, **Naboth** did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth *out* of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.
- ¹⁴ Then they sent to **Jezebel**, saying, **Naboth** is stoned, and is dead.
- ¹⁵ And it came to pass, when **Jezebel** heard that **Naboth** was stoned, and was dead, that **Jezebel** said to **Ahab**, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of **Naboth** the **Jezreelite**, which he refused to give thee for money: for **Naboth** is not alive, but dead.

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- ¹⁶ And it came to pass, when **Ahab** heard that **Naboth** was dead, that **Ahab** rose up to go *down* to the vineyard of **Naboth** the **Jezeelite**, to take possession of it.
- ¹⁷ And the word of the **LORD** came to **Elijah** the **Tishbite**, saying,
- ¹⁸ Arise, go *down* to meet **Ahab** king of **Israel**, which is in **Samaria**: behold, he is in the vineyard of **Naboth**, whither he is gone *down* to possess it.
- ¹⁹ And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the **LORD**, Hast thou killed, and *also* taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the **LORD**, In the place where dogs licked the blood of **Naboth** shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.
- ²⁰ And **Ahab** said to **Elijah**, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the **LORD**.
- ²¹ Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from **Ahab** him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in **Israel**,
- ²² And will make thine house like the house of **Jeroboam** the son of **Nebat**, and like the house of **Baasha** the son of **Ahijah**, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and made **Israel** to sin.
- ²³ And of **Jezebel** also spake the **LORD**, saying, The dogs shall eat **Jezebel** by the wall of **Jezeel**.
- ²⁴ Him that dieth of **Ahab** in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that *dieth* in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.
- ²⁵ But there was none like unto **Ahab**, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the **LORD**, whom **Jezebel** his wife stirred up.
- ²⁶ And he did *very abominably* in following idols, according to *all things* as did the **Amorites**, whom the **LORD** cast out before the children of **Israel**.
- ²⁷ And it came to pass, when **Ahab** heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went *softly*.
- ²⁸ And the word of the **LORD** came to **Elijah** the **Tishbite**, saying,
- ²⁹ Seest thou how **Ahab** humbleth himself *before* me? because he humbleth himself *before* me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.

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- ¹ And they *continued* three years without war *between* **Syria** and **Israel**.
- ² And it came to pass in the third year, that **Jehoshaphat** the king of **Judah** came *down* to the king of **Israel**.
- ³ And the king of **Israel** said unto his servants, Know ye that **Ramoth** in **Gilead** is ours, and we be still, and take it not *out* of the hand of the king of **Syria**?
- ⁴ And he said unto **Jehoshaphat**, Wilt thou go with me to battle to **Ramothgilead**? And **Jehoshaphat** said to the king of **Israel**, I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses.
- ⁵ And **Jehoshaphat** said unto the king of **Israel**, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the **LORD** to day.
- ⁶ Then the king of **Israel** gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against **Ramothgilead** to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go *up*; for the **LORD** shall deliver it into the hand of the king.
- ⁷ And **Jehoshaphat** said, Is there not here a prophet of the **LORD** *besides*, that we might enquire of him?
- ⁸ And the king of **Israel** said unto **Jehoshaphat**, There is yet one man, **Micaiah** the son of **Imlah**, by whom we may enquire of the **LORD**: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And **Jehoshaphat** said, Let not the king say so.
- ⁹ Then the king of **Israel** called an officer, and said, Hasten hither **Micaiah** the son of **Imlah**.
- ¹⁰ And the king of **Israel** and **Jehoshaphat** the king of **Judah** sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a *void* place in the entrance of the gate of **Samaria**; and *all* the prophets prophesied *before* them.
- ¹¹ And **Zedekiah** the son of **Chenaanah** made him horns of iron: and he said, Thus saith the **LORD**, With these shalt thou push the **Syrians**, until thou have consumed them.
- ¹² And *all* the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go *up* to **Ramothgilead**, and prosper: for the **LORD** shall deliver it into the king's hand.
- ¹³ And the messenger that was gone to call **Micaiah** spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets declare good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is good.
- ¹⁴ And **Micaiah** said, As the **LORD** liveth, what the **LORD** saith unto me, that will I speak.
- ¹⁵ So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, **Micaiah**, shall we go against **Ramothgilead** to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and prosper: for the **LORD** shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

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- ¹⁶ And the king said unto him, How *many times* shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but that which is *true* in the name of the **LORD**?
- ¹⁷ And he said, I saw *all Israel* scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd: and the **LORD** said, These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace.
- ¹⁸ And the king of **Israel** said unto **Jehoshaphat**, Did I not tell thee that he would prophecy no good concerning me, but evil?
- ¹⁹ And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the **LORD**: I saw the **LORD** sitting on his throne, and *all the host of heaven* standing by him on his right hand and on his left.
- ²⁰ And the **LORD** said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go *up* and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.
- ²¹ And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the **LORD**, and said, I will persuade him.
- ²² And the **LORD** said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a *lying spirit* in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.
- ²³ Now therefore, behold, the **LORD** hath put a *lying spirit* in the mouth of *all* these thy prophets, and the **LORD** hath spoken evil concerning thee.
- ²⁴ But **Zedekiah** the son of **Chenaanah** went *near*, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the **LORD** from me to speak unto thee?
- ²⁵ And **Micaiah** said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an *inner chamber* to hide thyself.
- ²⁶ And the king of **Israel** said, Take **Micaiah**, and carry him back unto **Amon** the governor of the city, and to **Joash** the king's son;
- ²⁷ 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 come in peace.
- ²⁸ And **Micaiah** said, If thou return at all in peace, the **LORD** hath not spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, O people, every one of you.
- ²⁹ So the king of **Israel** and **Jehoshaphat** the king of **Judah** went *up* to **Ramothgilead**.
- ³⁰ And the king of **Israel** said unto **Jehoshaphat**, I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. And the king of **Israel** disguised himself, and went into the battle.

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- ³¹ But the king of **Syria** **commanded** his **thirty and two captains** that had **rule** over his **chariots**, saying, **Fight neither** with **small nor great**, **save only** with the king of **Israel**.
- ³² And it came to **pass**, when the **captains** of the **chariots** saw **Jehoshaphat**, that they said, *Surely* it is the king of **Israel**. And they **turned aside** to **fight against** him: and **Jehoshaphat cried out**.
- ³³ And it came to **pass**, when the **captains** of the **chariots perceived** that it was **not** the king of **Israel**, that they **turned back** from **pursuing** him.
- ³⁴ And a **certain man drew** a **bow** at a **venture**, and **smote** the king of **Israel** *between* the **joints** of the **harness**: wherefore he said unto the **driver** of his **chariot**, **Turn** thine **hand**, and **carry** me *out* of the **host**; for I am **wounded**.
- ³⁵ And the **battle increased** that **day**: and the king was **stayed up** in his **chariot** **against** the **Syrians**, and **died at even**: and the **blood ran out** of the **wound** into the *midst* of the **chariot**.
- ³⁶ And there went a **proclamation** throughout the **host** about the going *down* of the **sun**, saying, **Every man to his city**, and every man to his **own country**.
- ³⁷ So the **king died**, and was brought to **Samaria**; and they **buried** the king in **Samaria**.
- ³⁸ And **one washed** the **chariot** in the **pool** of **Samaria**; and the **dogs licked up** his **blood**; and they **washed** his **armour**; according unto the **word** of the **LORD** which he spake.
- ³⁹ Now the **rest** of the **acts** of **Ahab**, and *all* that he did, and the **ivory house** which he made, and *all* the **cities** that he **built**, are they **not written** in the **book** of the **chronicles** of the kings of **Israel**?
- ⁴⁰ So **Ahab slept** with his **fathers**; and **Ahaziah** his son **reigned** in his **stead**.
- ⁴¹ And **Jehoshaphat** the son of **Asa** began to **reign** over **Judah** in the **fourth year** of **Ahab** king of **Israel**.
- ⁴² **Jehoshaphat** 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**.
- ⁴³ And he **walked** in *all* the **ways** of **Asa** his **father**; he **turned not aside** from it, doing that which was **right** in the **eyes** of the **LORD**: nevertheless the **high places** were **not** taken **away**; for the people **offered** and **burnt incense** yet in the **high places**.
- ⁴⁴ And **Jehoshaphat** made **peace** with the king of **Israel**.
- ⁴⁵ Now the **rest** of the **acts** of **Jehoshaphat**, and his might that he shewed, and how he **warred**, are they **not written** in the **book** of the **chronicles** of the kings of **Judah**?
- ⁴⁶ And the **remnant** of the **sodomites**, which remained in the **days** of his father **Asa**, he took *out* of the land.

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- ⁴⁷ There was then no king in **Edom**: a deputy was king.
- ⁴⁸ **Jehoshaphat** made ships of **Tharshish** to go to **Ophir** for gold: but they went not; for the ships were broken at **Eziongaber**.
- ⁴⁹ Then said **Ahaziah** the son of **Ahab** unto **Jehoshaphat**, Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships. But **Jehoshaphat** would not.
- ⁵⁰ And **Jehoshaphat** slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of **David** his father: and **Jehoram** his son reigned in his stead.
- ⁵¹ **Ahaziah** the son of **Ahab** began to reign over **Israel** in **Samaria** the seventeenth year of **Jehoshaphat** king of **Judah**, and reigned two years over **Israel**.
- ⁵² And he did evil in the sight of the **LORD**, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of **Jeroboam** the son of **Nebat**, who made **Israel** to sin:
- ⁵³ For he served **Baal**, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger the **LORD God** of **Israel**, according to *all* that his father had done.