

2 Kings 1

- ¹ Then **Moab rebelled** against **Israel** after the **death** of **Ahab**.
- ² And **Ahaziah fell down** through a **lattice** in his **upper chamber** that was in **Samaria**, and was **sick**: and he **sent messengers**, and said unto them, Go, **enquire** of **Baalzebub** the god of **Ekron** whether I shall **recover** of this **disease**.
- ³ But the **angel** of the **LORD** said to **Elijah** the **Tishbite**, **Arise, go up to meet the messengers** of the king of **Samaria**, and say unto them, Is it **not** because there is **not a God in Israel**, that ye go to **enquire** of **Baalzebub** the god of **Ekron**?
- ⁴ Now therefore thus saith the **LORD**, Thou shalt **not** come **down** from that **bed** on which thou art gone **up**, but shalt **surely die**. And **Elijah departed**.
- ⁵ And when the **messengers turned back** unto him, he said unto them, Why are ye now turned **back**?
- ⁶ And they said unto him, There came a **man up to meet** us, and said unto us, Go, **turn again** unto the king that **sent** you, and say unto him, **Thus saith the LORD**, Is it **not** because there is **not a God in Israel**, that thou **sendest to enquire of Baalzebub** the god of **Ekron**? therefore thou shalt **not** come **down** from that **bed** on which thou art gone **up**, but shalt **surely die**.
- ⁷ And he said unto them, What **manner** of **man** was he which came **up to meet** you, and told you these **words**?
- ⁸ And they answered him, He was an **hairy man**, and **girt** with a **girdle** of **leather** about his **loins**. And he said, It is **Elijah the Tishbite**.
- ⁹ Then the king **sent** unto him a **captain** of **fifty** with his **fifty**. And he went **up** to him: and, behold, he **sat** on the **top** of an **hill**. And he spake unto him, Thou **man of God**, the king hath said, Come **down**.
- ¹⁰ And **Elijah** answered and said to the **captain** of **fifty**, **If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty**. And there came **down** fire from heaven, and consumed him and his **fifty**.
- ¹¹ Again also he **sent** unto him another **captain** of **fifty** with his **fifty**. And he answered and said unto him, O **man of God**, thus hath the king said, Come **down quickly**.
- ¹² And **Elijah** answered and said unto them, **If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty**. And the fire of God came **down** from heaven, and consumed him and his **fifty**.

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- ¹³ And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went *up*, and came and fell on his knees *before* Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious in thy sight.
- ¹⁴ Behold, there came fire *down* from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight.
- ¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD said unto Elijah, *Go down with him: be* not afraid of him. And he arose, and went *down* with him unto the king.
- ¹⁶ And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron, is it not because there is no God in Israel to enquire of his word? therefore thou shalt not come *down* off that bed on which thou art gone *up*, but shalt surely die.
- ¹⁷ So he died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram reigned in his stead in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son.
- ¹⁸ Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

2 Kings 2

- ¹ And it came to pass, when the LORD would take *up* Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.
- ² And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went *down* to Bethel.
- ³ And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.
- ⁴ And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.
- ⁵ And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.
- ⁶ And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.
- ⁷ And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view *afar off*. and they two stood by Jordan.
- ⁸ And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided *hither and thither*, so that they two went over on dry ground.
- ⁹ And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, *before* I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.
- ¹⁰ And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou *see* me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.
- ¹¹ And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both *asunder*, and Elijah went *up* by a whirlwind into heaven.
- ¹² And Elisha *saw* it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his *own* clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

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- ¹³ He took *up* also the mantle of **Elijah** that fell from him, and went *back*, and stood by the bank of **Jordan**;
- ¹⁴ **And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither. and Elisha went over.**
- ¹⁵ And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at **Jericho** saw him, they said, The spirit of **Elijah** doth rest on **Elisha**. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground *before* him.
- ¹⁶ And they said unto him, Behold now, there be with thy servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master: lest *peradventure* the Spirit of the **LORD** hath taken him *up*, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, Ye shall not send.
- ¹⁷ And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not.
- ¹⁸ And when they came again to him, (for he tarried at **Jericho**,) he said unto them, Did I not say unto you, Go not?
- ¹⁹ And the men of the city said unto **Elisha**, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water is naught, and the ground barren.
- ²⁰ And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought it to him.
- ²¹ And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, Thus saith the **LORD**, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence *any more* death or barren land.
- ²² So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of **Elisha** which he spake.
- ²³ **And he went up from thence unto Bethel: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head.**
- ²⁴ **And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.**
- ²⁵ And he went from thence to mount **Carmel**, and from thence he returned to **Samaria**.

2 Kings 3

- ¹ Now **Jehoram** the son of **Ahab** began to reign over **Israel** in **Samaria** the eighteenth year of **Jehoshaphat** king of **Judah**, and reigned twelve years.
- ² And he wrought evil in the sight of the **LORD**; but not like his father, and like his mother: for he put away the image of **Baal** that his father had made.
- ³ Nevertheless he cleaved unto the sins of **Jeroboam** the son of **Nebat**, which made **Israel** to sin; he departed not therefrom.
- ⁴ And **Mesha** king of **Moab** was a sheepmaster, and rendered unto the king of **Israel** an hundred thousand lambs, and an hundred thousand rams, with the wool.
- ⁵ But it came to pass, when **Ahab** was dead, that the king of **Moab** rebelled against the king of **Israel**.
- ⁶ And king **Jehoram** went *out* of **Samaria** the same time, and numbered *all* **Israel**.
- ⁷ And he went and sent to **Jehoshaphat** the king of **Judah**, saying, The king of **Moab** hath rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go *up*: I am as thou art, my people as thy people, and my horses as thy horses.
- ⁸ And he said, Which way shall we go *up*? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of **Edom**.
- ⁹ So the king of **Israel** went, and the king of **Judah**, and the king of **Edom**: and they fetched a compass of seven days' journey: and there was no water for the host, and for the cattle that followed them.
- ¹⁰ And the king of **Israel** said, Alas! that the **LORD** hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of **Moab**!
- ¹¹ But **Jehoshaphat** said, Is there not here a prophet of the **LORD**, that we may enquire of the **LORD** by him? And one of the king of **Israel's** servants answered and said, Here is **Elisha** the son of **Shaphat**, which poured water on the hands of **Elijah**.
- ¹² And **Jehoshaphat** said, The word of the **LORD** is with him. So the king of **Israel** and **Jehoshaphat** and the king of **Edom** went *down* to him.
- ¹³ And **Elisha** said unto the king of **Israel**, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of **Israel** said unto him, Nay: for the **LORD** hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of **Moab**.
- ¹⁴ And **Elisha** said, As the **LORD** of hosts liveth, *before* whom I stand, *surely*, were it not that I regard the presence of **Jehoshaphat** the king of **Judah**, I would not look *toward* thee, nor *see* thee.

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- ¹⁵ But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him.
- ¹⁶ And he said, Thus saith the LORD, Make this valley full of ditches.
- ¹⁷ For thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts.
- ¹⁸ And this is but a light thing in the sight of the LORD: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand.
- ¹⁹ And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones.
- ²⁰ And it came to pass in the morning, when the meat offering was offered, that, behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.
- ²¹ And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they gathered all that were able to put on armour, and upward, and stood in the border.
- ²² And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side as red as blood:
- ²³ And they said, This is blood: the kings are surely slain, and they have smitten one another: now therefore, Moab, to the spoil.
- ²⁴ And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote the Moabites, so that they fled before them: but they went forward smiting the Moabites, even in their country.
- ²⁵ And they beat down the cities, and on every good piece of land cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees: only in Kirharaseth left they the stones thereof; howbeit the slingers went about it, and smote it.
- ²⁶ And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew swords, to break through even unto the king of Edom: but they could not.
- ²⁷ Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.

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- ¹ Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.
- ² And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.
- ³ Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few.
- ⁴ And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.
- ⁵ So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out.
- ⁶ And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.
- ⁷ Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.
- ⁸ And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.
- ⁹ And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.
- ¹⁰ Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.
- ¹¹ And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.
- ¹² And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.
- ¹³ And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.

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- ¹⁴ And he said, What then is to be done for her? And **Gehazi** answered, *Verily* she hath **no** child, and her husband is **old**.
- ¹⁵ And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she **stood** in the **door**.
- ¹⁶ **And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.**
- ¹⁷ **And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.**
- ¹⁸ And when the child was **grown**, it **fell** on a **day**, that he went *out* to his **father** to the **reapers**.
- ¹⁹ And he said unto his **father**, **My head, my head**. And he said to a **lad**, **Carry** him to his **mother**.
- ²⁰ And when he had taken him, and brought him to his **mother**, he **sat** on her **knees** till **noon**, and then **died**.
- ²¹ And she went *up*, and **laid** him on the **bed** of the **man** of **God**, and **shut** the **door** upon him, and went *out*.
- ²² And she called unto her **husband**, and said, **Send** me, I pray thee, one of the **young men**, and one of the **asses**, that I may **run** to the **man** of **God**, and come **again**.
- ²³ And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him **to day**? it is **neither new moon, nor sabbath**. And she said, **It shall be well**.
- ²⁴ Then she **saddled** an **ass**, and said to her **servant**, **Drive**, and go *forward*; **slack not** thy **riding** for me, except I **bid** thee.
- ²⁵ So she went and came unto the **man** of **God** to **mount Carmel**. And it came to **pass**, when the **man** of **God** saw her *afar off*, that he said to **Gehazi** his **servant**, Behold, *yonder* is that **Shunammite**:
- ²⁶ **Run** now, I pray thee, to **meet** her, and say unto her, Is it **well** with thee? is it well with thy **husband**? **is it well with the child**? And she answered, **It is well**:
- ²⁷ And when she came to the **man** of **God** to the **hill**, she **caught** him by the **feet**: but **Gehazi** came *near* to **thrust** her *away*. And the man of **God** said, Let her alone; for her **soul** is **vexed** within her: and the **LORD** hath **hid** it from me, and hath **not** told me.
- ²⁸ Then she said, Did I **desire** a son of my lord? did I **not** say, Do **not deceive** me?

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- ²⁹ Then he said to **Gehazi**, *Gird up* thy **loins**, and take my **staff** in thine **hand**, and go thy **way**: if thou **meet any man**, **salute** him **not**; and if *any* salute thee, answer him **not again**: and **lay my staff upon the face of the child**. ³⁰ And the **mother** of the child said, As the **LORD liveth**, and as thy **soul liveth**, I will **not leave** thee. And he **arose**, and **followed** her.
- ³¹ And **Gehazi** **passed on before** them, and **laid** the **staff** upon the **face** of the child; but there was **neither voice, nor hearing**. Wherefore he went **again to meet** him, and told him, saying, The child is **not awaked**.
- ³² And when **Elisha** was come into the **house**, behold, the child was **dead**, and **laid** upon his **bed**.
- ³³ He went in therefore, and **shut** the **door** upon them *twain*, and **prayed** unto the **LORD**.
- ³⁴ **And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.** ³⁵ Then he **returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes**.
- ³⁶ And he called **Gehazi**, and said, Call this **Shunammite**. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, **Take up thy son**.
- ³⁷ Then she went in, and **fell** at his **feet**, and **bowed** herself to the **ground**, and took *up* her son, and went *out*.
- ³⁸ And **Elisha** came **again to Gilgal**: and there was a **dearth** in the **land**; and the sons of the **prophets** were **sitting before** him: and he said unto his **servant**, **Set on the great pot**, and **seethe pottage** for the sons of the prophets.
- ³⁹ And **one** went *out* into the **field** to **gather herbs**, and **found** a **wild vine**, and **gathered** thereof **wild gourds** his **lap full**, and came and **shred** them into the **pot** of **pottage**: for they **knew** them **not**.
- ⁴⁰ So they **poured out** for the **men to eat**. And it came to **pass**, as they were **eating** of the **pottage**, that they **cried out**, and said, **O thou man of God, there is death in the pot**. And they could **not eat** thereof.
- ⁴¹ But he said, Then bring **meal**. And he **cast** it into the **pot**; and he said, **Pour out** for the people, that they may **eat**. And there was **no harm** in the pot.
- ⁴² And there came a **man** from **Baalshalisha**, and brought the **man of God bread** of the **firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley**, and **full ears** of **corn** in the **husk** thereof. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may **eat**.
- ⁴³ And his **servitor** said, What, should I **set** this **before an hundred men**? He said **again**, Give the people, that they may **eat**: for thus saith the **LORD**, **They shall eat, and shall leave thereof**.
- ⁴⁴ **So he set it before them, and they did eat, and left thereof, according to the word of the LORD**.

2 Kings 5

- ¹ Now **Naaman**, captain of the host of the king of **Syria**, was a *great* man with his master, and honourable, because by him the **LORD** had given deliverance unto **Syria**: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper.
- ² And the **Syrians** had gone *out* by companies, and had brought away captive *out* of the land of **Israel** a *little* maid; and she waited on **Naaman's** wife.
- ³ And she said unto her mistress, Would **God** my lord were with the prophet that is in **Samaria**! for he would recover him of his leprosy.
- ⁴ And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of **Israel**.
- ⁵ And the king of **Syria** said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of **Israel**. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment.
- ⁶ And he brought the letter to the king of **Israel**, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have therewith sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy.
- ⁷ And it came to pass, when the king of **Israel** had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I **God**, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.
- ⁸ And it was so, when **Elisha** the man of **God** had heard that the king of **Israel** had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in **Israel**.
- ⁹ So **Naaman** came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of **Elisha**.
- ¹⁰ And **Elisha** sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in **Jordan** seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.
- ¹¹ But **Naaman** was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will *surely* come *out* to me, and stand, and call on the name of the **LORD** his **God**, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.
- ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of **Damascus**, better than *all* the waters of **Israel**? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.

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- ¹³ And his servants came *near*, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how *much rather* then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? ¹⁴ Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a *little* child, and he was clean.
- ¹⁵ And he returned to the man of God, he and *all* his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in *all* the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant. ¹⁶ But he said, As the LORD liveth, *before* whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused. ¹⁷ And Naaman said, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy servant two mules' burden of earth? for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the LORD. ¹⁸ In this thing the LORD pardon thy servant, that when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon: when I bow *down* myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant in this thing. ¹⁹ And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a *little way*.
- ²⁰ But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, as the LORD liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him. ²¹ So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw him running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, Is *all well*?
- ²² And he said, *All is well*. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: *give them*, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments.
- ²³ And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid them upon two of his servants; and they bare them *before* him.
- ²⁴ And when he came to the tower, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed.
- ²⁵ But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, Whence comest thou, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went no whither.
- ²⁶ And he said unto him, Went not mine heart with thee, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?
- ²⁷ The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.

2 Kings 6

- ¹ And the sons of the prophets said unto **Elisha**, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is *too strait* for us.
- ² Let us go, we pray thee, unto **Jordan**, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye.
- ³ And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go.
- ⁴ So he went with them. And when they came to **Jordan**, they cut down wood.
- ⁵ But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed.
- ⁶ And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; and the iron did swim.
- ⁷ Therefore said he, Take it *up* to thee. And he put *out* his hand, and took it.
- ⁸ Then the king of **Syria** warred against **Israel**, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp.
- ⁹ And the man of God sent unto the king of **Israel**, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the **Syrians** are come *down*.
- ¹⁰ And the king of **Israel** sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.
- ¹¹ Therefore the heart of the king of **Syria** was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of **Israel**?
- ¹² And one of his servants said, **None**, my lord, O king: but **Elisha**, the prophet that is in **Israel**, telleth the king of **Israel** the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.
- ¹³ And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in **Dothan**.
- ¹⁴ Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.
- ¹⁵ And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

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- ¹⁶ And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are *more* than they that be with them.
- ¹⁷ And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.
- ¹⁸ And when they came *down* to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.
- ¹⁹ And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria.
- ²⁰ And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.
- ²¹ And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? shall I smite them?
- ²² And he answered, Thou shalt not smite them: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water *before* them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.
- ²³ And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.
- ²⁴ And it came to pass *after* this, that Benhadad king of Syria gathered *all* his host, and went *up*, and besieged Samaria.
- ²⁵ And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was sold for fourscore pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five pieces of silver.
- ²⁶ And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, Help, my lord, O king.
- ²⁷ And he said, If the LORD do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? *out* of the barnfloor, or *out* of the winepress?
- ²⁸ And the king said unto her, What aieth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him to day, and we will eat my son to morrow.

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- ²⁹ So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the *next day*, Give thy son, that we may eat him: and she hath hid her son.
- ³⁰ And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes; and he passed by upon the wall, and the people looked, and, behold, he had sackcloth within upon his flesh.
- ³¹ Then he said, **God** do so and *more* also to me, if the head of **Elisha** the son of **Shaphat** shall stand on him this day.
- ³² But **Elisha** sat in his house, and the elders sat with him; and the king sent a man from *before* him: but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, See ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take away mine head? look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door: is not the sound of his master's feet *behind* him?
- ³³ And while he yet talked with them, behold, the messenger came *down* unto him: and he said, Behold, this evil is of the **LORD**; what should I wait for the **LORD** *any longer*?

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- ¹ Then **Elisha** said, Hear ye the word of the **LORD**; Thus saith the **LORD**, To morrow about this time shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of **Samaria**.
- ² Then a lord on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of **God**, and said, Behold, if the **LORD** would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.
- ³ And there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die?
- ⁴ If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the **Syrians**: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.
- ⁵ And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the **Syrians**: and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of **Syria**, behold, there was no man there.
- ⁶ For the **LORD** had made the host of the **Syrians** to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of **Israel** hath hired against us the kings of the **Hittites**, and the kings of the **Egyptians**, to come upon us.
- ⁷ Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life.
- ⁸ And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it.
- ⁹ Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.
- ¹⁰ So they came and called unto the porter of the city: and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the **Syrians**, and, behold, there was no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they were.
- ¹¹ And he called the porters; and they told it to the king's house within.

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- ¹² And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants, I will now shew you what the **Syrians** have done to us. They know that we be hungry; therefore are they gone *out* of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come *out* of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city.
- ¹³ And one of his servants answered and said, Let some take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city, (behold, they are as *all* the multitude of **Israel** that are left in it: behold, I say, they are even as *all* the multitude of the **Israelites** that are consumed;) and let us send and see.
- ¹⁴ They took therefore two chariot horses; and the king sent *after* the host of the **Syrians**, saying, Go and see.
- ¹⁵ And they went *after* them unto **Jordan**: and, lo, *all* the way was full of garments and vessels, which the **Syrians** had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told the king.
- ¹⁶ And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD.
- ¹⁷ And the king appointed the lord on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate: and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of **God** had said, who spake when the king came *down* to him.
- ¹⁸ And it came to pass as the man of **God** had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be to morrow about this time in the gate of **Samaria**:
- ¹⁹ And that lord answered the man of **God**, and said, Now, behold, if the **LORD** should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.
- ²⁰ And so it fell out unto him: for the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died.

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- ¹ Then spake **Elisha** unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for the **LORD** hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years.
- ² And the woman arose, and did *after* the saying of the man of **God**: and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the **Philistines** seven years.
- ³ And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned *out* of the land of the **Philistines**: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land.
- ⁴ And the king talked with **Gehazi** the servant of the man of **God**, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, *all* the great things that **Elisha** hath done.
- ⁵ And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And **Gehazi** said, My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom **Elisha** restored to life.
- ⁶ And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain officer, saying, Restore *all* that was hers, and *all* the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now.
- ⁷ And **Elisha** came to **Damascus**; and **Benhadad** the king of **Syria** was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of **God** is come hither.
- ⁸ And the king said unto **Hazael**, Take a present in thine hand, and go, meet the man of **God**, and enquire of the **LORD** by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?
- ⁹ So **Hazael** went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of **Damascus**, forty camels' burden, and came and stood *before* him, and said, Thy son **Benhadad** king of **Syria** hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?
- ¹⁰ And **Elisha** said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou mayest *certainly* recover: howbeit the **LORD** hath shewed me that he shall *surely* die.
- ¹¹ And he settled his countenance *stedfastly*, until he was ashamed: and the man of **God** wept.
- ¹² And **Hazael** said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, **Because** I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of **Israel**: their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash their children, and rip up their women with child.

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- ¹³ And **Hazael** said, But what, is thy servant a dog, that he should do this *great* thing? And **Elisha** answered, The **LORD** hath shewed me that thou shalt be king over **Syria**.
- ¹⁴ So he departed from **Elisha**, and came to his master; who said to him, What said **Elisha** to thee? And he answered, He told me that thou shouldst *surely* recover.
- ¹⁵ And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took a *thick* cloth, and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died: and **Hazael** reigned in his stead.
- ¹⁶ And in the fifth year of **Joram** the son of **Ahab** king of **Israel**, **Jehoshaphat** being then king of **Judah**, **Jehoram** the son of **Jehoshaphat** king of **Judah** began to reign.
- ¹⁷ Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in **Jerusalem**.
- ¹⁸ And he walked in the way of the kings of **Israel**, as did the house of **Ahab**: for the daughter of **Ahab** was his wife: and he did evil in the sight of the **LORD**.
- ¹⁹ Yet the **LORD** would not destroy **Judah** for **David** his servant's sake, as he promised him to give him always a light, and to his children.
- ²⁰ In his days **Edom** revolted from *under* the hand of **Judah**, and made a king over themselves.
- ²¹ So **Joram** went over to **Zair**, and *all* the chariots with him: and he rose by night, and smote the **Edomites** which compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots: and the people fled into their tents.
- ²² Yet **Edom** revolted from *under* the hand of **Judah** unto this day. Then **Libnah** revolted at the same time.
- ²³ And the rest of the acts of **Joram**, and *all* that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Judah**?
- ²⁴ And **Joram** slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of **David**: and **Ahaziah** his son reigned in his stead.
- ²⁵ In the twelfth year of **Joram** the son of **Ahab** king of **Israel** did **Ahaziah** the son of **Jehoram** king of **Judah** begin to reign.
- ²⁶ Two and twenty years old was **Ahaziah** when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in **Jerusalem**. And his mother's name was **Athaliah**, the daughter of **Omri** king of **Israel**.
- ²⁷ And he walked in the way of the house of **Ahab**, and did evil in the sight of the **LORD**, as did the house of **Ahab**: for he was the *son in law* of the house of **Ahab**.
- ²⁸ And he went with **Joram** the son of **Ahab** to the war against **Hazael** king of **Syria** in **Ramothgilead**; and the **Syrians** wounded **Joram**.
- ²⁹ And king **Joram** went back to be healed in **Jezreel** of the wounds which the **Syrians** had given him at **Ramah**, when he fought against **Hazael** king of **Syria**. And **Ahaziah** the son of **Jehoram** king of **Judah** went *down* to see **Joram** the son of **Ahab** in **Jezreel**, because he was sick.

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- ¹ And **Elisha** the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said unto him, Gird up thy loins, and take this box of oil in thine hand, and go to **Ramothgilead**:
- ² And when thou comest thither, look *out* there **Jehu** the son of **Jehoshaphat** the son of **Nimshi**, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brethren, and carry him to an *inner* chamber;
- ³ Then take the box of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, Thus saith the **LORD**, I have anointed thee king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not.
- ⁴ So the young man, even the young man the prophet, went to **Ramothgilead**.
- ⁵ And when he came, behold, the captains of the host were sitting; and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And **Jehu** said, Unto which of *all* us? And he said, To thee, O captain.
- ⁶ And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, Thus saith the **LORD God of Israel**, I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, even over **Israel**.
- ⁷ And thou shalt smite the house of **Ahab** thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of *all* the servants of the **LORD**, at the hand of **Jezebel**.
- ⁸ For the *whole* house of **Ahab** shall perish: and I will cut off from **Ahab** him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in **Israel**:
- ⁹ And I will make the house of **Ahab** like the house of **Jeroboam** the son of **Nebat**, and like the house of **Baasha** the son of **Ahijah**:
- ¹⁰ And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of **Jezreel**, and there shall be none to bury her. And he opened the door, and fled.
- ¹¹ Then **Jehu** came forth to the servants of his lord: and one said unto him, Is *all* well? wherefore came this mad fellow to thee? And he said unto them, Ye know the man, and his communication.
- ¹² And they said, It is *false*; tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, Thus saith the **LORD**, I have anointed thee king over Israel.
- ¹³ Then they hasted, and took every man his garment, and put it *under* him on the *top* of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, **Jehu** is king.
- ¹⁴ So **Jehu** the son of **Jehoshaphat** the son of **Nimshi** conspired against **Joram**. (Now **Joram** had kept Ramothgilead, he and *all* **Israel**, because of **Hazael** king of **Syria**.)

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- ¹⁵ But king **Joram** was returned to be healed in **Jezeel** of the wounds which the **Syrians** had given him, when he fought with **Hazael** king of **Syria**.) And **Jehu** said, If it be your minds, then let none go forth nor escape out of the city to go to tell it in **Jezeel**.
- ¹⁶ So **Jehu** rode in a chariot, and went to **Jezeel**; for **Joram** lay there. And **Ahaziah** king of **Judah** was come *down* to see **Joram**.
- ¹⁷ And there stood a watchman on the tower in **Jezeel**, and he spied the company of **Jehu** as he came, and said, I see a company. And **Joram** said, Take an horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, **Is it peace?**
- ¹⁸ So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And **Jehu** said, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee *behind* me. And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he cometh not again.
- ¹⁹ Then he sent out a second on horseback, which came to them, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And **Jehu** answered, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee *behind* me.
- ²⁰ And the watchman told, saying, He came even unto them, and cometh not again: and the driving is like the driving of **Jehu** the son of **Nimshi**; for he driveth *furiously*.
- ²¹ And **Joram** said, **Make ready**. And his chariot was made ready. And **Joram** king of **Israel** and **Ahaziah** king of **Judah** went *out*, each in his chariot, and they went *out against* **Jehu**, and met him in the portion of **Naboth** the **Jezeelite**.
- ²² And it came to pass, when **Joram** saw **Jehu**, that he said, **Is it peace, Jehu?** And he answered, What peace, so *long* as the whoredoms of thy mother **Jezebel** and her witchcrafts are so *many*?
- ²³ And **Joram** turned his hands, and fled, and said to **Ahaziah**, There is treachery, O **Ahaziah**.
- ²⁴ And **Jehu** drew a bow with his *full strength*, and smote **Jehoram** between his arms, and the arrow went *out* at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot.
- ²⁵ Then said **Jehu** to **Bidkar** his captain, Take *up*, and cast him in the portion of the field of **Naboth** the **Jezeelite**: for remember how that, when I and thou rode together *after* **Ahab** his father, the **LORD** laid this burden upon him;

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- ²⁶ *Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, saith the LORD; and I will requite thee in this plat, saith the LORD. Now therefore take and cast him into the plat of ground, according to the word of the LORD.*
- ²⁷ But when **Ahaziah** the king of **Judah** *saw* this, he fled by the way of the garden house. And **Jehu** followed *after* him, and said, Smite him also in the chariot. And they did so at the going *up* to **Gur**, which is by **Ibleam**. And he fled to **Megiddo**, and died there.
- ²⁸ And his servants carried him in a chariot to **Jerusalem**, and buried him in his sepulchre with his fathers in the city of **David**.
- ²⁹ And in the eleventh year of **Joram** the son of **Ahab** began **Ahaziah** to reign over **Judah**.
- ³⁰ *And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked *out* at a window.*
- ³¹ And as **Jehu** entered in at the gate, she said, Had **Zimri peace**, who slew his master?
- ³² And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked *out* to him two or three eunuchs.
- ³³ And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her *down*. and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her *under* foot.
- ³⁴ And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her: for she is a king's daughter.
- ³⁵ And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands.
- ³⁶ Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, This is the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servant Elijah the **Tishbite**, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel:
- ³⁷ *And the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel.*

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- ¹ And **Ahab** had seventy sons in **Samaria**. And **Jehu wrote letters**, and sent to **Samaria**, unto the rulers of **Jezeel**, to the elders, and to them that brought *up* **Ahab's** children, saying,
- ² Now as soon as this letter cometh to you, seeing your *master's* sons are with you, and there are with you chariots and horses, a fenced city also, and armour;
- ³ Look even *out* the best and meetest of your *master's* sons, and set him on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house.
- ⁴ But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, two kings stood not *before* him: how then shall we stand?
- ⁵ And he that was over the house, and he that was over the city, the elders also, and the bringers up of the children, sent to **Jehu**, saying, We are thy servants, and will do *all* that thou shalt bid us; we will not make *any* king: do thou that which is good in thine eyes.
- ⁶ Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If ye be mine, and if ye will hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your *master's* sons, and come to me to **Jezeel** by to morrow this time. Now the king's sons, being seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, which brought them *up*.
- ⁷ And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him them to **Jezeel**.
- ⁸ And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entering in of the gate until the morning.
- ⁹ And it came to pass in the morning, that he went *out*, and stood, and said to *all* the people, Ye be righteous: behold, I conspired against my master, and slew him: but who slew *all* these?
- ¹⁰ Know now that there shall fall unto the earth nothing of the word of the **LORD**, which the **LORD** spake concerning the house of **Ahab**: for the **LORD** hath done that which he spake by his servant **Elijah**.
- ¹¹ So **Jehu** slew *all* that remained of the house of **Ahab** in **Jezeel**, and *all* his great men, and his kinsfolks, and his priests, until he left him none remaining.
- ¹² And he arose and departed, and came to **Samaria**. And as he was at the shearing house in the way,

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- ¹³ **Jehu** met with the brethren of **Ahaziah** king of **Judah**, and said, Who are ye? And they answered, We are the brethren of **Ahaziah**; and we go *down* to salute the children of the king and the children of the queen.
- ¹⁴ And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and slew them at the pit of the *shearing house*, even two and forty men; neither left he any of them.
- ¹⁵ And when he was departed thence, he lighted on **Jehonadab** the son of **Rechab** coming to meet him: and he saluted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And **Jehonadab** answered, **It is**. If it be, give me thine hand. And he gave him his hand; and he took him *up* to him into the chariot.
- ¹⁶ And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the **LORD**. So they made him ride in his chariot.
- ¹⁷ And when he came to **Samaria**, he slew *all* that remained unto **Ahab** in **Samaria**, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the **LORD**, which he spake to **Elijah**.
- ¹⁸ And **Jehu** gathered *all* the people together, and said unto them, **Ahab served Baal a little**; but **Jehu shall serve him much**.
- ¹⁹ Now therefore call unto me *all* the prophets of **Baal**, *all* his servants, and *all* his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice to do to **Baal**; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But **Jehu** did it in subtilty, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of **Baal**.
- ²⁰ And **Jehu** said, Proclaim a solemn assembly for **Baal**. And they proclaimed it.
- ²¹ And **Jehu** sent through *all* **Israel**: and *all* the worshippers of **Baal** came, so that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of **Baal**; and the house of **Baal** was full from one end to another.
- ²² And he said unto him that was over the vestry, Bring forth vestments for *all* the worshippers of **Baal**. And he brought them forth vestments.
- ²³ And **Jehu** went, and **Jehonadab** the son of **Rechab**, into the house of **Baal**, and said unto the worshippers of **Baal**, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of the **LORD**, but the worshippers of **Baal** *only*.

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- ²⁴ And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, Jehu appointed fourscore men *without*, and said, If *any* of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, he that letteth him go, his life shall be for the life of him.
- ²⁵ And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, Go in, and slay them; let none come forth. And they smote them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast them *out*, and went to the city of the house of Baal.
- ²⁶ And they brought forth the images *out* of the house of Baal, and burned them.
- ²⁷ And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake *down* the house of Baal, and made it a *draught* house unto this day.
- ²⁸ Thus Jehu destroyed Baal *out* of Israel.
- ²⁹ Howbeit from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from *after* them, *to wit*, the golden calves that were in Bethel, and that were in Dan.
- ³⁰ And the LORD said unto Jehu, Because thou hast done well in executing that which is right in mine eyes, and hast done unto the house of Ahab according to *all* that was in mine heart, thy children of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel.
- ³¹ But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with *all* his heart: for he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, which made Israel to sin.
- ³² In those days the LORD began to cut Israel short: and Hazael smote them in *all* the coasts of Israel;
- ³³ From Jordan *eastward*, *all* the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan.
- ³⁴ Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and *all* that he did, and *all* his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
- ³⁵ And Jehu slept with his fathers: and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead.
- ³⁶ And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty and eight years.

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- ¹ And when **Athaliah** the mother of **Ahaziah** saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed *all* the seed royal.
- ² But **Jehosheba**, the daughter of king **Joram**, sister of **Ahaziah**, took **Joash** the son of **Ahaziah**, and stole him from among the king's sons which were slain; and they hid him, even him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from **Athaliah**, so that he was not slain.
- ³ And he was with her hid in the house of the **LORD** six years. And **Athaliah** did reign over the land.
- ⁴ And the seventh year **Jehoiada** sent and fetches the rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the **LORD**, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the **LORD**, and shewed them the king's son.
- ⁵ And he commanded them, saying, This is the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you that enter in on the sabbath shall even be keepers of the watch of the king's house;
- ⁶ And a third part shall be at the gate of **Sur**; and a third part at the gate *behind* the guard: so shall ye keep the watch of the house, that it be not broken down.
- ⁷ And two parts of *all* you that go forth on the sabbath, even they shall keep the watch of the house of the **LORD** about the king.
- ⁸ And ye shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand: and he that cometh within the ranges, let him be slain: and be ye with the king as he goeth *out* and as he cometh in.
- ⁹ And the captains over the hundreds did according to *all* things that **Jehoiada** the priest commanded: and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that should go *out* on the sabbath, and came to **Jehoiada** the priest.
- ¹⁰ And to the captains over hundreds did the priest give king **David's spears** and shields, that were in the temple of the **LORD**.
- ¹¹ And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, along by the altar and the temple.
- ¹² And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, *God save the king*.
- ¹³ And when **Athaliah** heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she came to the people into the temple of the **LORD**.

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- ¹⁴ And when she looked, behold, the king stood by a pillar, as the manner was, and the princes and the trumpeters by the king, and *all* the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets: and Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried, Treason, Treason.
- ¹⁵ But Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the host, and said unto them, Have her forth *without* the ranges: and him that followeth her kill with the sword. For the priest had said, Let her not be slain in the house of the LORD.
- ¹⁶ And they laid hands on her; and she went by the way by the which the horses came into the king's house: and **there was she slain**.
- ¹⁷ And Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD and the king and the people, that they should be the LORD's people; *between* the king *also* and the people.
- ¹⁸ And *all* the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and brake it down; his altars and his images brake they in pieces thoroughly, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal *before* the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house of the LORD.
- ¹⁹ And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and *all* the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of the LORD, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings.
- ²⁰ And *all* the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was in quiet: and they slew Athaliah with the sword beside the king's house.
- ²¹ Seven years old was Jehoash when he began to reign.

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- ¹ In the seventh year of **Jehu Jehoash** began to reign; and forty years reigned he in **Jerusalem**. And his mother's name was **Zibiah** of **Beersheba**.
- ² And **Jehoash** did that which was right in the sight of the **LORD** *all his days* wherein **Jehoiada** the priest instructed him.
- ³ But the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.
- ⁴ And **Jehoash** said to the priests, *All the money* of the dedicated things that is brought into the house of the **LORD**, even the money of every one that passeth the account, the money that every man is set at, and *all the money* that cometh into any man's heart to bring into the house of the **LORD**,
- ⁵ Let the priests take it to them, every man of his acquaintance: and let them repair the breaches of the house, wheresoever *any* breach shall be found.
- ⁶ But it was so, that in the three and twentieth year of king **Jehoash** the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house.
- ⁷ Then king **Jehoash** called for **Jehoiada** the priest, and the other priests, and said unto them, Why repair ye not the breaches of the house? now therefore receive no more money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house.
- ⁸ And the priests consented to receive no more money of the people, neither to repair the breaches of the house.
- ⁹ But **Jehoiada** the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one cometh into the house of the **LORD**: and the priests that kept the door put therein *all the money* that was brought into the house of the **LORD**.
- ¹⁰ And it was so, when they saw that there was much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came *up*, and they put up in bags, and told the money that was found in the house of the **LORD**.
- ¹¹ And they gave the money, being told, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of the **LORD**: and they laid it *out* to the carpenters and builders, that wrought upon the house of the **LORD**,

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- ¹² And to masons, and hewers of stone, and to buy timber and hewed stone to repair the breaches of the house of the **LORD**, and for *all* that was laid out for the house to repair it.
- ¹³ Howbeit there were not made for the house of the **LORD** bowls of silver, snuffers, basons, trumpets, *any* vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money that was brought into the house of the **LORD**:
- ¹⁴ But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired therewith the house of the **LORD**.
- ¹⁵ Moreover they reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to be bestowed on workmen: *for they dealt faithfully*.
- ¹⁶ The trespass money and sin money was not brought into the house of the **LORD**: it was the priests'.
- ¹⁷ Then **Hazael** king of **Syria** went *up*, and fought against **Gath**, and took it: and **Hazael** set his face to go *up* to **Jerusalem**.
- ¹⁸ And **Jehoash** king of **Judah** took *all* the hallowed things that **Jehoshaphat**, and **Jehoram**, and **Ahaziah**, his fathers, kings of **Judah**, had dedicated, and his *own* hallowed things, and *all* the gold that was found in the treasures of the house of the **LORD**, and in the king's house, and sent it to **Hazael** king of **Syria**: and he went away from **Jerusalem**.
- ¹⁹ And the rest of the acts of **Joash**, and *all* that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Judah**?
- ²⁰ And his servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and slew **Joash** in the house of **Millo**, which goeth down to **Silla**.
- ²¹ For **Jozachar** the son of **Shimeath**, and **Jehozabad** the son of **Shomer**, his servants, smote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of **David**: and **Amaziah** his son reigned in his stead.

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- ¹ In the three and twentieth year of **Joash** the son of **Ahaziah** king of **Judah** **Jehoahaz** the son of **Jehu** began to reign over **Israel** in **Samaria**, and reigned seventeen years.
- ² And he did that which was evil in the sight of the **LORD**, and followed the sins of **Jeroboam** the son of **Nebat**, which made **Israel** to sin; he departed not therefrom.
- ³ And the anger of the **LORD** was kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the hand of **Hazael** king of **Syria**, and into the hand of **Benhadad** the son of **Hazael**, *all their days*.
- ⁴ And **Jehoahaz** besought the **LORD**, and the **LORD** hearkened unto him: for he *saw* the oppression of **Israel**, because the king of **Syria** oppressed them.
- ⁵ (And the **LORD** gave **Israel** a saviour, so that they went *out* from *under* the hand of the **Syrians**: and the children of **Israel** dwelt in their tents, as *beforetime*.)
- ⁶ Nevertheless they departed not from the sins of the house of **Jeroboam**, who made **Israel** sin, but walked therein: and there remained the grove *also* in **Samaria**.)
- ⁷ Neither did he leave of the people to **Jehoahaz** but fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; for the king of **Syria** had destroyed them, and had made them like the dust by threshing.
- ⁸ Now the rest of the acts of **Jehoahaz**, and *all* that he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Israel**?
- ⁹ And **Jehoahaz** slept with his fathers; and they buried him in **Samaria**: and **Joash** his son reigned in his stead.
- ¹⁰ In the thirty and seventh year of **Joash** king of **Judah** began **Jehoash** the son of **Jehoahaz** to reign over **Israel** in **Samaria**, and reigned sixteen years.
- ¹¹ And he did that which was evil in the sight of the **LORD**; he departed not from *all* the sins of **Jeroboam** the son of **Nebat**, who made **Israel** sin: but he walked therein.
- ¹² And the rest of the acts of **Joash**, and *all* that he did, and his might wherewith he fought against **Amaziah** king of **Judah**, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Israel**?
- ¹³ And **Joash** slept with his fathers; and **Jeroboam** sat upon his throne: and **Joash** was buried in **Samaria** with the kings of **Israel**.

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- ¹⁴ Now **Elisha** was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And **Joash** the king of **Israel** came *down* unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of **Israel**, and the horsemen thereof.
- ¹⁵ And **Elisha** said unto him, Take bow and arrows. And he took unto him bow and arrows.
- ¹⁶ And he said to the king of **Israel**, Put thine hand upon the bow. And he put his hand upon it: and **Elisha** put his hands upon the king's hands.
- ¹⁷ And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened it. Then **Elisha** said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the **LORD's deliverance**, and the arrow of deliverance from **Syria**: for thou shalt smite the **Syrians** in **Aphek**, till thou have consumed them.
- ¹⁸ And he said, Take the arrows. And he took them. And he said unto the king of **Israel**, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed.
- ¹⁹ And the man of **God** was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten **Syria** till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite **Syria** but thrice.
- ²⁰ And **Elisha** died, and they buried him. And the bands of the **Moabites** invaded the land at the coming in of the year.
- ²¹ And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of **Elisha**: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.
- ²² But **Hazael** king of **Syria** oppressed Israel *all* the days of **Jehoahaz**.
- ²³ And the **LORD** was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect unto them, because of his covenant with **Abraham**, **Isaac**, and **Jacob**, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his presence as yet.
- ²⁴ So **Hazael** king of **Syria** died; and **Benhadad** his son reigned in his stead.
- ²⁵ And **Jehoash** the son of **Jehoahaz** took again out of the hand of **Benhadad** the son of **Hazael** the cities, which he had taken out of the hand of **Jehoahaz** his father by war. Three times did **Joash** beat him, and recovered the cities of **Israel**.

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- ¹ In the second year of **Joash** son of **Jehoahaz** king of **Israel** reigned Amaziah the son of **Joash** king of **Judah**.
- ² He was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and reigned twenty and nine years in **Jerusalem**. And his mother's name was **Jehoaddan** of **Jerusalem**.
- ³ And he did that which was right in the sight of the **LORD**, yet not like **David** his father: he did according to all things as **Joash** his father did.
- ⁴ Howbeit the high places were not taken away: as yet the people did sacrifice and burnt incense on the high places.
- ⁵ And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he slew his servants which had slain the king his father.
- ⁶ But the children of the murderers he slew not: according unto that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, wherein the **LORD** commanded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be put to death for his own sin.
- ⁷ He slew of **Edom** in the valley of salt ten thousand, and took **Selah** by war, and called the name of it **Joktheel** unto this day.
- ⁸ Then **Amaziah** sent messengers to **Jehoash**, the son of **Jehoahaz** son of **Jehu**, king of **Israel**, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face.
- ⁹ And **Jehoash** the king of **Israel** sent to **Amaziah** king of **Judah**, saying, The thistle that was in **Lebanon** sent to the cedar that was in **Lebanon**, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in **Lebanon**, and trode down the thistle.
- ¹⁰ Thou hast indeed smitten **Edom**, and thine heart hath lifted thee up: glory of this, and tarry at home: for why shouldest thou meddle to thy hurt, that thou shouldest fall, even thou, and **Judah** with thee?
- ¹¹ But **Amaziah** would not hear. Therefore **Jehoash** king of **Israel** went up; and he and **Amaziah** king of **Judah** looked one another in the face at **Bethshemesh**, which belongeth to **Judah**.
- ¹² And **Judah** was put to the worse before **Israel**; and they fled every man to their tents.

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- ¹³ And **Jehoash** king of **Israel** took **Amaziah** king of **Judah**, the son of **Jehoash** the son of **Ahaziah**, at **Bethshemesh**, and came to **Jerusalem**, and *brake down the wall* of **Jerusalem** from the gate of **Ephraim** unto the corner gate, *four hundred cubits*.
- ¹⁴ And he took *all* the gold and silver, and *all* the vessels that were found in the house of the **LORD**, and in the treasures of the *king's* house, and hostages, and returned to **Samaria**.
- ¹⁵ Now the rest of the acts of **Jehoash** which he did, and his might, and how he fought with **Amaziah** king of **Judah**, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Israel**?
- ¹⁶ And **Jehoash** slept with his fathers, and was buried in **Samaria** with the kings of **Israel**; and **Jeroboam** his son reigned in his stead.
- ¹⁷ And **Amaziah** the son of **Joash** king of **Judah** lived *after* the death of **Jehoash** son of **Jehoahaz** king of **Israel** fifteen years.
- ¹⁸ And the rest of the acts of **Amaziah**, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Judah**?
- ¹⁹ Now they made a conspiracy against him in **Jerusalem**: and he fled to **Lachish**; but they sent *after* him to **Lachish**, and slew him there.
- ²⁰ And they brought him on horses: and he was buried at **Jerusalem** with his fathers in the city of **David**.
- ²¹ And *all* the people of **Judah** took **Azariah**, which was sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father **Amaziah**.
- ²² He built **Elath**, and restored it to **Judah**, *after* that the king slept with his fathers.
- ²³ In the fifteenth year of **Amaziah** the son of **Joash** king of **Judah** **Jeroboam** the son of **Joash** king of **Israel** began to reign in **Samaria**, and reigned forty and one years.
- ²⁴ And he did that which was evil in the sight of the **LORD**: he departed not from *all* the sins of **Jeroboam** the son of **Nebat**, who made **Israel** to sin.
- ²⁵ He restored the coast of **Israel** from the entering of **Hamath** unto the sea of the plain, according to the word of the **LORD** **God** of **Israel**, which he spake by the hand of his servant **Jonah**, the son of **Amittai**, the prophet, which was of **Gathhepher**.

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- ²⁶ For the **LORD** saw the affliction of **Israel**, that it was very bitter: for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for **Israel**.
- ²⁷ And the **LORD** said not that he would blot out the name of **Israel** from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of **Jeroboam** the son of **Joash**.
- ²⁸ Now the rest of the acts of **Jeroboam**, and *all* that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and **Hamath**, which belonged to **Judah**, for **Israel**, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Israel**?
- ²⁹ And **Jeroboam** slept with his fathers, even with the kings of **Israel**; and **Zachariah** his son reigned in his stead.

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- ¹ In the twenty and seventh year of **Jeroboam** king of **Israel** began **Azariah** son of **Amaziah** king of **Judah** to reign.
- ² Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned two and fifty years in **Jerusalem**. And his mother's name was **Jecholiah** of **Jerusalem**.
- ³ And he did that which was right in the sight of the **LORD**, according to *all* that his father **Amaziah** had done;
- ⁴ Save that the *high places* were not removed: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still on the *high places*.
- ⁵ And the **LORD** smote the king, so that he was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a *several house*. And **Jotham** the king's son was *over* the house, judging the people of the land.
- ⁶ And the rest of the acts of **Azariah**, and *all* that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Judah**?
- ⁷ So **Azariah** slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of **David**: and **Jotham** his son reigned in his stead.
- ⁸ In the thirty and eighth year of **Azariah** king of **Judah** did **Zachariah** the son of **Jeroboam** reign over **Israel** in **Samaria** six months.
- ⁹ And he did that which was evil in the sight of the **LORD**, as his fathers had done: he departed not from the sins of **Jeroboam** the son of **Nebat**, who made **Israel** to sin.
- ¹⁰ And **Shallum** the son of **Jabesh** conspired against him, and smote him *before* the people, and slew him, and reigned in his stead.
- ¹¹ And the rest of the acts of **Zachariah**, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Israel**.
- ¹² This was the word of the **LORD** which he spake unto **Jehu**, saying, Thy sons shall sit on the throne of Israel unto the fourth generation. And so it came to pass.
- ¹³ **Shallum** the son of **Jabesh** began to reign in the nine and thirtieth year of **Uzziah** king of **Judah**; and he reigned a full month in **Samaria**.
- ¹⁴ For **Menahem** the son of **Gadi** went *up* from **Tirzah**, and came to **Samaria**, and smote **Shallum** the son of **Jabesh** in **Samaria**, and slew him, and reigned in his stead.

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- ¹⁵ And the rest of the acts of **Shallum**, and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Israel**.
- ¹⁶ Then **Menahem** smote **Tiphshah**, and *all* that were therein, and the coasts thereof from **Tirzah**: because they opened not to him, therefore he smote it; and *all* the women therein that were with child he ripped up.
- ¹⁷ In the nine and thirtieth year of **Azariah** king of **Judah** began **Menahem** the son of **Gadi** to reign over **Israel**, and reigned ten years in **Samaria**.
- ¹⁸ And he did that which was evil in the sight of the **LORD**: he departed not *all* his days from the sins of **Jeroboam** the son of **Nebat**, who made **Israel** to sin.
- ¹⁹ And **Pul** the king of **Assyria** came against the land: and **Menahem** gave **Pul** a thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him to confirm the kingdom in his hand.
- ²⁰ And **Menahem** exacted the money of **Israel**, even of *all* the mighty men of wealth, of each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of **Assyria**. So the king of **Assyria** turned back, and stayed not there in the land.
- ²¹ And the rest of the acts of **Menahem**, and *all* that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Israel**?
- ²² And **Menahem** slept with his fathers; and **Pekahiah** his son reigned in his stead.
- ²³ In the fiftieth year of **Azariah** king of **Judah** **Pekahiah** the son of **Menahem** began to reign over **Israel** in **Samaria**, and reigned two years.
- ²⁴ And he did that which was evil in the sight of the **LORD**: he departed not from the sins of **Jeroboam** the son of **Nebat**, who made **Israel** to sin.
- ²⁵ But **Pekah** the son of **Remaliah**, a captain of his, conspired against him, and smote him in **Samaria**, in the palace of the king's house, with **Argob** and **Arieh**, and with him fifty men of the **Gileadites**: and he killed him, and reigned in his room.
- ²⁶ And the rest of the acts of **Pekahiah**, and *all* that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Israel**.
- ²⁷ In the two and fiftieth year of **Azariah** king of **Judah** **Pekah** the son of **Remaliah** began to reign over **Israel** in **Samaria**, and reigned twenty years.

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- ²⁸ And he did that which was **evil** in the **sight** of the **LORD**: he **departed not** from the **sins** of **Jeroboam** the son of **Nebat**, who made **Israel** to sin.
- ²⁹ In the **days** of **Pekah** king of **Israel** came **Tiglathpileser** king of **Assyria**, and took **Ijon**, and **Abelbethmaachah**, and **Janoah**, and **Kedesh**, and **Hazor**, and **Gilead**, and **Galilee**, *all* the land of **Naphtali**, and **carried them captive** to **Assyria**.
- ³⁰ And **Hoshea** the son of **Elah** made a **conspiracy** against **Pekah** the son of **Remaliah**, and **smote** him, and **slew** him, and **reigned** in his stead, in the **twentieth year** of **Jotham** the son of **Uzziah**.
- ³¹ And the rest of the **acts** of **Pekah**, and *all* that he did, behold, they are **written** in the **book** of the **chronicles** of the kings of **Israel**.
- ³² In the **second year** of **Pekah** the son of **Remaliah** king of **Israel** began **Jotham** the son of **Uzziah** king of **Judah** to **reign**.
- ³³ **Five and twenty years old** was he when he began to **reign**, and he reigned **sixteen years** in **Jerusalem**. And his **mother's name** was **Jerusha**, the daughter of **Zadok**.
- ³⁴ And he did that which was **right** in the **sight** of the **LORD**: he did according to *all* that his father **Uzziah** had done.
- ³⁵ Howbeit the **high places** were **not removed**: the people **sacrificed** and **burned incense** still in the **high places**. He **built** the **highergate** of the **house** of the **LORD**.
- ³⁶ Now the rest of the **acts** of **Jotham**, and *all* that he did, are they **not written** in the **book** of the **chronicles** of the kings of **Judah**?
- ³⁷ In those **days** the **LORD** began to **send against** **Judah Rezin** the king of **Syria**, and **Pekah** the son of **Remaliah**.
- ³⁸ And **Jotham slept** with his **fathers**, and was **buried** with his fathers in the **city** of **David** his father: and **Ahaz** his son **reigned** in his stead.

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- ¹ In the seventeenth year of **Pekah** the son of **Remaliah Ahaz** the son of **Jotham** king of **Judah** began to reign.
- ² Twenty years old was **Ahaz** when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in **Jerusalem**, and did not that which was right in the sight of the **LORD** his **God**, like **David** his father.
- ³ But he walked in the way of the kings of **Israel**, yea, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the **LORD** cast out from before the children of **Israel**.
- ⁴ And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.
- ⁵ Then **Rezin** king of **Syria** and **Pekah** son of **Remaliah** king of **Israel** came up to **Jerusalem** to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him.
- ⁶ At that time **Rezin** king of **Syria** recovered Elath to **Syria**, and drave the **Jews** from **Elath**: and the **Syrians** came to **Elath**, and dwelt there unto this day.
- ⁷ So **Ahaz** sent messengers to **Tiglathpileser** king of **Assyria**, saying, I am thy servant and thy son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of **Syria**, and out of the hand of the king of **Israel**, which rise up against me.
- ⁸ And **Ahaz** took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the **LORD**, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent it for a present to the king of **Assyria**.
- ⁹ And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him: for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried the people of it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.
- ¹⁰ And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglathpileser king of Assyria, and saw an altar that was at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof.
- ¹¹ And Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus: so Urijah the priest made it against king Ahaz came from Damascus.
- ¹² And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and the king approached to the altar, and offered thereon.
- ¹³ And he burnt his burnt offering and his meat offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings, upon the altar.

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- ¹⁴ And he brought also the brasen altar, which was *before* the LORD, from the *forefront* of the house, from *between* the altar and the house of the LORD, and put it on the *north side* of the altar.
- ¹⁵ And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt offering, and the evening meat offering, and the king's burnt sacrifice, and his meat offering, with the burnt offering of *all* the people of the land, and their meat offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle upon it *all* the blood of the burnt offering, and *all* the blood of the sacrifice: and the brasen altar shall be for me to enquire by.
- ¹⁶ Thus did Urijah the priest, according to *all* that king Ahaz commanded.
- ¹⁷ And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases, and removed the laver from off them; and took *down* the sea from off the brasen oxen that were *under* it, and put it upon the pavement of stones.
- ¹⁸ And the covert for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry *without*, turned he from the house of the LORD for the king of Assyria.
- ¹⁹ Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?
- ²⁰ And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

2 Kings 17

- ¹ In the twelfth year of **Ahaz** king of **Judah** began **Hoshea** the son of **Elah** to reign in **Samaria** over **Israel** nine years.
- ² And he did that which was evil in the sight of the **LORD**, but not as the kings of **Israel** that were *before* him.
- ³ Against him came *up* **Shalmaneser** king of **Assyria**; and **Hoshea** became his servant, and gave him presents.
- ⁴ And the king of **Assyria** found conspiracy in **Hoshea**: for he had sent messengers to **So** king of **Egypt**, and brought no present to the king of **Assyria**, as he had done year by year: therefore the king of **Assyria** shut him up, and bound him in prison.
- ⁵ Then the king of **Assyria** came *up* throughout *all* the land, and went up to **Samaria**, and besieged it three years.
- ⁶ In the ninth year of **Hoshea** the king of **Assyria** took **Samaria**, and carried Israel away into **Assyria**, and placed them in **Halah** and in **Habor** by the river of **Gozan**, and in the cities of the Medes.
- ⁷ For so it was, that the children of **Israel** had sinned against the **LORD** their **God**, which had brought them *up out* of the land of **Egypt**, from *under* the hand of **Pharaoh** king of **Egypt**, and had feared other gods,
- ⁸ And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the **LORD** cast out from *before* the children of **Israel**, and of the kings of **Israel**, which they had made.
- ⁹ And the children of **Israel** did secretly those things that were not right against the **LORD** their **God**, and they built them high places in *all* their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.
- ¹⁰ And they set them *up* images and groves in every high hill, and *under* every green tree:
- ¹¹ And there they burnt incense in *all* the high places, as did the heathen whom the **LORD** carried away *before* them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the **LORD** to anger:
- ¹² For they served idols, whereof the **LORD** had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing.
- ¹³ Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.
- ¹⁴ Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD their God.

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- ¹⁵ And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went *after* the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the **LORD** had charged them, that they should not do like them.
- ¹⁶ And they left *all* the commandments of the **LORD** their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal.
- ¹⁷ And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the **LORD**, to provoke him to anger.
- ¹⁸ Therefore the **LORD** was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.
- ¹⁹ Also Judah kept not the commandments of the **LORD** their **God**, but walked in the statutes of **Israel** which they made.
- ²⁰ And the **LORD** rejected all the seed of **Israel**, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight.
- ²¹ For he rent Israel from the house of **David**; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drave Israel from following the **LORD**, and made them sin a great sin.
- ²² For the children of **Israel** walked in *all* the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them;
- ²³ Until the **LORD** removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by *all* his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.
- ²⁴ And the king of **Assyria** brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of **Israel**: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.
- ²⁵ And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not the **LORD**: therefore the **LORD** sent lions among them, which slew some of them.
- ²⁶ Wherefore they spake to the king of **Assyria**, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the **God** of the land: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the **God** of the land.
- ²⁷ Then the king of **Assyria** commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the **God** of the land.
- ²⁸ Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Bethel, and taught them how they should fear the **LORD**.

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- ²⁹ Howbeit **every nation** made gods of their *own*, and **put** them in the houses of the *high places* which the **Samaritans** had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt.
- ³⁰ And the men of **Babylon** made **Succothbenoth**, and the men of **Cuth** made **Nergal**, and the men of **Hamath** made **Ashima**,
- ³¹ And the **Avites** made **Nibhaz** and **Tartak**, and the **Sepharvites** *burnt their children in fire* to **Adrammelech** and **Anammelech**, the gods of **Sepharvaim**.
- ³² So they feared the **LORD**, and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the *high places*, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the *high places*.
- ³³ They feared the **LORD**, and served their *own* gods, *after* the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence.
- ³⁴ Unto this day they *do* after the former manners: they fear not the **LORD**, neither do they *after* their statutes, or *after* their ordinances, or *after* the law and commandment which the **LORD** commanded the children of **Jacob**, whom he named **Israel**;
- ³⁵ With whom the **LORD** had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them:
- ³⁶ But the **LORD**, who brought you *up out* of the land of **Egypt** with great power and a stretched out arm, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye do sacrifice.
- ³⁷ And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to *do for evermore*; and ye shall not fear other gods.
- ³⁸ And the covenant that I have made with you ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods.
- ³⁹ But the **LORD** your **God** ye shall fear; and he shall deliver you *out* of the hand of *all* your enemies.
- ⁴⁰ Howbeit they did not hearken, but they did *after* their former manner.
- ⁴¹ So these nations feared the **LORD**, and served their graven images, both their children, and their children's children: as did their fathers, so do they unto this day.

2 Kings 18

- ¹ Now it came to pass in the third year of **Hoshea** son of **Elah** king of **Israel**, that **Hezekiah** the son of **Ahaz** king of **Judah** began to reign.
- ² Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in **Jerusalem**. His mother's name also was **Abi**, the daughter of **Zachariah**.
- ³ And he did that which was right in the sight of the **LORD**, according to *all* that **David** his father did.
- ⁴ He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that **Moses** had made: for unto those days the children of **Israel** did burn incense to it: and he called it *Nehushtan*.
- ⁵ He trusted in the **LORD** God of **Israel**; so that *after* him was none like him among *all* the kings of **Judah**, nor any that were before him.
- ⁶ For he clave to the **LORD**, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the **LORD** commanded Moses.
- ⁷ And the **LORD** was with him; and he prospered whithersoever he went forth: and he rebelled against the king of **Assyria**, and served him not.
- ⁸ He smote the **Philistines**, even unto **Gaza**, and the borders thereof, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.
- ⁹ And it came to pass in the fourth year of king **Hezekiah**, which was the seventh year of **Hoshea** son of **Elah** king of **Israel**, that **Shalmaneser** king of **Assyria** came *up against* **Samaria**, and besieged it.
- ¹⁰ And at the end of three years they took it: even in the sixth year of **Hezekiah**, that is in the ninth year of **Hoshea** king of **Israel**, **Samaria** was taken.
- ¹¹ And the king of **Assyria** did carry away **Israel** unto **Assyria**, and put them in **Halah** and in **Habor** by the river of **Gozan**, and in the cities of the **Medes**:
- ¹² Because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed his covenant, and *all* that **Moses** the servant of the LORD commanded, and would not hear them, nor do them.
- ¹³ Now in the fourteenth year of king **Hezekiah** did **Sennacherib** king of **Assyria** come *up against* *all* the fenced cities of **Judah**, and took them.

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- ¹⁴ And **Hezekiah** king of **Judah** sent to the king of **Assyria** to **Lachish**, saying, I have offended; return from me: that which thou puttest on me will I bear. And the king of **Assyria** appointed unto **Hezekiah** king of **Judah** three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.
- ¹⁵ And **Hezekiah** gave him *all* the silver that was found in the house of the **LORD**, and in the treasures of the king's house.
- ¹⁶ At that time did **Hezekiah** cut off the gold from the doors of the temple of the **LORD**, and from the pillars which **Hezekiah** king of **Judah** had overlaid, and gave it to the king of **Assyria**.
- ¹⁷ And the king of **Assyria** sent **Tartan** and **Rabsaris** and **Rabshakeh** from **Lachish** to king **Hezekiah** with a great host against **Jerusalem**. And they went *up* and came to **Jerusalem**. And when they were come *up*, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is in the highway of the fuller's field.
- ¹⁸ And when they had called to the king, there came *out* to them **Eliakim** the son of **Hilkiah**, which was over the household, and **Shebna** the scribe, and **Joah** the son of **Asaph** the recorder.
- ¹⁹ And **Rabshakeh** said unto them, Speak ye now to **Hezekiah**, Thus saith the great king, the king of **Assyria**, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest?
- ²⁰ Thou sayest, (but they are but vain words,) I have counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?
- ²¹ Now, behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, even upon **Egypt**, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is **Pharaoh** king of **Egypt** unto *all* that trust on him.
- ²² But if ye say unto me, We trust in the LORD our God: is not that he, whose high places and whose altars **Hezekiah** hath taken away, and hath said to **Judah** and **Jerusalem**, Ye shall worship *before* this altar in **Jerusalem**?
- ²³ Now therefore, I pray thee, give pledges to my lord the king of **Assyria**, and I will deliver thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them.
- ²⁴ How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on **Egypt** for chariots and for horsemen?
- ²⁵ Am I now come *up* without the **LORD** against this place to destroy it? The **LORD** said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

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- ²⁶ Then said **Eliakim** the son of **Hilkiah**, and **Shebna**, and **Joah**, unto **Rabshakeh**, Speak, I pray thee, to thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand it: and talk not with us in the **Jews'** language in the ears of the people that are on the wall.
- ²⁷ But **Rabshakeh** said unto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? hath he not sent me to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their **own dung**, and drink their **own piss** with you?
- ²⁸ Then **Rabshakeh** stood and cried with a loud voice in the **Jews'** language, and spake, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of **Assyria**:
- ²⁹ Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you *out* of his hand:
- ³⁰ Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the **LORD**, saying, The **LORD** will *surely* deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of **Assyria**.
- ³¹ Harken not to **Hezekiah**: for thus saith the king of **Assyria**, Make an agreement with me by a present, and come *out* to me, and then eat ye every man of his *own* vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his cistern:
- ³² Until I come and take you away to a land like your *own* land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil olive and of honey, that ye may live, and not die: and hearken not unto **Hezekiah**, when he persuadeth you, saying, The **LORD** will deliver us.
- ³³ Hath *any* of the gods of the nations delivered at *all* his land *out* of the hand of the king of **Assyria**?
- ³⁴ Where are the gods of **Hamath**, and of **Arpad**? where are the gods of **Sepharvaim**, **Hena**, and **Ivah**? have they delivered **Samaria** *out* of mine hand?
- ³⁵ **Who are they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of mine hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand?**
- ³⁶ But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, **Answer him not**.
- ³⁷ Then came **Eliakim** the son of **Hilkiah**, which was over the household, and **Shebna** the scribe, and **Joah** the son of **Asaph** the recorder, to **Hezekiah** with their clothes rent, and told him the words of **Rabshakeh**.

2 Kings 19

- ¹ And it came to pass, when king **Hezekiah** heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the **LORD**.
- ² And he sent **Eliakim**, which was over the household, and **Shebna** the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to **Isaiah** the prophet the son of **Amoz**.
- ³ And they said unto him, Thus saith **Hezekiah**, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy; for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth.
- ⁴ It may be the **LORD** thy **God** will hear *all* the words of **Rabshakeh**, whom the king of **Assyria** his master hath sent to reproach the *living* **God**; and will reprove the words which the **LORD** thy **God** hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that are left.
- ⁵ So the servants of king **Hezekiah** came to **Isaiah**.
- ⁶ And **Isaiah** said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the **LORD**, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of **Assyria** have blasphemed me.
- ⁷ Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall return to his *own* land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his *own* land.
- ⁸ So **Rabshakeh** returned, and found the king of **Assyria** warring against **Libnah**: for he had heard that he was departed from **Lachish**.
- ⁹ And when he heard say of **Tirhakah** king of **Ethiopia**, Behold, he is come *out* to fight against thee: he sent messengers again unto **Hezekiah**, saying,
- ¹⁰ Thus shall ye speak to **Hezekiah** king of **Judah**, saying, Let not thy **God** in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, **Jerusalem** shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of **Assyria**.
- ¹¹ Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of **Assyria** have done to *all* lands, by destroying them *utterly*: and shalt thou be delivered?
- ¹² Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed; as **Gozan**, and **Haran**, and **Rezeph**, and the children of **Eden** which were in **Thelasar**?
- ¹³ Where is the king of **Hamath**, and the king of **Arpad**, and the king of the city of **Sepharvaim**, of **Hena**, and **Ivah**? ¹⁴ And **Hezekiah** received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and **Hezekiah** went *up* into the house of the **LORD**, and spread it *before* the **LORD**.

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- ¹⁵ And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou *alone*, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.
- ¹⁶ LORD, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, LORD, thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the *living* God.
- ¹⁷ Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands,
- ¹⁸ And have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of *men's hands*, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.
- ¹⁹ Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us *out of his hand*, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD God, even thou *only*.
- ²⁰ Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, That which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard.
- ²¹ This is the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him; The virgin the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.
- ²² Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on *high*? even against the Holy One of Israel.
- ²³ By thy messengers thou hast reproached the LORD, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots I am come *up* to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down the tall cedar trees thereof, and the choice fir trees thereof: and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, and into the forest of his Carmel.
- ²⁴ I have digged and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up *all the rivers of besieged places*.
- ²⁵ Hast thou not heard *long ago* how I have done it, and of ancient times that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced cities into ruinous heaps.
- ²⁶ Therefore their inhabitants were of *small power*, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the house tops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up.

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- 27 **But I know thy abode, and thy going *out*, and thy coming *in*, and thy rage against me.**
- 28 Because thy rage against me and thy tumult is come *up* into mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee *back* by the way by which thou camest.
- 29 And this shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springeth of the *same*; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof.
- 30 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of **Judah** shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.
- 31 **For *out* of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the **LORD** of hosts shall do this.**
- 32 Therefore thus saith the **LORD** concerning the king of **Assyria**, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come *before* it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.
- 33 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the **LORD**.
- 34 **For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine *own* sake, and for my servant David's sake.**
- 35 **And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went *out*, and smote in the camp of the **Assyrians** an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were *all dead* corpses.**
- 36 So **Sennacherib** king of **Assyria** departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at **Nineveh**.
- 37 **And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Armenia. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.**

2 Kings 20

- ¹ In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.
- ² Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying,
- ³ I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked *before* thee in truth and with a *perfect heart*, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.
- ⁴ And it came to pass, afore **Isaiah** was gone *out* into the *middle court*, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying,
- ⁵ Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go *up* unto the house of the LORD.
- ⁶ And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city *out* of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine *own* sake, and for my servant David's sake.
- ⁷ And **Isaiah** said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.
- ⁸ And Hezekiah said unto **Isaiah**, What shall be the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go *up* into the house of the LORD the third day?
- ⁹ And **Isaiah** said, This sign shalt thou have of the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go *forward* ten degrees, or go *back* ten degrees?
- ¹⁰ And Hezekiah answered, It is a *light thing* for the shadow to go *down* ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return *backward* ten degrees.
- ¹¹ And **Isaiah** the prophet cried unto the LORD: and he brought the shadow ten degrees *backward*, by which it had gone *down* in the dial of Ahaz.
- ¹² At that time **Berodachbaladan**, the son of **Baladan**, king of **Babylon**, sent letters and a present unto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick.
- ¹³ And Hezekiah hearkened unto them, and shewed them *all* the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and *all* the house of his armour, and *all* that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, *nor in all his dominion*, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

2 Kings 20

- ¹⁴ Then came **Isaiah** the prophet unto king **Hezekiah**, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And **Hezekiah** said, They are come from a *far* country, even from **Babylon**.
- ¹⁵ And he said, What have they *seen* in thine house? And **Hezekiah** answered, *All* the things that are in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.
- ¹⁶ And **Isaiah** said unto **Hezekiah**, Hear the word of the **LORD**.
- ¹⁷ **Behold**, the days come, that *all* that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into **Babylon**: nothing shall be left, saith the **LORD**.
- ¹⁸ And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of **Babylon**.
- ¹⁹ Then said **Hezekiah** unto **Isaiah**, Good is the word of the **LORD** which thou hast spoken. And he said, Is it not good, if peace and truth be in my days?
- ²⁰ And the rest of the acts of **Hezekiah**, and *all* his might, and how he made a pool, and a conduit, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Judah**?
- ²¹ And **Hezekiah** slept with his fathers: and **Manasseh** his son reigned in his stead.

2 Kings 21

- ¹ **Manasseh** was twelve years old when he began to reign, and reigned fifty and five years in **Jerusalem**. And his mother's name was **Hephzibah**.
- ² And he did that which was evil in the sight of the **LORD**, *after* the abominations of the heathen, whom the **LORD** cast out before the children of **Israel**.
- ³ For he built up again the high places which **Hezekiah** his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for **Baal**, and made a grove, as did **Ahab** king of **Israel**; and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.
- ⁴ And he built altars in the house of the **LORD**, of which the **LORD** said, In **Jerusalem** will I put my name.
- ⁵ And he built altars for *all* the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the **LORD**.
- ⁶ And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the **LORD**, to provoke him to anger.
- ⁷ And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house, of which the **LORD** said to **David**, and to **Solomon** his son, In this house, and in **Jerusalem**, which I have chosen out of *all* tribes of **Israel**, will I put my name for ever.
- ⁸ Neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; *only* if they will observe to do according to *all* that I have commanded them, and according to *all* the law that my servant **Moses** commanded them.
- ⁹ But they hearkened not: and **Manasseh** seduced them to do *more* evil than did the nations whom the **LORD** destroyed before the children of **Israel**.
- ¹⁰ And the **LORD** spake by his servants the prophets, saying,
- ¹¹ Because **Manasseh** king of **Judah** hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above all that the **Amorites** did, which were *before* him, and hath made **Judah** also to sin with his idols:
- ¹² Therefore thus saith the **LORD** God of **Israel**, Behold, I am bringing such evil upon **Jerusalem** and **Judah**, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle.
- ¹³ And I will stretch over **Jerusalem** the line of **Samaria**, and the plummet of the house of **Ahab**: and I will wipe **Jerusalem** as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down.

2 Kings 21

- ¹⁴ And I will forsake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to *all* their enemies;
- ¹⁵ Because they have done that which was evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth *out* of Egypt, even unto this day.
- ¹⁶ Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood *very much*, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the LORD.
- ¹⁷ Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and *all* that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?
- ¹⁸ And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his *own* house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.
- ¹⁹ Amon was twenty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.
- ²⁰ And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as his father Manasseh did.
- ²¹ And he walked in *all* the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them:
- ²² And he forsook the LORD God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of the LORD.
- ²³ And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and slew the king in his *own* house.
- ²⁴ And the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.
- ²⁵ Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?
- ²⁶ And he was buried in his sepulchre in the garden of Uzza: and Josiah his son reigned in his stead.

2 Kings 22

- ¹ **Josiah** was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in **Jerusalem**. And his mother's name was **Jedidah**, the daughter of **Adaiah** of **Boscath**.
- ² And he did that which was right in the sight of the **LORD**, and walked in *all* the way of **David** his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.
- ³ And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king **Josiah**, that the king sent **Shaphan** the son of **Azaliah**, the son of **Meshullam**, the scribe, to the house of the **LORD**, saying,
- ⁴ Go up to **Hilkiah** the high priest, that he may sum the silver which is brought into the house of the **LORD**, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people:
- ⁵ And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the **LORD**: and let them give it to the doers of the work which is in the house of the **LORD**, to repair the breaches of the house,
- ⁶ Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house.
- ⁷ Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.
- ⁸ And **Hilkiah** the high priest said unto **Shaphan** the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the **LORD**. And **Hilkiah** gave the book to **Shaphan**, and he read it.
- ⁹ And **Shaphan** the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the **LORD**.
- ¹⁰ And **Shaphan** the scribe shewed the king, saying, **Hilkiah** the priest hath delivered me a book. And **Shaphan** read it *before* the king.
- ¹¹ And it came to pass, when the king had *heard* the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes.
- ¹² And the king commanded **Hilkiah** the priest, and **Ahikam** the son of **Shaphan**, and **Achbor** the son of **Michaiah**, and **Shaphan** the scribe, and **Asahiah** a servant of the king's, saying,
- ¹³ Go ye, enquire of the **LORD** for me, and for the people, and for *all* **Judah**, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the **LORD** that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto *all* that which is written concerning us.

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- ¹⁴ So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her.
- ¹⁵ And she said unto them, Thus saith the **LORD God** of **Israel**, Tell the man that sent you to me,
- ¹⁶ Thus saith the **LORD**, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even *all* the words of the book which the king of **Judah** hath read:
- ¹⁷ Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with *all* the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.
- ¹⁸ But to the king of **Judah** which sent you to enquire of the **LORD**, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the **LORD God** of **Israel**, As touching the words which thou hast heard;
- ¹⁹ Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself *before* the **LORD**, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept *before* me; I also have *heard* thee, saith the **LORD**.
- ²⁰ Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see *all* the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

2 Kings 23

- ¹ And the king sent, and they gathered unto him *all* the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.
- ² And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD.
- ³ And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant *before* the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with *all their heart and all their soul*, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And *all* the people stood to the covenant.
- ⁴ And the king commanded Hilkiah the *high* priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth *out* of the temple of the LORD *all* the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for *all* the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Bethel.
- ⁵ And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the *high* places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to *all* the host of heaven.
- ⁶ And he brought *out* the grove from the house of the LORD, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped it small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people.
- ⁷ And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the grove.
- ⁸ And he brought *all* the priests *out* of the cities of Judah, and defiled the *high* places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba, and brake down the *high* places of the gates that were in the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were on a man's left hand at the gate of the city.
- ⁹ Nevertheless the priests of the *high* places came not up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brethren.
- ¹⁰ And he defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech.

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- ¹¹ And he took away the horses that the kings of **Judah** had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of the **LORD**, by the chamber of **Nathanmelech** the chamberlain, which was in the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire.
- ¹² And the altars that were on the *top* of the upper chamber of **Ahaz**, which the kings of **Judah** had made, and the altars which **Manasseh** had made in the two courts of the house of the **LORD**, did the king beat down, and brake them *down* from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron.
- ¹³ And the high places that were *before* **Jerusalem**, which were on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which **Solomon** the king of **Israel** had builed for **Ashtoreth** the *abomination* of the **Zidonians**, and for **Chemosh** the *abomination* of the **Moabites**, and for **Milcom** the *abomination* of the children of **Ammon**, did the king defile.
- ¹⁴ And he brake in pieces the images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men.
- ¹⁵ Moreover the altar that was at **Bethel**, and the high place which **Jeroboam** the son of **Nebat**, who made **Israel** to sin, had made, *both* that altar and the high place he brake down, and burned the high place, and stamped it *small* to powder, and burned the grove.
- ¹⁶ And as **Josiah** turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that were there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned them upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of the **LORD** which the man of **God** proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.
- ¹⁷ Then he said, What title is that that I see? And the men of the city told him, It is the sepulchre of the man of **God**, which came from **Judah**, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of **Bethel**.
- ¹⁸ And he said, Let him *alone*; let no man move his bones. So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet that came *out* of **Samaria**.
- ¹⁹ And *all* the houses also of the high places that were in the cities of **Samaria**, which the kings of **Israel** had made to provoke the **Lord** to anger, **Josiah** took away, and did to them according to *all* the acts that he had done in **Bethel**.
- ²⁰ And he slew *all* the priests of the high places that were there upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them, and returned to **Jerusalem**.

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- ²¹ And the king commanded *all* the people, saying, Keep the passover unto the **LORD** your **God**, as it is written in the book of this covenant.
- ²² *Surely* there was not holden such a passover from the days of the judges that judged **Israel**, nor in *all* the days of the kings of **Israel**, nor of the kings of **Judah**;
- ²³ But in the eighteenth year of king **Josiah**, wherein this passover was holden to the **LORD** in **Jerusalem**.
- ²⁴ Moreover the workers with *familiar spirits*, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and *all* the abominations that were spied in the land of **Judah** and in **Jerusalem**, did **Josiah** put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that **Hilkiah** the priest found in the house of the **LORD**.
- ²⁵ And like unto him was there no king *before* him, that turned to the **LORD** with *all* his heart, and with *all* his soul, and with *all* his might, according to *all* the law of **Moses**; neither *after* him arose there *any* like him.
- ²⁶ Notwithstanding the **LORD** turned not from the fierceness of his *great wrath*, wherewith his anger was kindled against **Judah**, because of *all* the provocations that **Manasseh** had provoked him withal.
- ²⁷ And the **LORD** said, I will remove **Judah** also *out* of my sight, as I have removed **Israel**, and will cast off this city **Jerusalem** which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there.
- ²⁸ Now the rest of the acts of **Josiah**, and *all* that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Judah**?
- ²⁹ In his days **Pharaohnechoh** king of **Egypt** went *up* against the king of **Assyria** to the river **Euphrates**: and king **Josiah** went against him; and he slew him at **Megiddo**, when he had *seen* him.
- ³⁰ And his servants carried him in a chariot dead from **Megiddo**, and brought him to **Jerusalem**, and buried him in his *own* sepulchre. And the people of the land took **Jehoahaz** the son of **Josiah**, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead.
- ³¹ **Jehoahaz** was twenty and three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in **Jerusalem**. And his mother's name was **Hamutal**, the daughter of **Jeremiah** of **Libnah**.
- ³² And he did that which was evil in the sight of the **LORD**, according to *all* that his fathers had done.
- ³³ And **Pharaohnechoh** put him in bands at **Riblah** in the land of **Hamath**, that he might not reign in **Jerusalem**; and put the land to a tribute of an hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold.

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- ³⁴ And **Pharaohnechoh** made **Eliakim** the son of **Josiah** king in the room of **Josiah** his father, and turned his name to **Jehoiakim**, and took **Jehoahaz** away: and he came to **Egypt**, and died there.
- ³⁵ And **Jehoiakim** gave the silver and the gold to **Pharaoh**; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of **Pharaoh**: he exacted the *silver* and the *gold* of the people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give it unto **Pharaohnechoh**.
- ³⁶ **Jehoiakim** was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in **Jerusalem**. And his mother's name was **Zebudah**, the daughter of **Pedaiah** of **Rumah**.
- ³⁷ And he did that which was evil in the sight of the **LORD**, according to *all* that his fathers had done.

2 Kings 24

- ¹ In his days **Nebuchadnezzar** king of **Babylon** came *up*, and **Jehoiakim** became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him.
- ² And the **LORD** sent against him bands of the **Chaldees**, and bands of the **Syrians**, and bands of the **Moabites**, and bands of the children of **Ammon**, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the **LORD**, which he spake by his servants the prophets.
- ³ *Surely* at the commandment of the **LORD** came this upon **Judah**, to remove them *out* of his sight, for the sins of **Manasseh**, according to *all* that he did;
- ⁴ And also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with *innocent* blood; which the **LORD** would not pardon.
- ⁵ Now the rest of the acts of **Jehoiakim**, and *all* that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of **Judah**?
- ⁶ So **Jehoiakim** slept with his fathers: and **Jehoiachin** his son reigned in his stead.
- ⁷ And the king of **Egypt** came not again *any more* *out* of his land: for the king of **Babylon** had taken from the river of **Egypt** unto the river **Euphrates** *all* that pertained to the king of **Egypt**.
- ⁸ **Jehoiachin** was eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in **Jerusalem** three months. And his mother's name was **Nehushta**, the daughter of **Elnathan** of **Jerusalem**.
- ⁹ And he did that which was evil in the sight of the **LORD**, according to *all* that his father had done.
- ¹⁰ At that time the servants of **Nebuchadnezzar** king of **Babylon** came *up* against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged.
- ¹¹ And **Nebuchadnezzar** king of **Babylon** came against the city, and his servants did besiege it.
- ¹² And **Jehoiachin** the king of **Judah** went *out* to the king of **Babylon**, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers: and the king of **Babylon** took him in the eighth year of his reign.
- ¹³ And he carried out thence *all* the treasures of the house of the **LORD**, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces *all* the vessels of gold which **Solomon** king of **Israel** had made in the temple of the **LORD**, as the **LORD** had said.
- ¹⁴ And he carried away *all* **Jerusalem**, and *all* the princes, and *all* the mighty men of valour, even ten thousand captives, and *all* the craftsmen and smiths: none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land.

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- ¹⁵ And he carried away **Jehoiachin** to **Babylon**, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, those carried he into captivity from **Jerusalem** to **Babylon**.
- ¹⁶ And *all* the men of might, even seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand, *all* that were strong and apt for war, even them the king of **Babylon** brought captive to **Babylon**.
- ¹⁷ And the king of **Babylon** made **Mattaniah** his father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to **Zedekiah**.
- ¹⁸ **Zedekiah** was twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in **Jerusalem**. And his mother's name was **Hamutal**, the daughter of **Jeremiah** of **Libnah**.
- ¹⁹ And he did that which was evil in the sight of the **LORD**, according to *all* that **Jehoiakim** had done.
- ²⁰ For through the anger of the **LORD** it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence, that **Zedekiah** rebelled against the king of **Babylon**.

2 Kings 25

- ¹ And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that **Nebuchadnezzar** king of **Babylon** came, he, and *all* his host, against **Jerusalem**, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about.
- ² And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king **Zedekiah**.
- ³ And on the ninth day of the fourth month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.
- ⁴ And the city was broken up, and *all* the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which is by the king's garden: (now the **Chaldees** were against the city round about:) and the king went the way toward the plain.
- ⁵ And the army of the **Chaldees** pursued *after* the king, and overtook him in the plains of **Jericho**: and *all* his army were scattered from him.
- ⁶ So they took the king, and brought him *up* to the king of **Babylon** to **Riblah**; and they gave judgment upon him.
- ⁷ **And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.**
- ⁸ And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which is the nineteenth year of king **Nebuchadnezzar** king of **Babylon**, came **Nebuzaradan**, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of **Babylon**, unto **Jerusalem**:
- ⁹ **And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's house burnt he with fire.**
- ¹⁰ And *all* the army of the **Chaldees**, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down the walls of **Jerusalem** round about.
- ¹¹ Now the rest of the people that were left in the city, and the fugitives that fell away to the king of **Babylon**, with the remnant of the multitude, did **Nebuzaradan** the captain of the guard carry away.
- ¹² But the captain of the guard left of the poor of the land to be vinedressers and husbandmen.
- ¹³ And the pillars of brass that were in the house of the **LORD**, and the bases, and the brasen sea that was in the house of the **LORD**, did the **Chaldees** break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to **Babylon**.

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- ¹⁴ And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and *all* the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away.
- ¹⁵ And the firepans, and the bowls, and such things as were *of gold*, *in gold*, and *of silver*, *in silver*, the captain of the guard took away.
- ¹⁶ The two pillars, one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD; the brass of *all* these vessels was without weight.
- ¹⁷ The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and the chapter upon it was brass: and the height of the chapter three cubits; and the wreathen work, and pomegranates upon the chapter round about, *all* of brass: and like unto these had the second pillar with wreathen work.
- ¹⁸ And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door:
- ¹⁹ And *out* of the city he took an officer that was set over the men of war, and five men of them that were in the king's presence, which were found in the city, and the principal scribe of the host, which mustered the people of the land, and threescore men of the people of the land that were found in the city:
- ²⁰ And Nebuzaradan captain of the guard took these, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah:
- ²¹ And the king of Babylon smote them, and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away *out* of their land.
- ²² And as for the people that remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ruler.
- ²³ And when *all* the captains of the armies, they and their men, *heard* that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanah the son of Careah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.
- ²⁴ And Gedaliah sware to them, and to their men, and said unto them, Fear not to be the servants of the Chaldees: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon; and it shall be well with you.
- ²⁵ But it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldees that were with him at Mizpah.

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- ²⁶ And *all* the people, *both* small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose, and came to **Egypt**: for they were afraid of the **Chaldees**.
- ²⁷ And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of **Jehoiachin** king of **Judah**, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, that **Evilmerodach** king of **Babylon** in the year that he began to reign did lift up the head of **Jehoiachin** king of **Judah** *out* of prison;
- ²⁸ And he spake *kindly* to him, and set his throne *above* the throne of the kings that were with him in **Babylon**;
- ²⁹ And changed his prison garments: and he did eat bread *continually before* him *all* the days of his life.
- ³⁰ And his allowance was a *continual* allowance given him of the king, a *daily* rate for every day, *all* the days of his life.